



The Lymphoedema Association of Victoria

presents for consumers

“A Public Seminar on Lymphoedema – a look to the future”

Saturday 29th May, 2010

8.30am – 4.30pm

The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne

Bookings Essential

Full Registration - \$55

Early Bird (prior to 31/3/10) - \$40

Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea provided



Keynote Speaker: Stanley Rockson ,FACP,FACC

Dr. Rockson is the Allan and Tina Neill Professor of Lymphatic Research and Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, American College of Angiology, and American College of Physicians, as well as a member of the International Society of Lymphology, American Society of Internal Medicine, the Society of Vascular Medicine and Biology, and the Paul Dudley White Society, among others.

Dr. Rockson's recent work proposes that many cases of apparent secondary lymphoedema may have an underlying primary cause. There may be an underlying “weakness” in the lymph system which is exposed in certain situations. His work on the identification of biomarkers for lymphatic disease is helping us to understand why secondary lymphoedema may develop months or years after surgery, as well as who has the greatest risk of developing lymphoedema and how to protect a “weak” lymph system.

Dr Rockson will also talk about the establishment of a Patient Registry for Lymphoedema in the US. This exciting new initiative of a national patient registry and tissue/cell bank program paves the way for future clinical trials for researching lymphatic disease. Patients may be recruited for clinical trials through this registry and it is hoped that this could be a key to improved treatments and possibly even a cure.

Invited Speaker: Assoc. Prof. Anthony Penington



Assoc Prof Anthony Penington is currently Head of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Unit and Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital and The University of Melbourne. Assoc Prof Penington is also a Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne and Visiting Plastic Surgeon at the Skin and Cancer Foundation.

He holds the Deputy Directorship at the Bernard O'Brien Institute of Microsurgery where he has been working with colleagues on aspects of lymphatic and vascular malformations and tissue engineering.

Associate Professor Tony Penington will outline exciting new research currently underway in Melbourne at the O'Brien Institute, involving reconstructing a breast from a patient's own fat cells. For women who need to have a full or partial mastectomy for breast cancer, this trial will investigate whether fatty tissue can be grown using a woman's own fat cells. If successful, this technique could replace current breast reconstructive surgery and women may not need later surgery.