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95% of rare disease patients have no treatment approved for their disease, but there are also surprisingly large numbers for some diseases with no approved drug treatments in the US. But, I was surprised how hard it was even to identify all these indications where there is no approved drug. I relied on GlobalData to identify company sponsored ongoing interventional trials.

Lymphedema

Lymphedema is lymphatic fluid buildup, often in the arms and legs, that can result from cancer surgery, radiation, trauma, infection.

- In the US, there are 7 million patients with non-cancer lymphedema, 3 million with lymphedema related to cancer and its treatments, and 6 million with the related lipidemia.

- There are currently no FDA-approved medications specifically for lymphedema, with treatment still relying on compression