



# National Lymphedema Conference

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## Call for Abstracts 2019 National Lymphedema Conference

The Canadian Lymphedema Framework (CLF) is calling for abstracts for presentation at their next national lymphedema conference, being held on **November 1-2, 2019** at the Toronto Airport Marriott hotel in **Toronto, Ontario**.

The CLF provides a supportive conference environment for graduate students and lymphedema clinicians - encouraging both new and experienced presenters to submit an abstract that showcases the work being done across Canada in lymphedema research or clinical practice. We welcome abstracts in all stages of the research process including study protocols, feasibility and pilot studies, and clinical case series. Suggested topics related to lymphedema and chronic edema include:

Populations	Interventions	Health Research
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pediatric lymphedema</li> <li>• Primary lymphedema</li> <li>• Cancer related lymphedema</li> <li>• Chronic edema &amp; wound care</li> <li>• Chronic venous insufficiency</li> <li>• Obesity and lymphedema</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prospective surveillance and risk reduction</li> <li>• Education and self-management</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Surgical procedures</li> <li>• Innovation in lymphedema therapy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biomedical research</li> <li>• Measurement &amp; evaluation</li> <li>• Interdisciplinary care</li> <li>• Lymphedema service development</li> <li>• Community-based initiatives</li> <li>• Knowledge translation</li> </ul>

- Abstracts must be submitted in English.
- All abstracts will be considered for poster presentations - with a few selected for oral presentations. Oral presentations will be 8 minutes in length, with 2 minutes for discussion. There will also be dedicated poster sessions with awards announced during Saturday’s closing session.
- All accepted abstracts will be published exactly as submitted, within the abstract booklet.
- Names (initials and family name) and affiliation addresses of all authors must be noted.
- Please note on your submission if the project is complete or in progress.
- Please verify that your email address (submitter and presenting author) is correct as it will be used for contacting you after the review process.
- All successful abstract authors (both oral and poster) must be registered to attend the conference.
- Limit abstract to **300 words** - not including title and authors.

**The deadline is April 14, 2019 (23:59GMT) - notification of selected abstracts no later than June 01.**

Please submit your abstract electronically noting, **“Abstract Submission”** in the subject line to ***conference@canadalymp.ca***

**Scientific Committee Co-Chairs:** Dr. David Keast and Margie McNeely, PhD

**Members:** Tracy Gardikiotis, Pamela Hammond, Dr. Catherine McCuaig, Shirin Shallwani, PhD

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### Abstract Submission Guidelines

***Please note on your submission if the project is complete or in progress.***

The following guidelines are suggestions and subheadings/content may be modified as required.

**Context:** The abstract should begin with a sentence or two summarizing the rationale for the study. In addition, the author should give a sentence or two about the importance of this work to primary health care.

**Objective:** State the objective or study question addressed (e.g. to determine whether...). If more than one objective is addressed, the main objective should be indicated and only key secondary objectives stated.

**Design:** Describe the basic design of the study. For new analyses of existing data sets (secondary data analysis), the data set should be named and the basic study design disclosed.

**Setting:** Describe the study setting(s) such as general community, a primary care or referral centre, private or institutional practice, or ambulatory or hospitalized care.

**Patients or other participants:** State the important eligibility (inclusion and exclusion) criteria and key socio demographic features of patients. Provide numbers of participants and how they were selected.

**Results:** Give the main results of the study. The results should be quantified, including confidence intervals (e.g. 95%) or P values where appropriate. If research is in progress, state anticipated results.

**Conclusions:** Report only those conclusions of the study that are directly supported by the evidence, along with any implications for clinical practice (if applicable). Avoid speculation and overgeneralization. Equal emphasis should be given to positive and negative findings of equal scientific merit. If research is in progress, state the methodological or conceptual problem that is being posed.

*\*These guidelines were adapted from the North American Primary Care Research Group.*

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**Word Count: 300 word limit**

**Deadline:** Abstract submissions are due **Sunday, April 14, 2019**. Abstracts will be reviewed and announced no later than **June 1, 2019**.