

Session Title II

Obesity related lymphedema – underestimated and unpopular

The increasing worldwide prevalence of obesity will have a dramatic increase of obese patients with lymphedema as a result a topic which is completely underestimated, a topic which is poorly represented at conferences but also in scientific publications.

But at the same time the obese patient with lymphedema is also a very unpopular patient, unpopular in medical practices, clinics, as well as among lymph therapists.

Unpopular surely due to the well known resentments towards severe obese people, unpopular but also due to the helplessness how we feel - medical professionals - stand facing these patients.

The purpose of this lecture is on the one hand to share scientific facts about obesity and related lymphedema, on the other hand I would give you a feeling for that topic OBESITY, a topic that will have an increasing importance for your work in the next few years.