

EDITORIAL

«Cæsari reddendum quod est»

« Regarding the treatment of edema »

Today, the physical treatment of edema is well established. The treatment is the first and usually the only therapeutic approach to a potentially very disabling condition. The sequence of treatment is also known and established.

E. & M. Földi's researches as well as A. & O. Leduc's researches should be viewed as the statement of their continuous interest and search for the optimal treatment of edema.

From their respective work two methods of treatment came out. The two methods do differ but are not in anyway antagonistic. However, the methods are not similar and one should not bring such confusion as it was presented in an article published in our publication Vol. 6 (22), 1997.

Our friends E. & M. Földi strongly advise against the use of pressotherapy. This opinion has been reiterated many times the last one being in Feb. '98 during the New York American Cancer Society meeting.

In opposition to E. & M. Földi's view, Leduc's team is proponent of soft intermittent pressotherapy. That sole aspect no doubt establishes the difference between the 2 methods.

The principle of multiple layer bandaging described in the same article was established and presented by O. Leduc (research grant from Lohman and Université Libre de Bruxelles under O. Leduc's responsibility).

It is disappointing that some of our members, those often absent at our meetings, are not aware of the research presented during the GEL meetings.

In no way do we want to create a polemic. However, a need to relieve the European Journal of Lymphology & Related Problems from any responsibility in the statement made in the mentioned article needed to be said. Only the authors of the article are responsible for the statement they have made.

We feel in order to prevent confusion it is timely to remind everyone of the difference between the 2 methods.

We hope this statement clears the confusion in the mind of some authors.

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