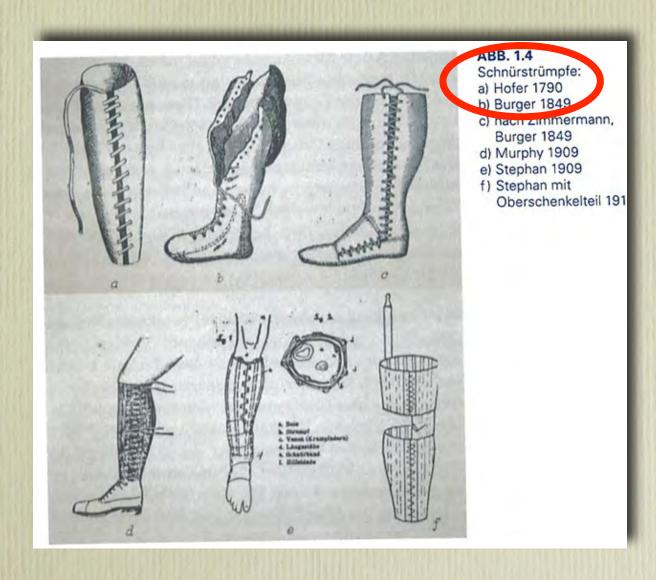
Role of compression before and after liposuction

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Compression



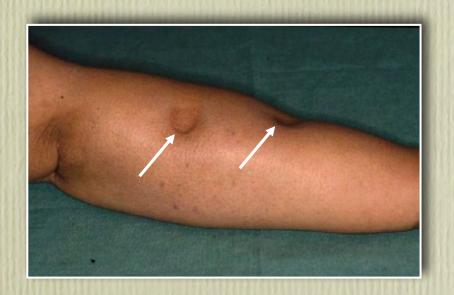








Pitting





Conservative treatment

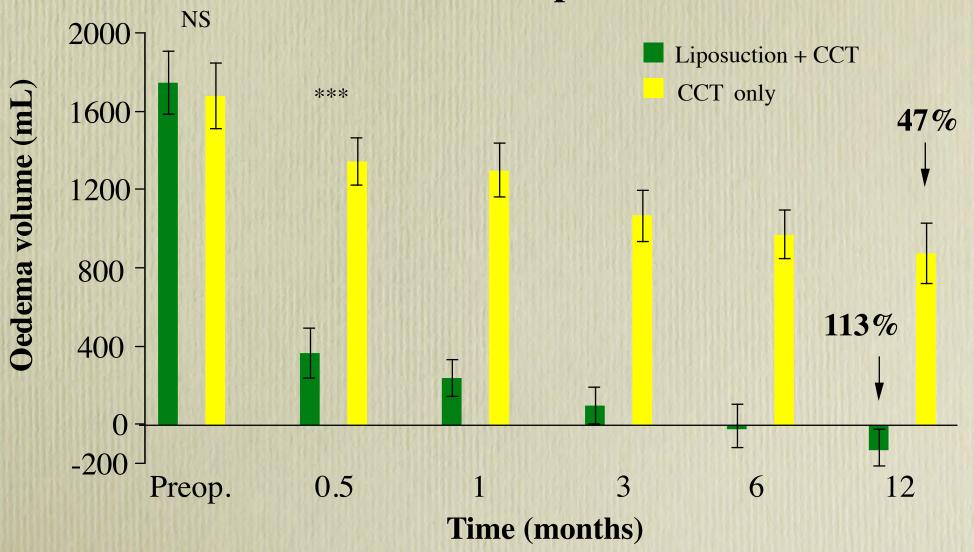
Liposuction

MRI



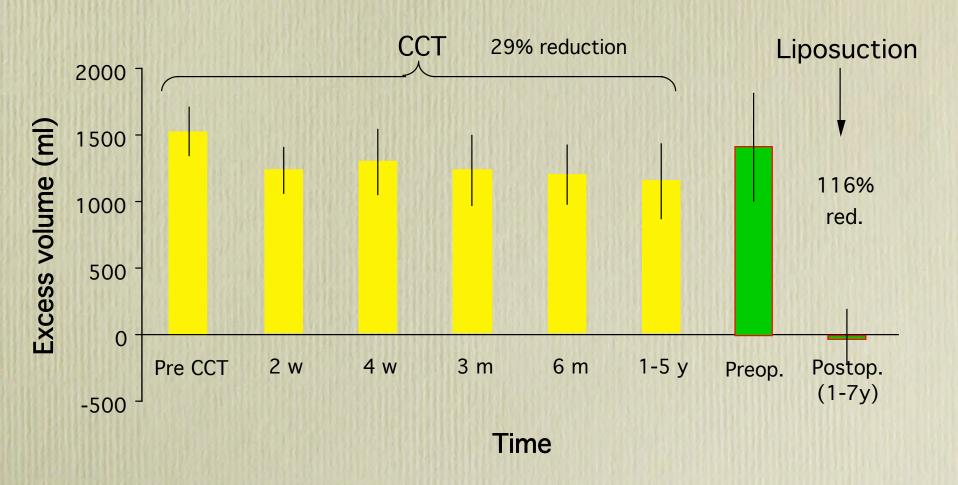
Preop.

Liposuction vs compression 14 matched pairs



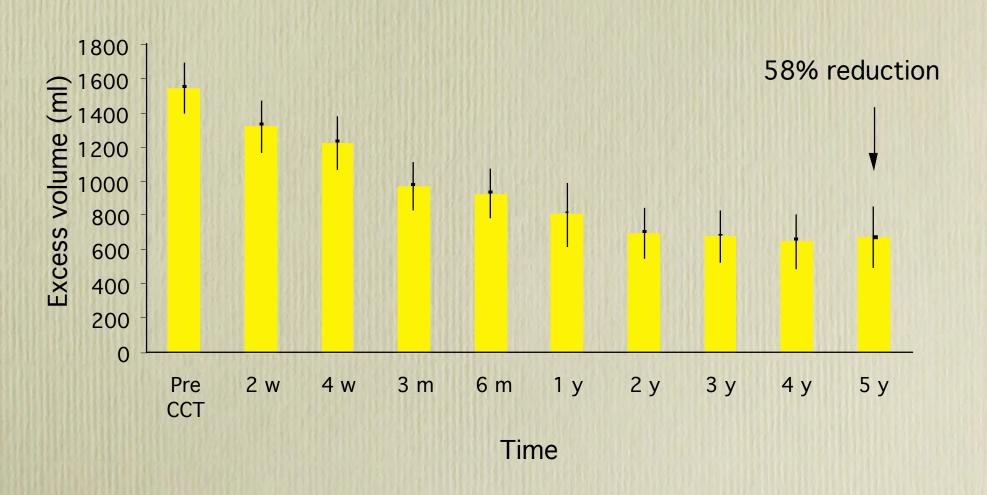
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CCT Followed by Liposuction and CCT (n=5)



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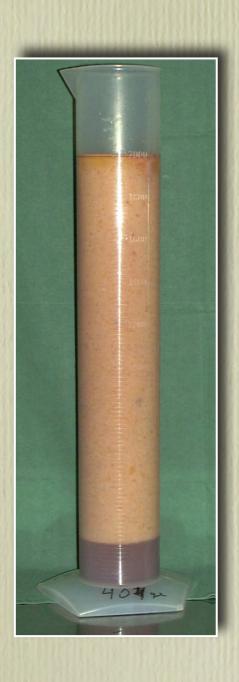
CCT only - 5 years' follow-up (n=8)



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(Ref: Dr. C-H Håkansson, Dept of Oncology, Lund University Hospital)



Aspirate
90-100% fat!

VR-CT

Volume Rendered CT 11 patients





Right lymphedematous arm

Left normal arm

Preop. Δ fat volume 1 321 ml

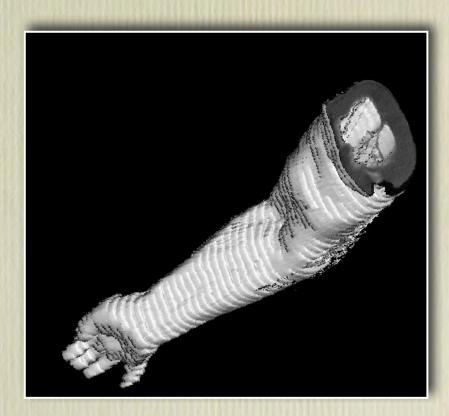
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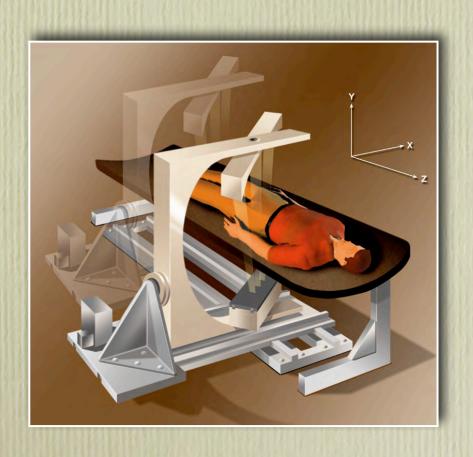
Preop. Δ fat VR-CT volume 1 317 ml

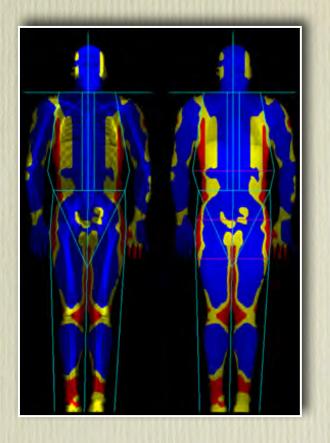
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Method

DPX-L, version 3.2 Lunar, Madixon, WI

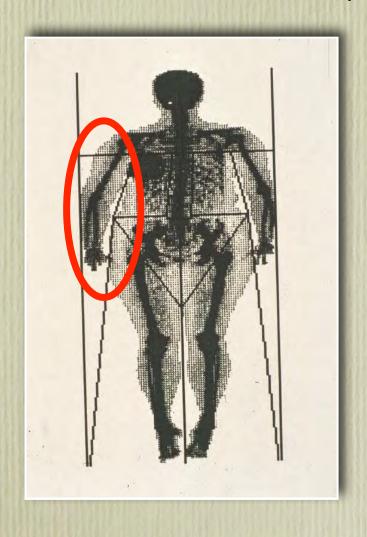


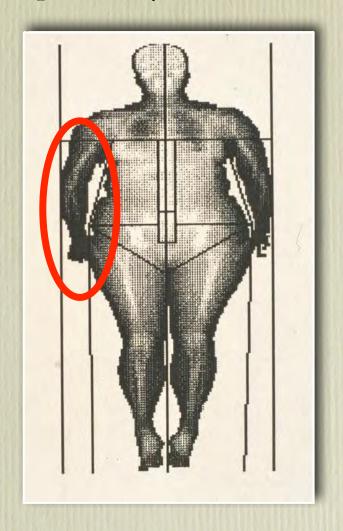


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DEXA

Dual Emission X-ray Absorptiometry (n=18)

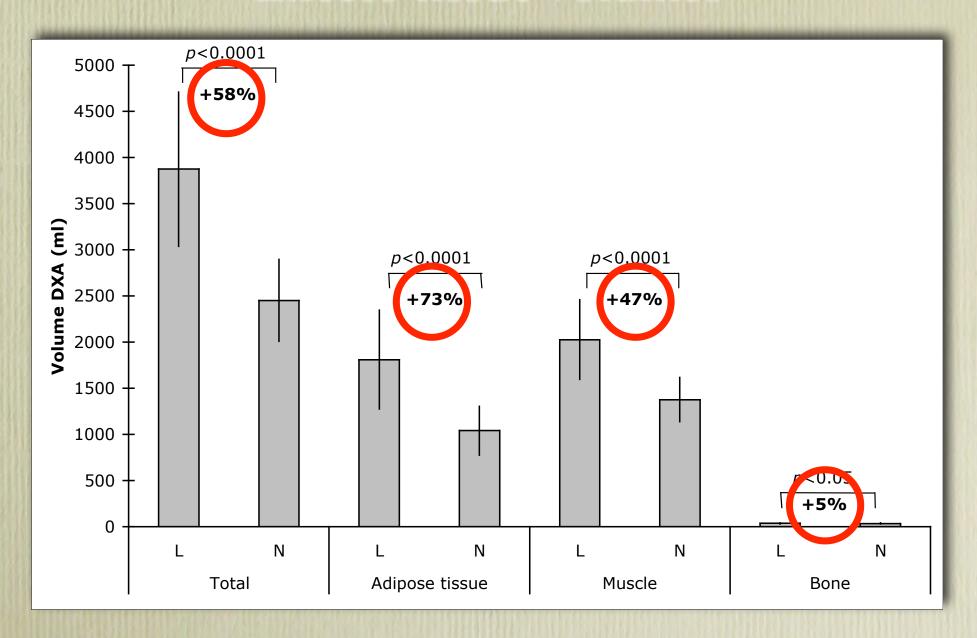




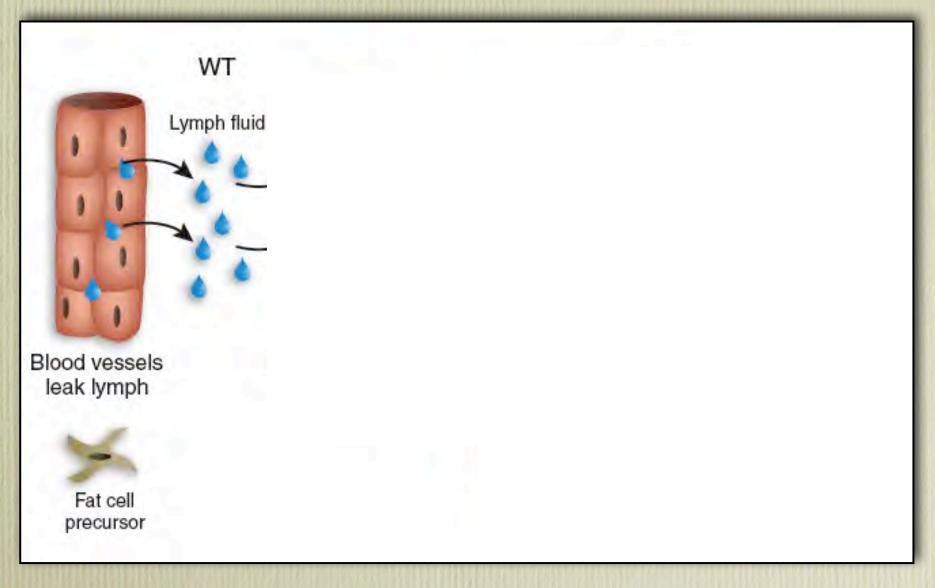
Preop. Δ fat: 510 g

1 year postop Δ fat: -138 g

Excess tissue volumes



Lymph makes you fat!



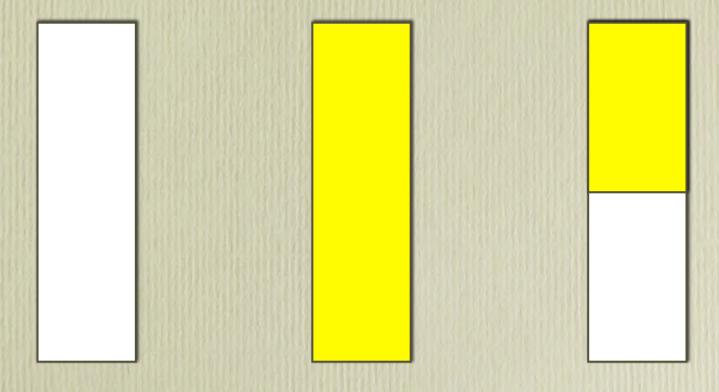
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Lymphatic vascular defects promoted by *Prox1* haploinsufficiency cause adult-onset obesity

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What is a lymphedema?



lymph?

fat?

lymph/fat?

Inflammation Up-regulated genes





Excess fat deposition

Goal

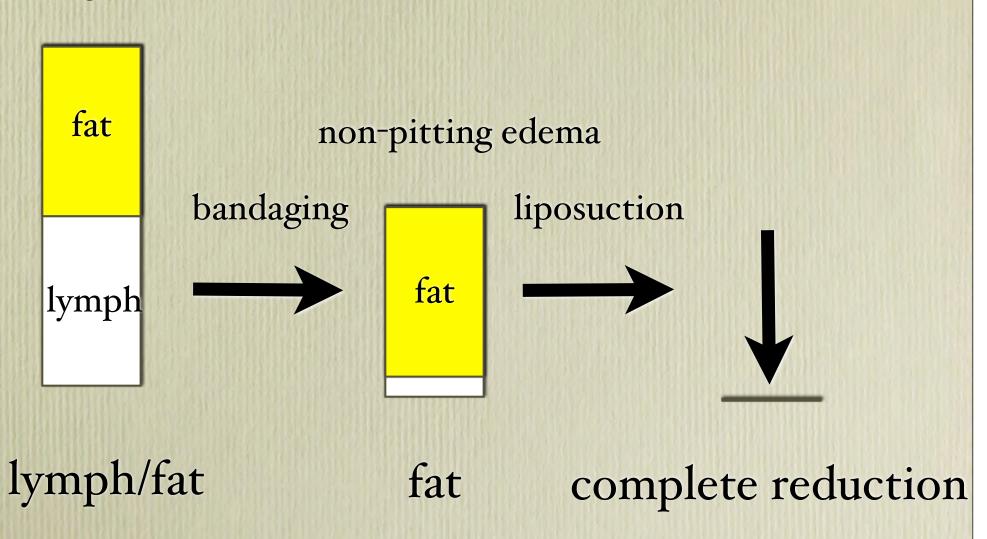
Remove excess fat

Liposuction

Complete reduction

Goal

pitting edema





















Garments are worn 24/7 and changed every morning to a washed and shrunk garment.

The used garment is washed to be used the following day, and so on.



Preop. 3 100 ml



1 year postop.



Preop. 4 235 ml



1 month postop. 905 ml (79% reduction)



Preop. 4 235 ml



3 months postop. 340 ml (92% reduction)



Preop. 4 235 ml



6 months postop. 195 ml (95% reduction)



Preop. 4 235 ml



12 months postop. 100 % reduction

Volume measurements

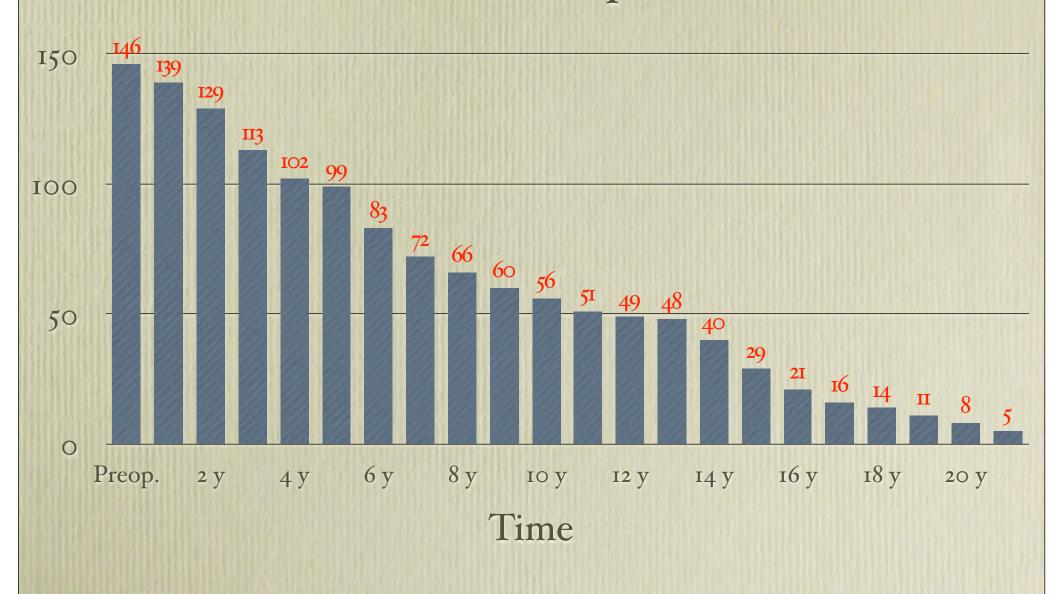




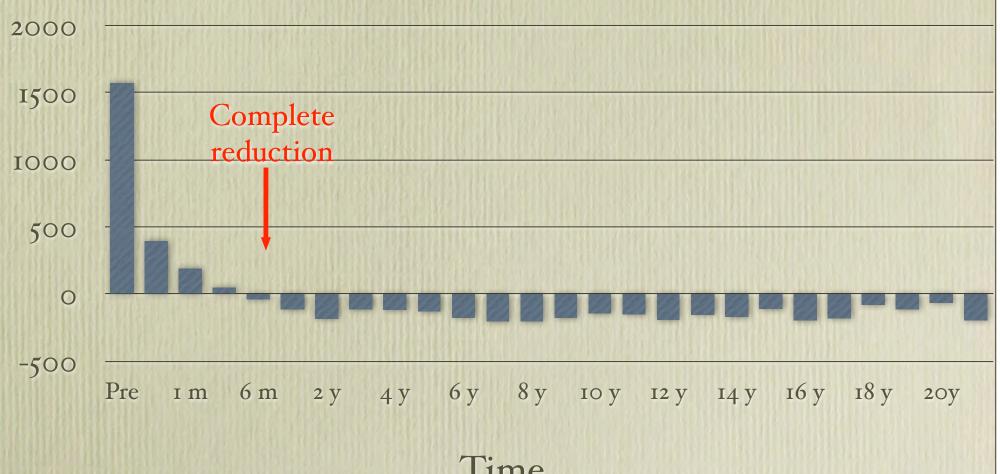


Preoperative excess volume 1 568 ml (545-4 235)

Follow-up

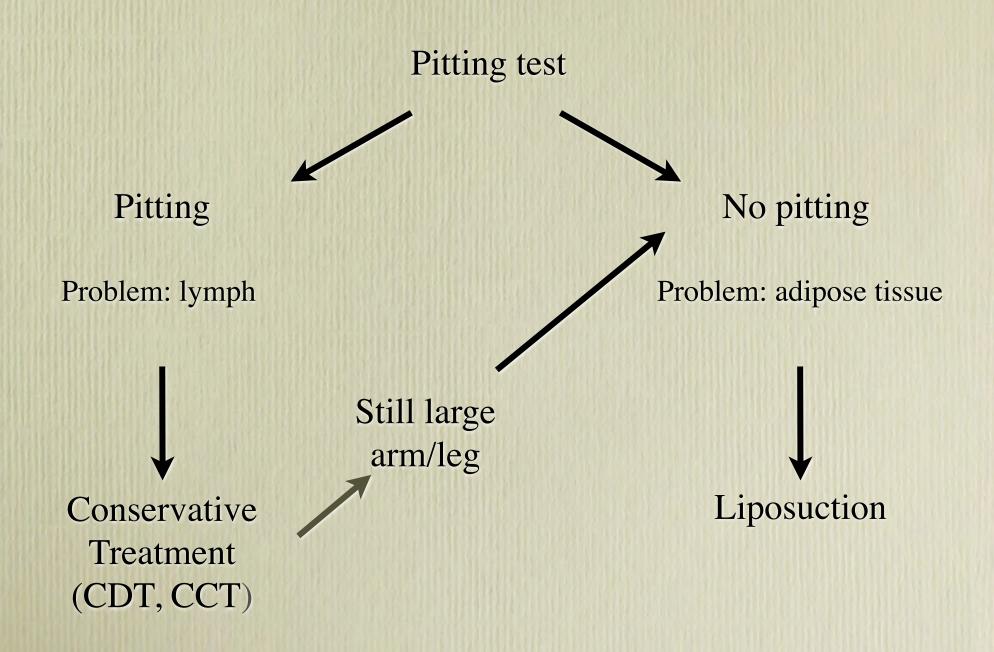


Excess volume reduction (ml)



Time

Classification

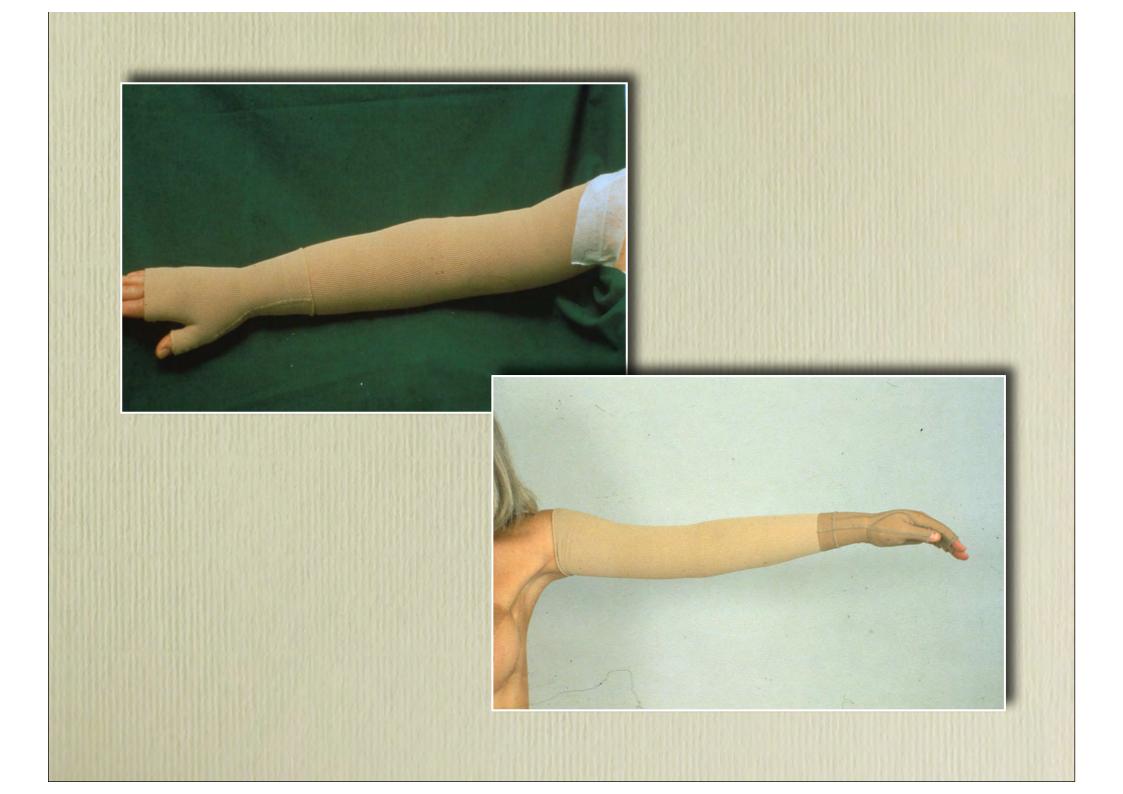


Controlled Compression Therapy (CCT) with flat-knitted garments

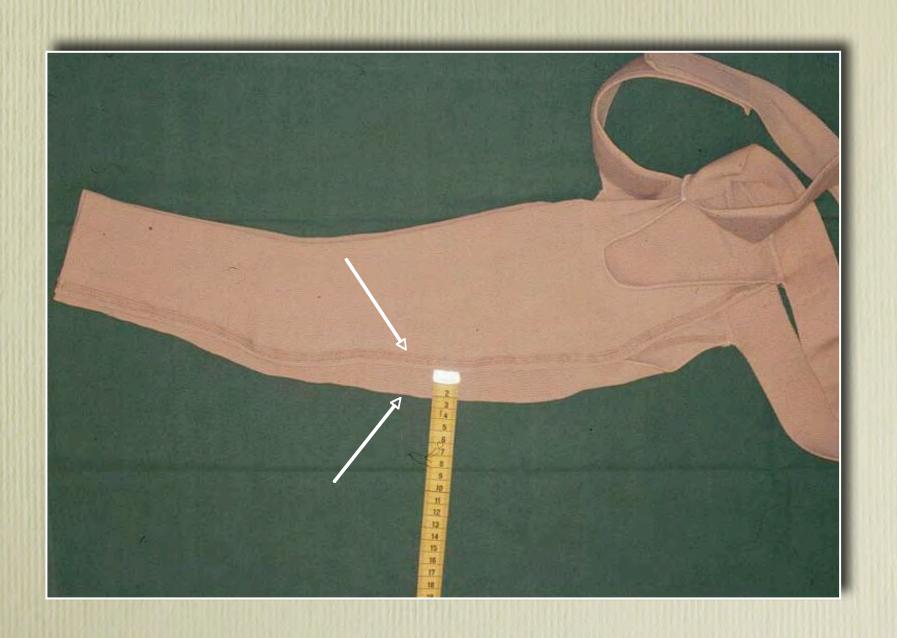
- simple
- economic
- efficient
- no need for maintenance therapy







The effect of washing



Controlled Compression Therapy

CCT

Controlled Compression Therapy

- we do not use bandaging
- we do not use manual lymphatic drainage (MLD)
- we do not use pumps

Controlled Compression Therapy

- measurements are taken on the healthy arm 2 weeks before surgery (= template)
- gradually take in the garment by the team or by the patient herself, or
- frequent renewals of garments
- initial frequent check-ups: 0.5, 1, 3, 6, (9) 12 months
- then at 1,5 years and after 2 years only once a year

How does CCT work?

How does it work over time?

Analysis of 4 patient cases step by step

How can compression be increased?

- decrease circumferential measurements of garments
- take in existing garments
- multilayer
- increase compression class
- amount of garments

Decrease circumferential measurements of garments



Decrease circumferential measurements of garments



Take in existing garments







Take in existing garments





Multilayer







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Preoperative measurements

Arms - CCL II

Legs - CCL II and III

CCL II: mild 15-21 mm Hg CCL II: moderate 23-32 mm Hg CCL III: strong 34-46 mm Hg

4 patients

- Age: 18 69 years
- 3 females, 1 male
- Duration: 2 27 years
- 2 primary, 2 secondary

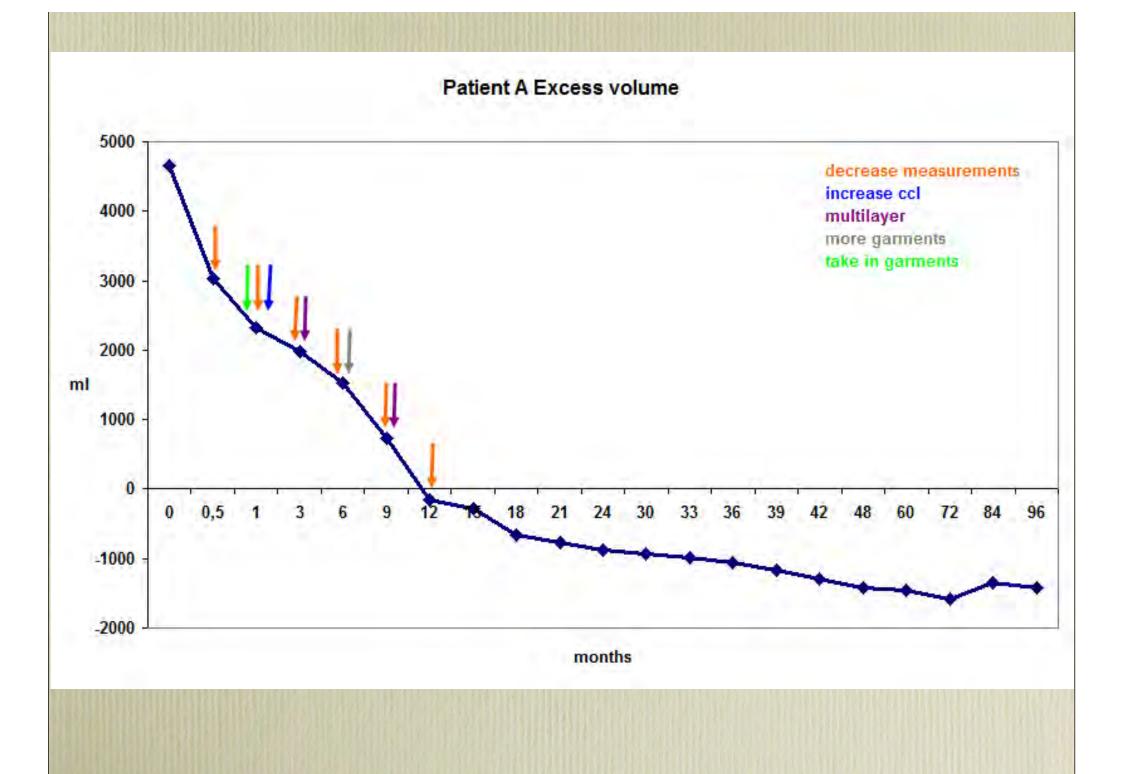
Patient A:



Preop. 4 655 ml

Patient A

- Male
- Born 1945
- Secondary lymphedema since 27 years
- Retired
- Physically active: skiing, working on the house





Preop. 4 655 ml



4 years postop. – 1 420 ml

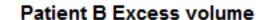
Patient B

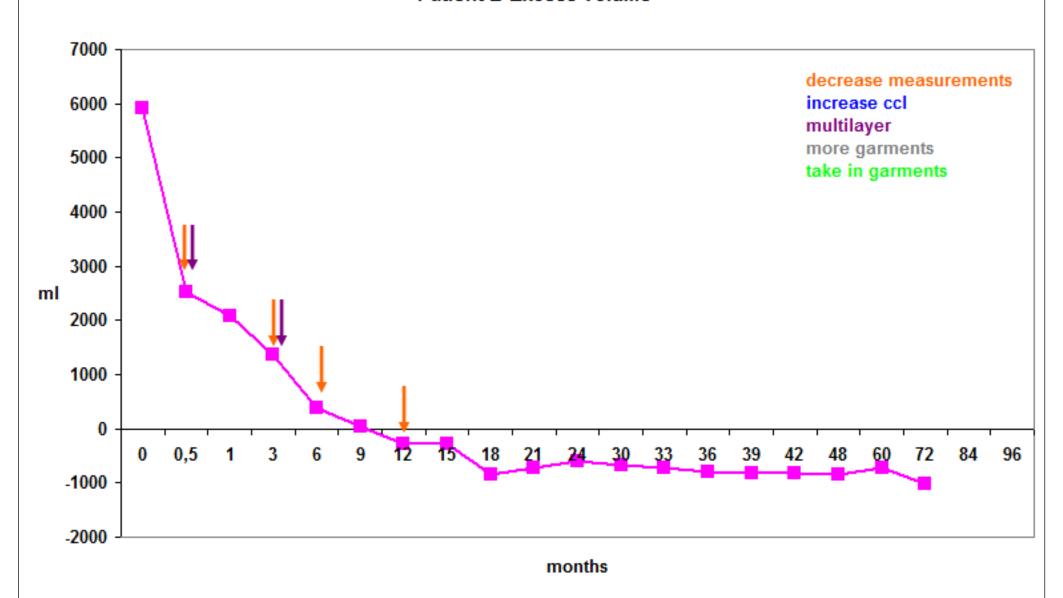


Preop. 5 925ml

Patient B

- Female
- Born 1940
- Secondary Lymphedema since 9 years
- Retired
- Intellectual interests: art, reading





Patient B



Preop. 5 925ml



3 years postop. –795 ml

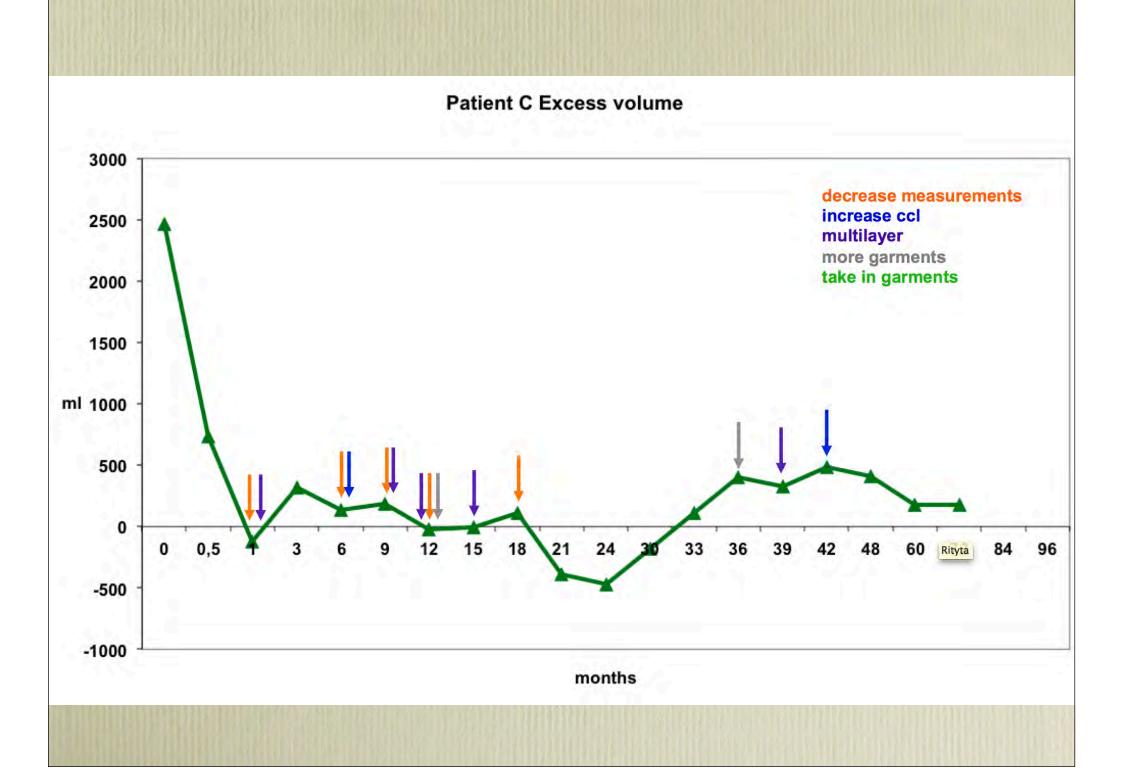
Patient C



Preop. 2 555 ml

Patient C

- Female
- Born 1951
- Primary lymphedema since 23 y
- Works full time in an office
- Physical active life: jogging, aerobics, skiing



Patient C



Preop. 2 555 ml



6 years postop. 180 ml

Patient D

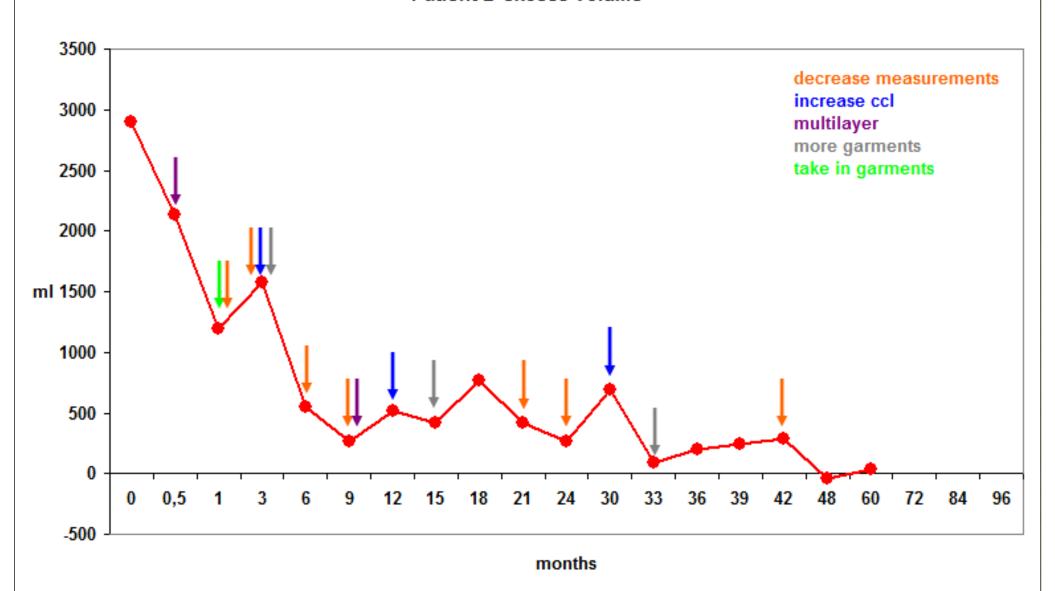


Preop. 2 900 ml

Patient D

- Female
- Born 1991
- Primary lymphedema since 2 y
- Student
- Physical active life: riding, dancing

Patient D excess volume



Patient D



Preop. 2 900 ml



4 years postop. -40ml

• A: 4 set/6months (born 1945)

• B: 3 set/6 months (born 1940)

• C: 7 set/6 months (born 1951)

• D: 9 set/6 months (born 1991)

Incidence of cellulitis

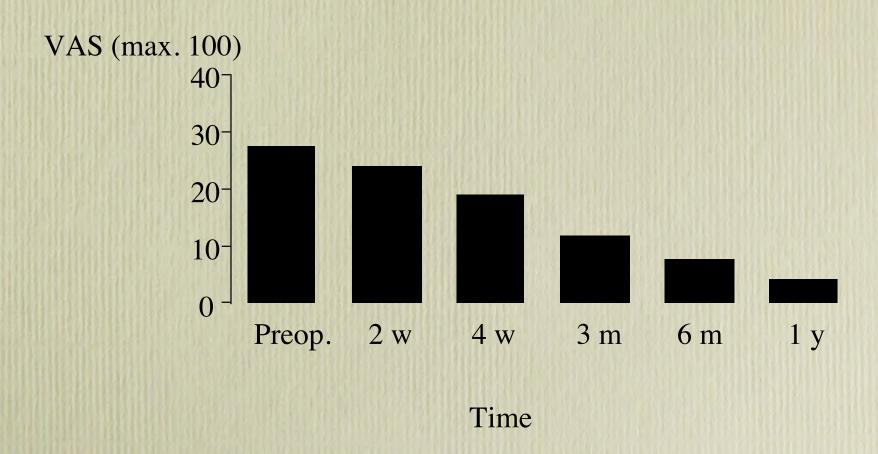
76 patients had cellulitis preop.
19 patients had cellulitis postop.

Preoperative = 0.47 (534 bouts/1147 observation years)

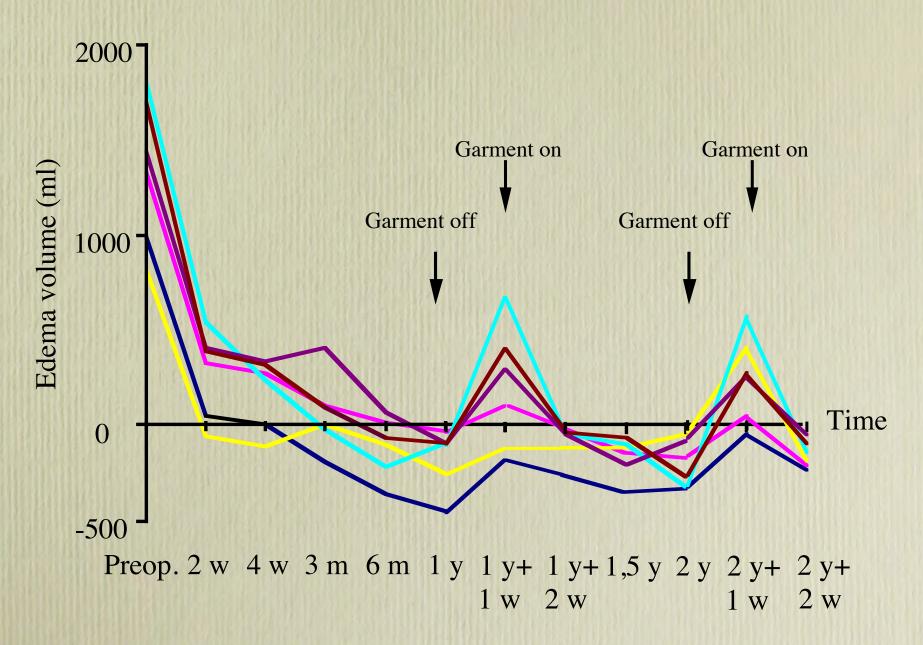
Postoperative = 0.06 (60 bouts/983 observation years)

87 % reduction (p<0.001)

Pain



Compression garment removed - what happens?



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Top 10 ways to control edema

- compression
- compression
- compression
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- compression

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Liposuction works on legs as well



Preop. 14 310 ml



7 years postop.

Results



Preop. 14 310 ml



8 years postop.

Preop.

After CCT After liposuction





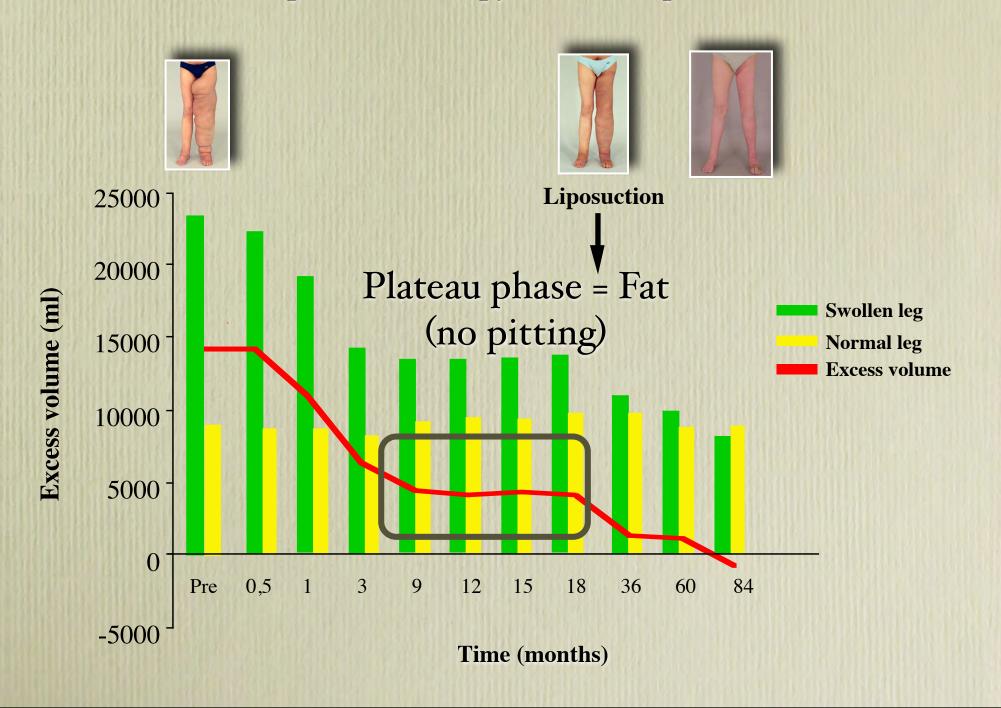


14 310 ml

4 170 ml

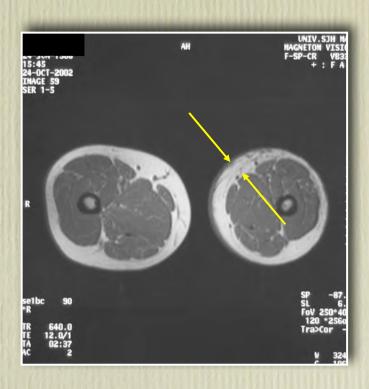
-865 ml

Controlled Compression Therapy (CCT) + Liposuction and CCT



MRI





Before liposuction

After liposuction

Primary lymphedema





Preop. 6 630 ml

2 years postop. 10 years postop.

Secondary lymphedema





Preop. 7 070 ml





6 m postop -445 ml

Secondary lymphedema



Preop. 7 070 ml

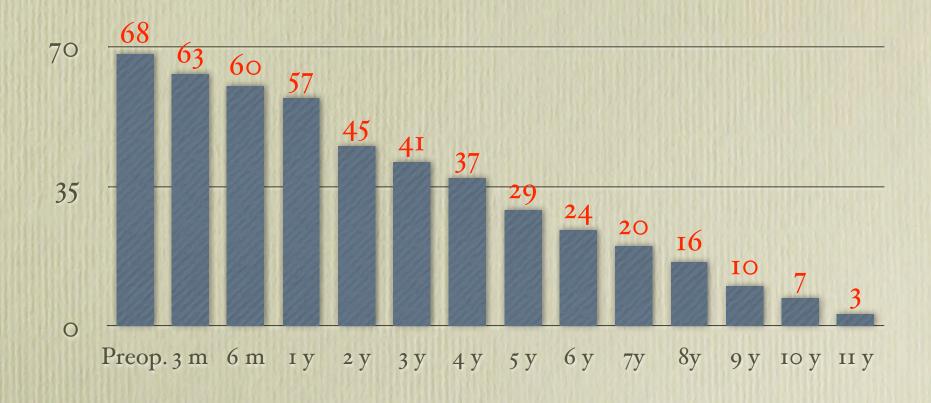


6 m postop -445 ml



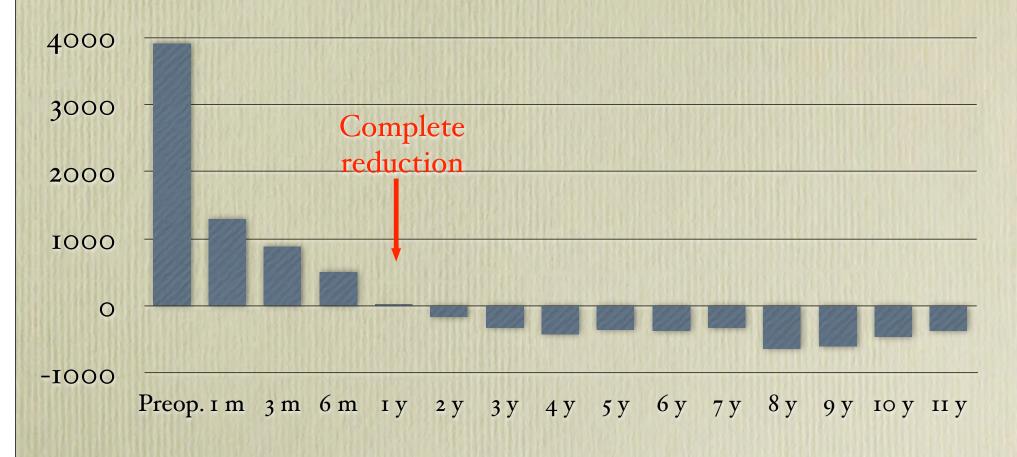


Follow up



Time

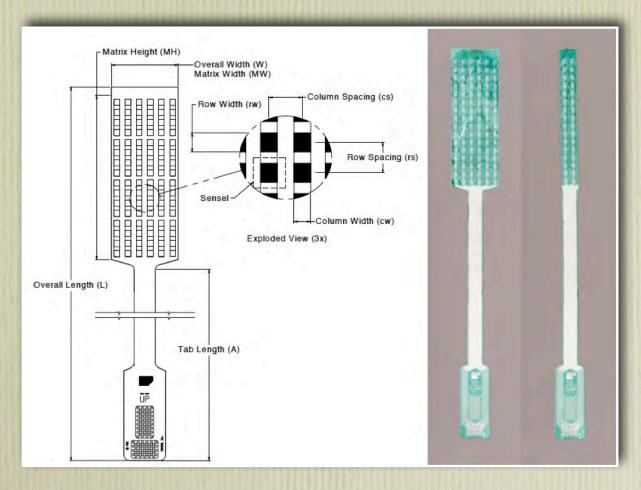
Excess volume reduction (ml)



Time

Current research

Measuring pressure under compression garments using Tecscan Type K-scan



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Current research



Current research

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Preop. 12 350 ml



6 months postop.



Thank you for your attention!