

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS**

The Commentary written by Professor T. Ryan is worthy of comment (1). As a person treating lymphatic filariasis (LF) patients for the past 25 years, I feel there is a lot to do. Concerning research in the field of LF, its pathophysiology, and presentation, the various options discussed in the article are only a tip of the iceberg that is the experience of the very few people who are treating LF. It's neither the solution nor the ultimate. People suffering from LF are not only numerically high, but their social and economical costs are more than any other lymphedema. In hope that many researchers and clinicians are able to come together under the umbrella of ISL and discover some useful and acceptable solution for these unfortunate patients, let us not do a "Science fixing" as far as LF is concerned. We need much open-mindedness and understanding of the problem, which may keep changing, until we fully understand the disease and its pathophysiology. So far, the

materials available are very small in number and limited in terms of experience by one particular group. We must remember that another lymphatic system-related disease, leprosy, after so many years is not yet eradicated from this world.

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