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Lymphatic Center Designated as Comprehensive Center of Excellence

The Lymphatic Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/ Boston Children's Hospital was recently designated by the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) as a Comprehensive Center of Excellence in Lymphatic Disease. The center's co-directors are **Dhruv Singhal, MD**, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, founder and Director of the BIDMC Lymphatic Center, and **Arin Greene, MD**, Director of the Lymphatic Program at Boston Children's Hospital. The LE&RN is an internationally recognized non-profit organization dedicated to fighting lymphatic diseases and lymphedema through education, research, and advocacy.

Designation by the LE&RN as a Comprehensive Center of Excellence followed a rigorous review by a team of international leaders in lymphatic medicine. This designation indicates

There are five Centers of Excellence designations: designation as "comprehensive" –the highest level– signifies that a center provides and coordinates specific services on site. These services include comprehensive, multidisciplinary LD-specific clinics; the full breadth of treatment options; genetic testing/counseling; ancillary services such as physical or occupational therapy; nutrition counseling, and more.

In addition, all Centers of Excellence provide professional and lay education, are engaged in LD clinical research, and work with the LE&RN locally and nationally in its efforts to improve the lives of those affected by LD and their families. Since 2017, the BIDMC Lymphatic Center has hosted an annual

Lymphatic Symposium that attracts health care professionals and patients from around the world.

Dr. Singhal, one of the world's leading experts in lymphedema

prevention and treatment, is a pioneer in preventive lymphovenous bypass surgery at the time of axillary node dissection for breast cancer patients at high risk of lymphedema. He also performs vascularized lymph node transfer for the treatment of patients



Dhruv Singhal, MD

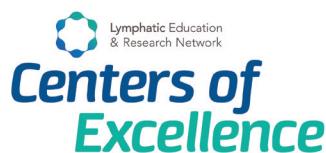


Arin Greene, MD

with chronic lymphedema and conducts lymphedema research.

Dr. Greene, an alumnus of the BIDMC General Surgery Residency Program, is Vascular Anomalies and Pediatric Plastic Surgery Endowed Chair at Boston Children's Hospital. Under the direction of Dr. Greene, the Lymphatic Program at Boston Children's Hospital provides treatment for pediatric lymphedema and obesity-induced lymphedema, and conducts research in these areas.

"Our designation as a Comprehensive Center of Excellence reassures patients and their families who are affected by lymphatic disease that when they come to us for evaluation and treatment they will receive the highest standard of care in a well-coordinated manner from experts who are laser-focused on their condition and dedicated to their ongoing well-being," says Dr. Singhal.



LD Comprehensive
Center of Excellence

that an institution provides the highest standards of multidisciplinary care for individuals with lymphatic diseases (LD), such as lymphedema, lipedema, and lymphatic malformation, with explicit standards for five distinct categories of care.