

ILF Outcome Measures project (ILF-COM)

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There is a lack of agreement on treatment outcomes for chronic oedema (CO) and lymphoedema. The International Lymphoedema Framework is undertaking a project to understand this disharmony. The ILF-COM project consists of a survey, scoping review, and qualitative study.

An international survey was developed and deployed through Survey Monkey and social media to understand how CO outcome measures are viewed. A total of 8014 respondents from 61 countries participated including clinicians, patients, and industry representatives. The survey findings show that outcome measures are not well understood or consistently used in the treatment of CO and lymphoedema.

To develop a deeper understanding of the issue, the ILF-COM project also consists of a scoping review that aims to map current outcome measures used for CO and lymphoedema in adult and children patients used in healthcare settings. A comprehensive search using several databases found 7818 studies meeting the eligibility criteria.