

## **(ICG) scanning: The gateway for Lymphatic Venous Anastomosis (LVA)**

Since 2015, Lymphoedema Network Wales clinicians have been involved in the scanning of patients to establish their suitability for LVA surgery. A Patient Group Directive (PGD) was created to provide governance for Nurses and Physiotherapists to administer the dye and scan patients effectively. This session will present the process surrounding ICG scanning as well as the data on 150 patients who were scanned and have subsequently received LVA surgery. The data has demonstrated important benefits post-surgery in reduction in pain, heaviness, cellulitis episodes as well as improved patients reported outcomes. The health economic argument of LVA surgery will also be presented.