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## World Lymphedema Day, March 6, 2019: Regional Healthcare Facilities Feature Free SOZO® Screening Events for Early Detection of Subclinical Lymphedema

*Free lymphedema screening events in North Carolina and Kentucky, March 6!*

In recognition of World Lymphedema Day this March 6, ImpediMed is pleased to support the lymphedema screening events being held at WakeMed in North Carolina and Baptist Health Paducah in Kentucky.

These screening opportunities feature free SOZO screenings to help measure, monitor and manage lymphedema in patients who have had cancer surgery or another surgery that impacts the lymphatic system.



## **What Is Lymphedema?**

Lymphedema occurs when a clear lymphatic fluid builds up in the soft tissues of the body, usually in a limb, causing a painful and debilitating tightness and swelling of one or both arms or legs. Up to 10 million Americans, and hundreds of millions worldwide, suffer from lymphedema and lymphatic diseases. More people suffer from these diseases in the United States than suffer from multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, ALS, Parkinson's disease, and AIDS -- combined.

ImpediMed is working alongside industry colleagues in March to shine a light on this devastating condition related to the effects of cancer treatments. For cancer survivors -- particularly many women who have undergone a mastectomy and/or radiation treatment in the fight against breast cancer -- lymphedema can be devastating.

SOZO makes screening a quick, easy process for both patients and care teams.

### **Screenings in North Carolina**

WakeMed Rehab will host two events featuring free SOZO screenings, as well as information about:

- Compression garments and pumps
- Therapy for lymphedema
- Fitness and nutrition for lymphedema
- Mammography
- The WakeMed Breast Cancer Surgery Program

Locations and times: Cary, North Carolina, 9 a.m.-noon, and Raleigh, North Carolina, 2-4 p.m.

Registration for a 10-minute SOZO screening is preferred but not required. Get more details [here](#).

### **Screenings in Paducah, Kentucky**

The Baptist Health Hospital will host its third annual Lymphedema Awareness Day, March 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Larry Barton Atrium. This walk-through event will feature local vendors with information on garments and treatment options, and a free lymphedema assessment with SOZO.

Patients will need a doctor's order to be screened. For more information about lymphedema therapy, call 270-534-2100.

Note: Screenings cannot be done on those cancer patients who have any kind of an electrical implant, such as a pacemaker