

LETTER TO THE EDITOR,  
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In regard to my paper entitled "Management of Peripheral Edema, Including Lymphedema of the Arm After Radical Mastectomy," published in the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly*, Volume 26, No. 2, April, 1959, pages 53 through 61, it may not have been made clear that the treatment was based on the earlier work of others. It is believed that the first work (unpublished) was carried out by Dr. Frederick A. Collier of the University Hospital of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in conjunction with Mr. Conrad Jobst. Dr. William T. Foley<sup>1</sup> reported certain aspects of the treatment of edema of the arm in 1951. It was further developed by Doctors Brush and Heldt,<sup>2</sup> and by Doctors Brush, Beninson, Wylie, Block, and Heldt<sup>3</sup> of the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, whose reports were published in 1955 and 1958, respectively. Doctors Brush, Wylie, and Beninson<sup>4</sup> have published a paper subsequent to my own.

The work at the Cleveland Clinic has been largely an extension of the experience gained by these workers in addition to incorporating the teachings of Dr. David V. Habif of the Department of Surgery, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, in regard to the role of infection in lymphedema of the arm after radical mastectomy.

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