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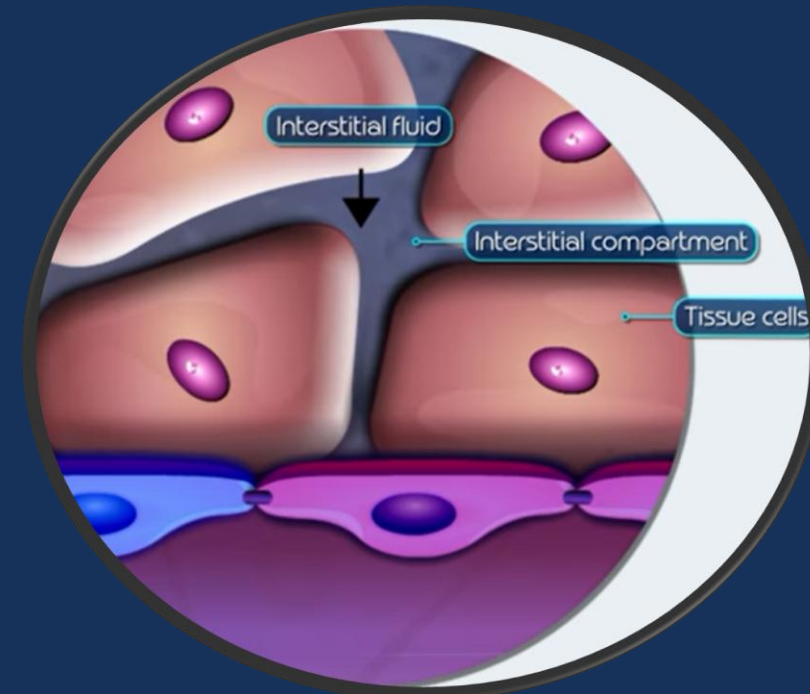
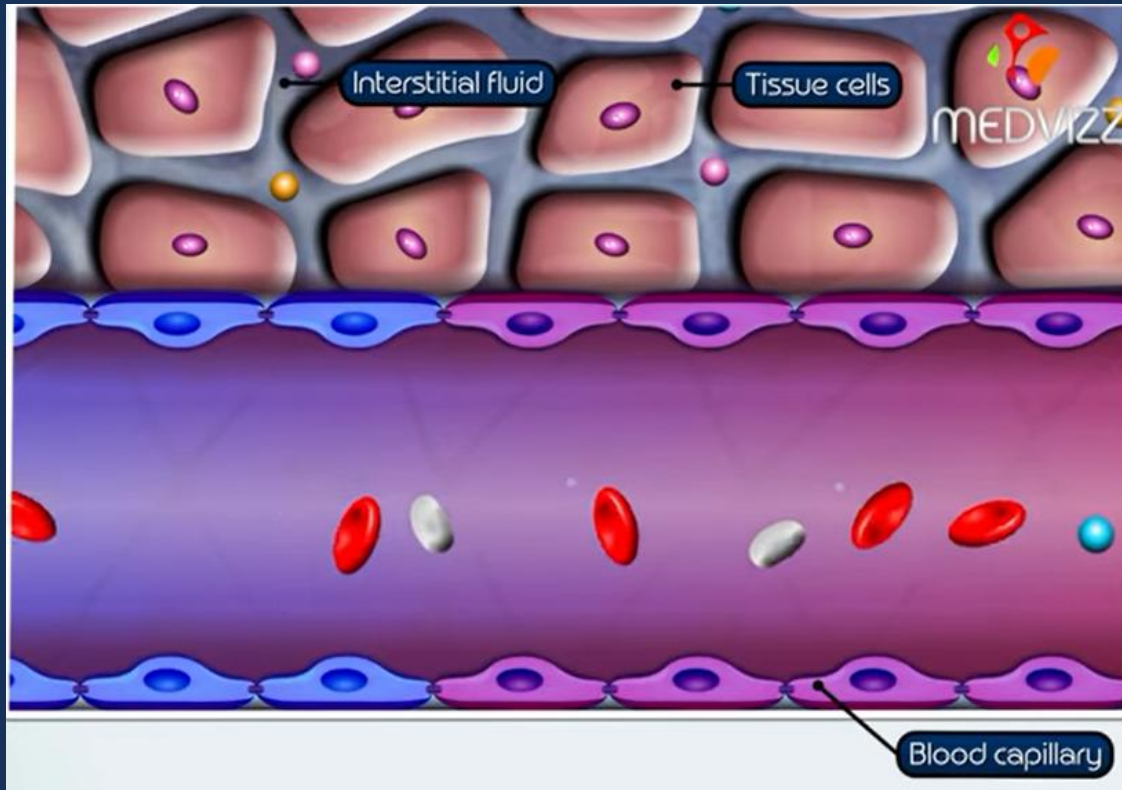
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Agenda

- I. Pathophysiology
- II. Evidence Based Practice(Update)
- III. Chronic oedema

Edema is defined as accumulation of excess fluid in interstitial tissue space



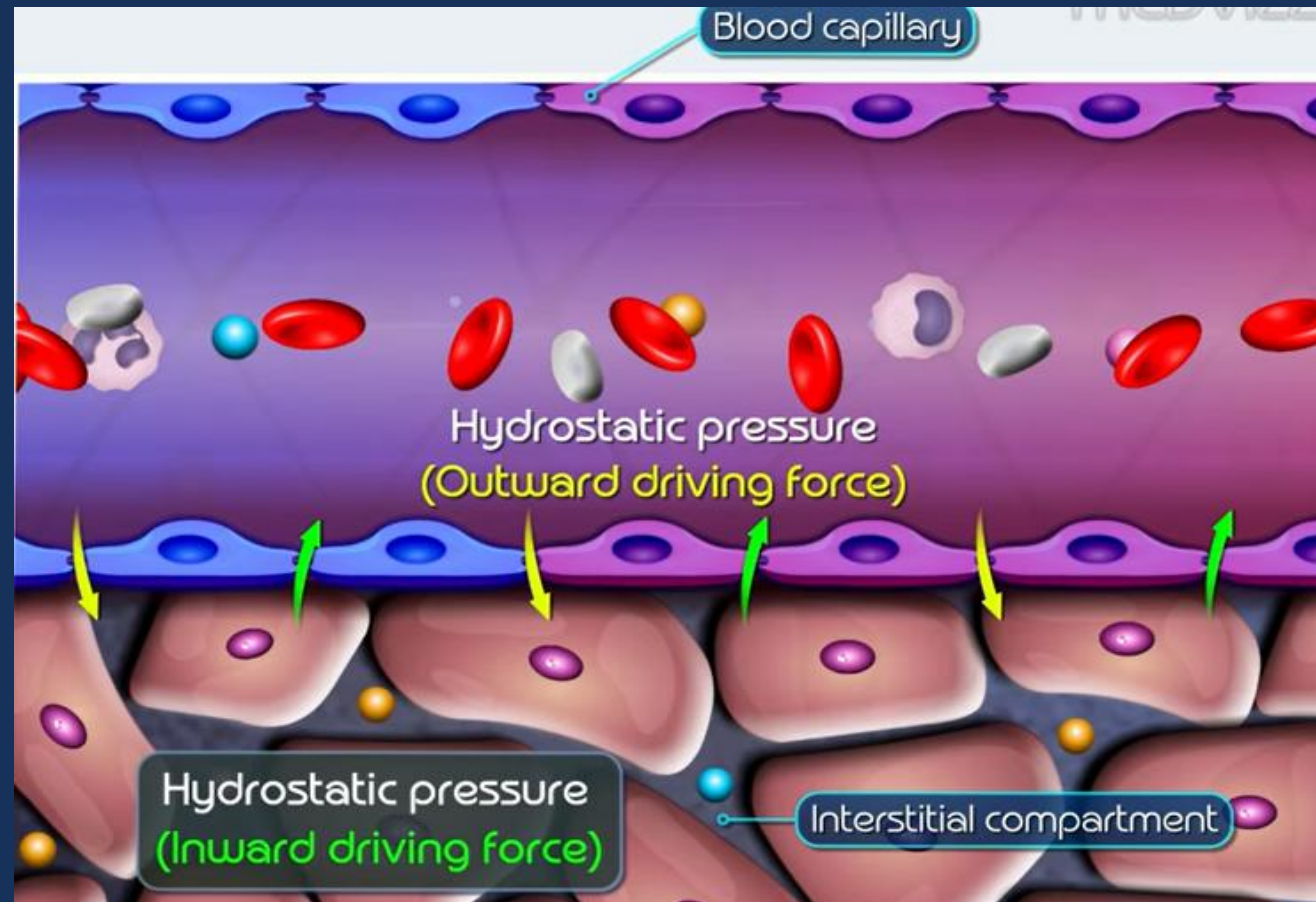
Interstitial compartment :

- ☞ Also called "tissue space"
- ☞ Surrounds tissue cells

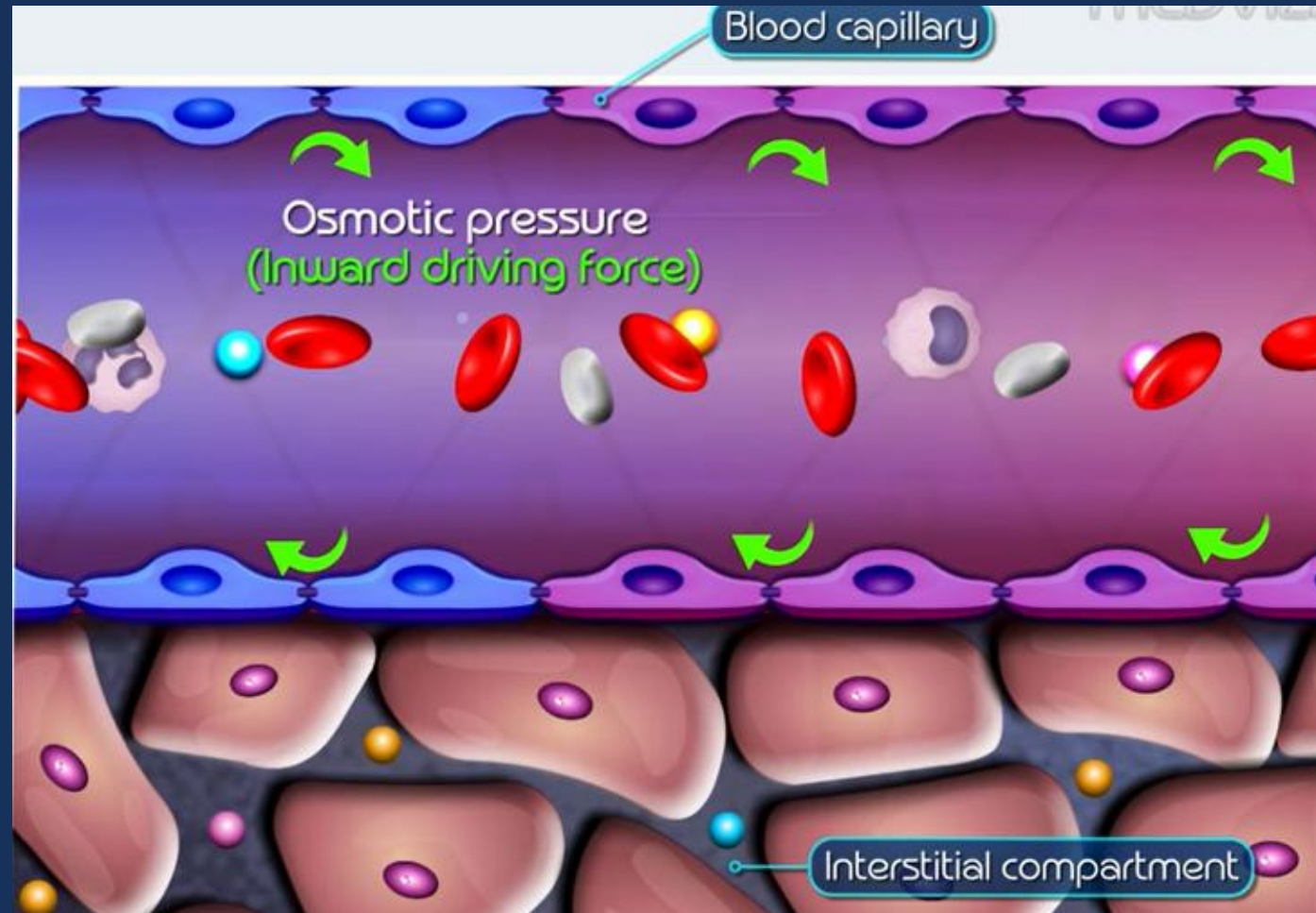
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Plasma

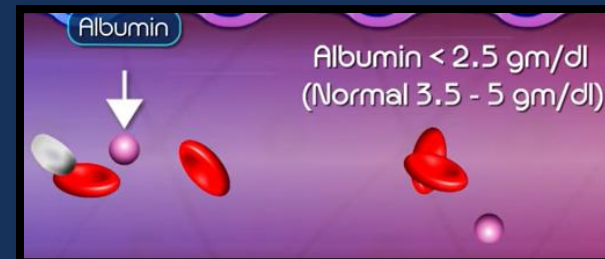
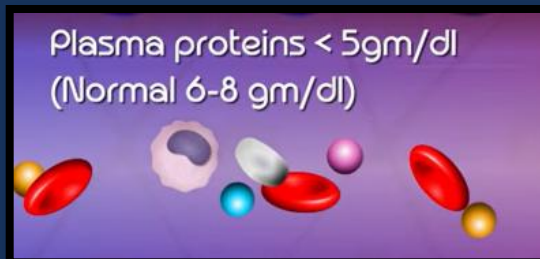
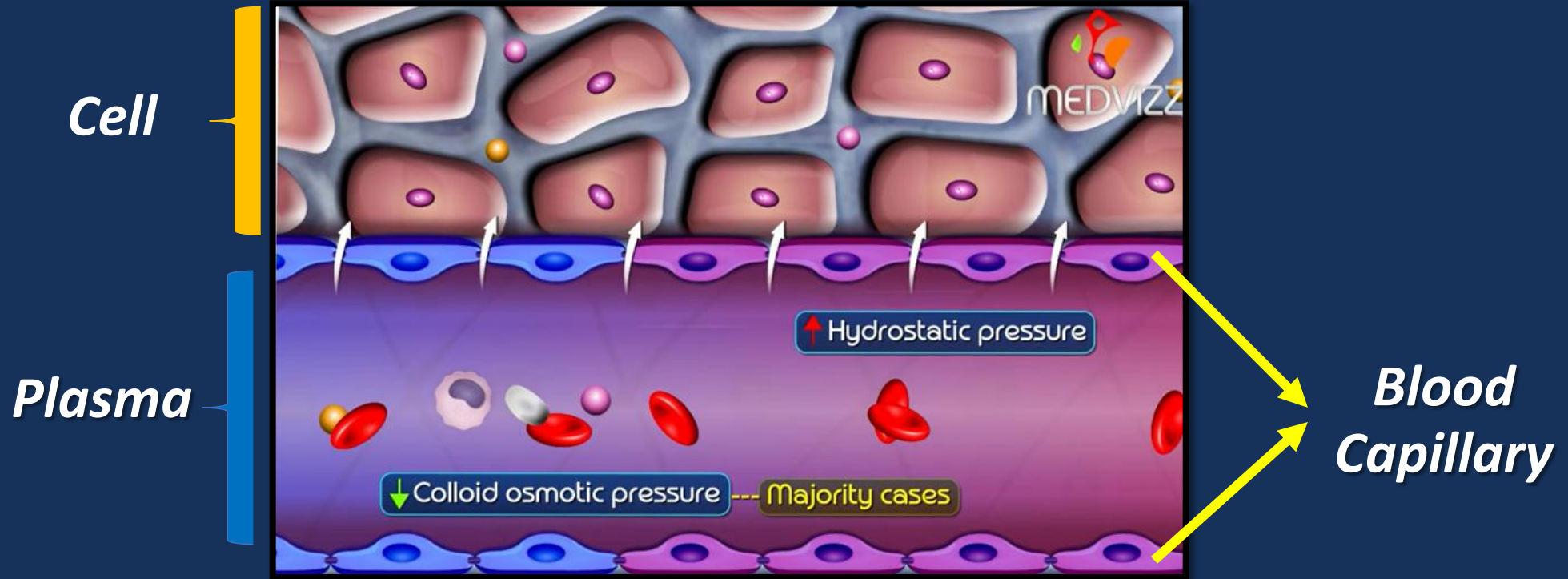
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Osmotic Pressure



EDEMA



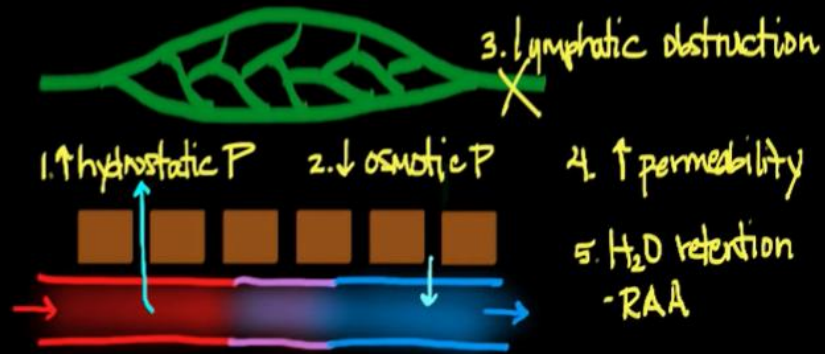
EDEMA



DISORDERS OF CIRCULATION: EDEMA



1. plasma - H_2O & proteins
2. cells - RBCs, WBCs, platelets



pleural effusion



pericardial effusion



ascites, anasarca



peripheral edema - pitting & non-pitting

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Prevalence of chronic wounds in the general population: systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies

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Results: Seventeen studies met the inclusion criteria, and 11 studies analyzing chronic wounds in the general population were included in random effects meta-analyses to calculate pooled prevalence. Chronic wounds of mixed etiologies (n = 3) showed a pooled prevalence of 2.21 per 1000 population, and for chronic leg ulcers (n = 9), the prevalence was estimated at 1.51 per 1000 population.

Conclusions: Our findings, aligned to previous studies reporting point prevalence of chronic wounds identified within the healthcare system, showed that the vast majority of chronic wounds in epidemiological studies are made up by chronic leg ulcers.

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Original research

Incidence of chronic wounds in Singapore, a multiethnic Asian country, between 2000 and 2017: a retrospective cohort study using a nationwide claims database

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Results

Between 2000 and 2017, 124 023 wound-related claims among 86 631 patients were identified. Age-specific rate (ASR) and age-adjusted incidence rates of all wounds increased over 18 years, with greatest increases among those aged ≥ 80 . In 2017, the median age of patients was 74 (IQR 63–84). Half were male (51%). 70% were ethnic Chinese, 15% Malay and 9% Indian. In 2017, the crude incidence rate (CIR) was 15 per 100 000 persons (95% CI 14 to 16) for venous wounds, 56 (95% CI 53 to 58) for arterial, 168 (95% CI 164 to 173) for diabetic and 183 (95% CI 179 to 188) for pressure wounds. The CIR of any chronic wound was 296 (95% CI 291 to 301). ASRs were greatest in patients aged ≥ 80 : 92 (95% CI 74 to 112) for venous, 478 (95% CI 436 to 522) for arterial, 1791 (95% CI 1710 to 1876) for diabetic, 3647 (95% CI 3530 to 3766) for pressure and 4277 (95% CI 4151 to 4407) for any wound. Compared with the Chinese, Indians had thrice the ASRs of venous and arterial wounds and double the ASR of diabetic wounds. Malays had double the ASRs of arterial and diabetic wounds.

Conclusions

Chronic wounds are common in the elderly with significant ethnic disparities in this Asian cohort. With the incidence expected to rise with ageing populations, it is crucial to address health disparities and evaluate utilisation and cost to inform clinical practice and health policy.



Chronic oedema





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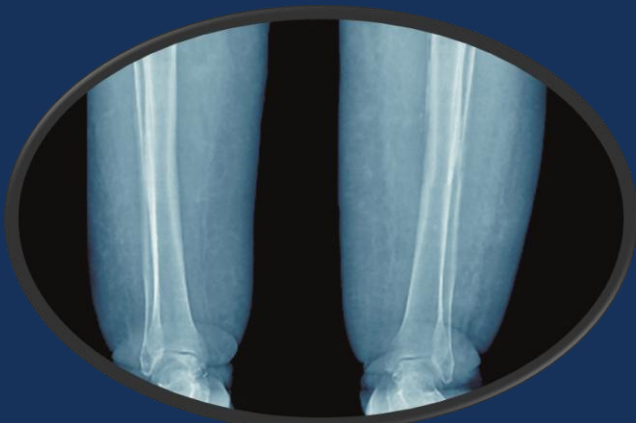
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Chronic oedema is ...

An umbrella term for anyswelling that has been present for three months or more

(Moffatt et al, 2003; BLS, 2019).



Prevalence

- ✓ The prevalence of chronic oedema has a significant association with the presence of a wound. (Moffatt et al, 2019)
- ✓ Reported that between 52% and 69% of patients cared for by community nurses had chronic oedema,
- ✓ And of these, 73% also had a leg ulcer.

Four people in every 1000 have chronic oedema. This increases to 12 people in every 1000 over the age of 85 years.
(Moffatt et al, 2017)



Progressive condition



Figure 1.
Mild oedema.



Figure 2.
Moderate oedema.



Figure 3.
Severe oedema extending to feet and
resulting in irregular limb shape
(image provided courtesy of Kendal

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Chronic oedema assessment



1.
Story



2.
Self-care



3.
Site



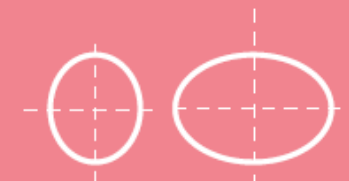
4.
Skin



5.
Size



6.
Shape



▼ Accurate history-taking helps to identify cause(s) of chronic oedema, and highlights contraindications for compression therapy and the need for further investigation.

1. Story



- ***Age***
- ***Presenting complaint***
- ***History of the complaint:***
- ***History of past and current medication:***
- ***Medical background:***
- ***Family background:***
- ***Nutritional status:***
- ***Chronic medical conditions or comorbidities***
- ***Psychological status:***
- ***Socio-economic circumstance:***

2.

Self-care



▼ Encourage and support your patients to engage with self-care where possible.

It may be necessary to remind the patient that their chronic oedema is also their responsibility, not just yours.

- ▶ *The patient's knowledge and beliefs about their condition:*
- ▶ *The patient's understanding of their treatment*
- ▶ *How actively does the patient wish to be involved in their treatment:*
- ▶ *Are there any social pressures, and, if so, how will they impact on treatment:*
- ▶ *The patient's desire to change:*
- ▶ *Cognitive ability and skills:*
- ▶ *Previous treatment experience:*

3.

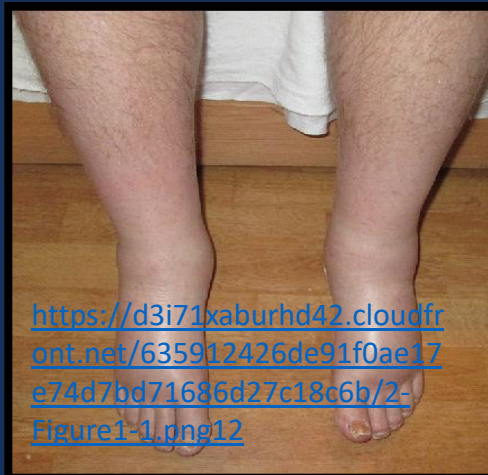
Site



▼ The location of chronic oedema gives clues to the possible underlying causes and informs where compression should be applied.

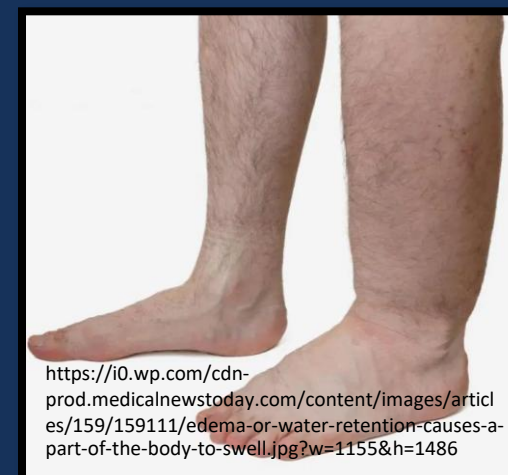
Identify the full extent of the swelling; failure to examine the limb fully can create problems with management.

- ▶ *Is the swelling acute or chronic?*
- ▶ *Does the swelling affect one limb (unilateral) or both (bilateral)?*
- ▶ *Is swelling localised or more generalised? (Gorman et al, 2001)*



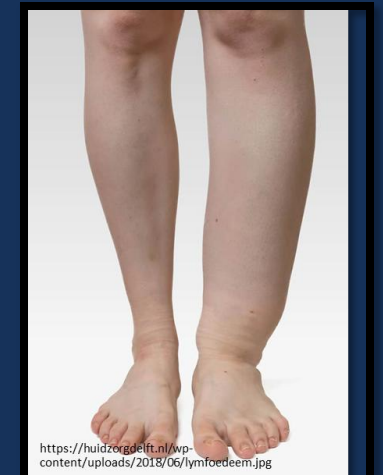
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Oedema in both legs



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Oedema in one leg



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One or both legs

4. Skin



▼ Maintain skin integrity and health to reduce the risk of complications such as cellulitis. Examine for signs and symptoms of peripheral arterial disease which may contraindicate compression therapy.

- ▶ *Dryness*
- ▶ *Sensitivities to topical Treatment*
- ▶ *Signs of cellulitis*
- ▶ *Colour/circulation of the skin*
- ▶ *Pigmentation*
- ▶ *Fungal infections*
- ▶ *Hyperkeratosis:*
- ▶ *Appearance of the skin*



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Figure 10.
Lymphorrhoea.

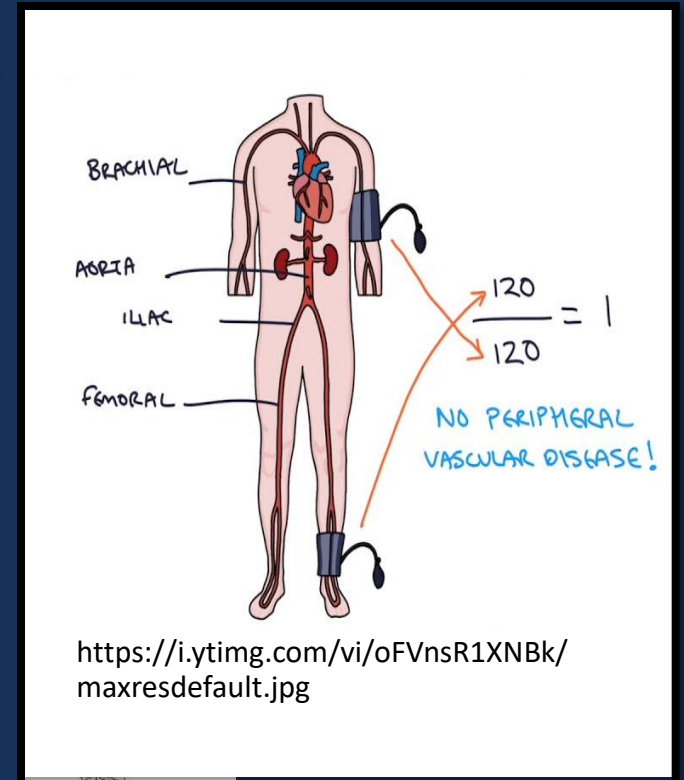
Peripheral arterial disease and vascular assessment

ABPI may be difficult to determine in patients with chronic oedema, and can be inaccurate due to the presence of swelling.

For this reason, routine ABPI measurement is not required for people with chronic oedema in the absence of risk factors, history or signs and symptoms of peripheral arterial disease.

If there are concerns of reduced arterial flow, referral for vascular assessment should be made.

From: BLS, 2019



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5. Size

▼ The size of the limb can influence compression choice and indicate the need for intensive therapy to reduce swelling before maintenance therapy.

- ▶ *Is the limb longer or shorter than average?*
- ▶ *Is the limb thinner or fatter than average?*
- ▶ *Is the patient wheelchair bound or immobile?*

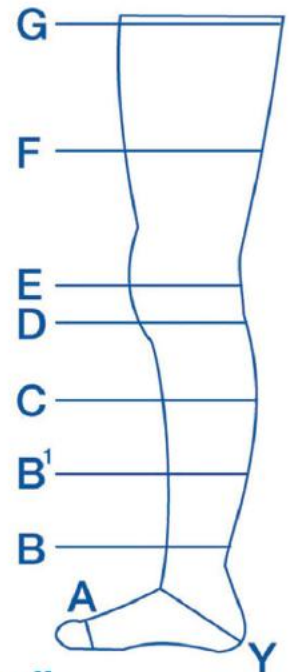
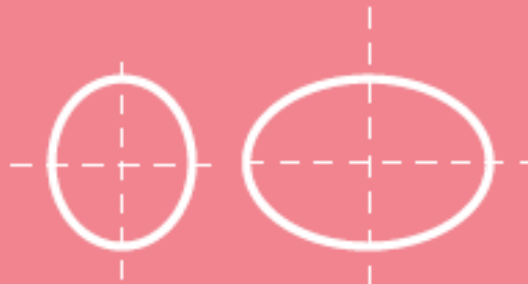


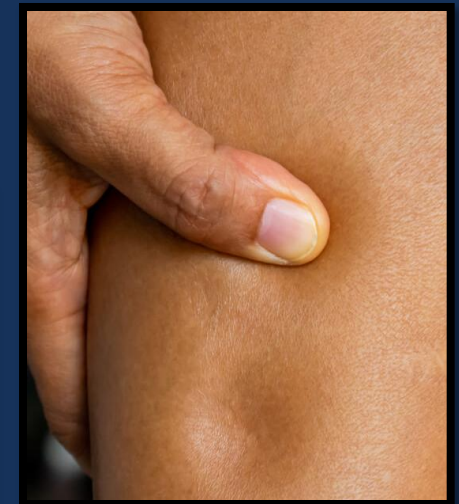
Figure 11.
Measuring points.

▼ Shape of the limb influences treatment choices, and may signpost the need for referral.

6. Shape



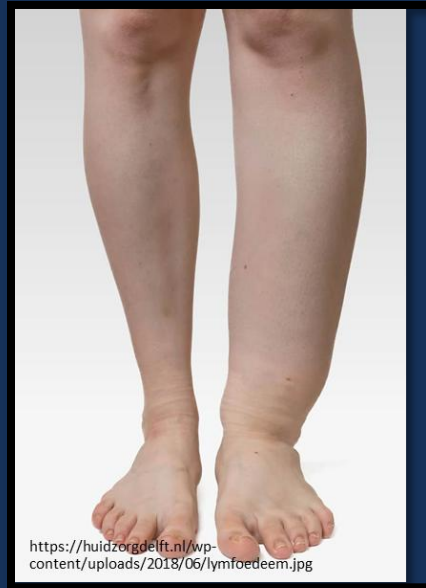
- *Is it regular or irregular?*
- *Like an inverted champagne bottle*
- *Are skin folds present?*
- *Is oedema pitting or non-pitting?*
- *Is swelling confined to the feet/foot?*
- *Is swelling confined to the thigh(s)?*
- *Are the toes affected*



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Take home message



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