





## My Lymphedema Diary







### The Lymphedema Diary

Contact Information				
name:				
date of birth:		☐ male	☐ female	
Lymphedema details				
☐ primary lymphedema				
☐ secondary lympheder	na associated with			
□ lipedema				
□ venous insufficiency accompanied by lymphedema				
<b>-</b>				
Condition				
lower / upper:	☐ arm(s)	☐ leg(s)		
affected area:	☐ right	☐ left	■ both sides	
stage:	☐ stage I	☐ stage II	☐ stage III	
First diagnosed (year):				
Type of compression garment:				
Compression class:				

## DEAR PATIENT,

Your medical professional has prescribed a medical compression garment as part of your treatment for lymphedema. If used correctly, these garments will help manage your lymphedema.

Lymphedema is a long-term (chronic) disorder that needs to be monitored on an ongoing basis. By taking regular measurements of the affected limb(s) and recording them in this diary, you will be providing your medical professional with valuable feedback that will assist him or her in deciding on your further treatment.

With a little bit of practice, it will take you just a few minutes per week to update. For a healthier, more active life, keep moving with Juzo compression garments.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

You should update this diary once a week, if possible on the same day each week.

Take circumference measurements of your affected arm or leg in the morning at the five locations shown in the illustrations and record the measurements in the diary.

In addition to these measurements, you can also record any therapeutic activities that were carried out during a given week. According to medical guidelines, lymphedema therapy should include the following activities:

- 1.Manual lymph drainage
- 2.Compression therapy
- 3.Decongestive movement exercises
- 4.Skin care

Document which of these activities were performed, and how often.

The results of a study of Lymphedema patients conducted by the Charité Hospital in Berlin (Germany) have shown that you can have a positive impact on the course of your therapy simply by taking just one set of measurements per week. Maintaining this diary will therefore not be a particularly time consuming task.

Notes regarding the suggested observations to record in your diary:

#### Manual Lymph Drainage

Enter in your diary how often MLD was performed during the current week.

#### **Compression Therapy**

Enter how many days you wore your compression garments during the current week.

#### **Exercise & Activity**

Exercising and being active will have a positive effect on your lymphedema if you wear your compression garments at the same time. The garments apply an external compression which, in addition to the muscle activity on the "inside", further enhances lymph drainage. Examples of ideal activities include walking, yoga and light strength training.

Document in your diary how often you participate in physical activity.

#### Skin Care

It is also important that you take good care of your skin and keep it clean and supple. We recommend using natural and skin-friendly creams and lotions as a general skin care measure against dryness.

Document how often you did something to care for your skin during the current week.

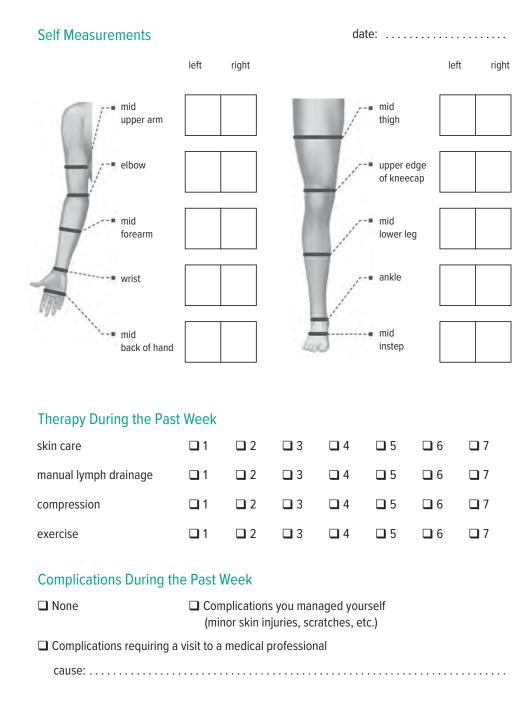
# INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEASURING YOURSELF

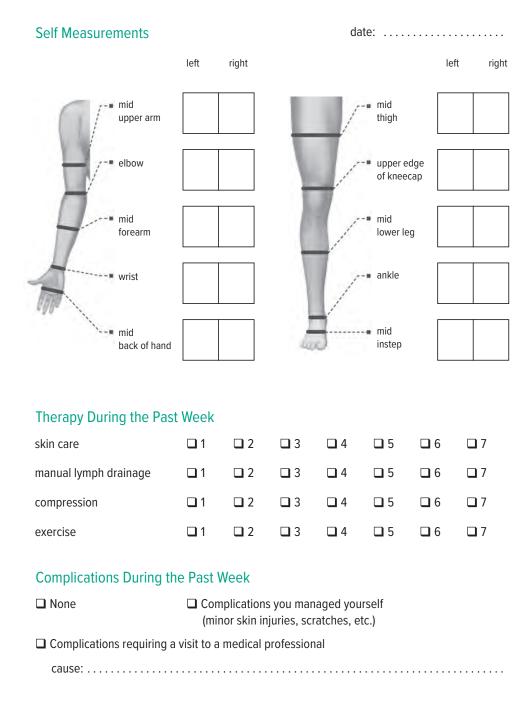
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As you take each measurement, ensure that the tape is lying flat, **not constricting your arm or leg.** 



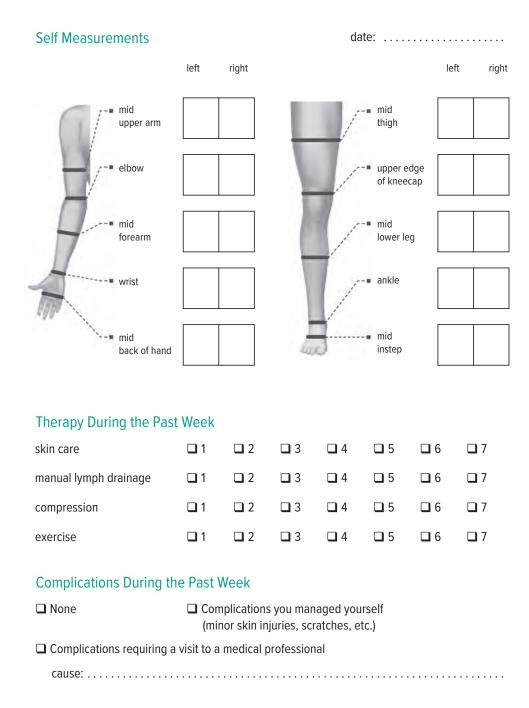


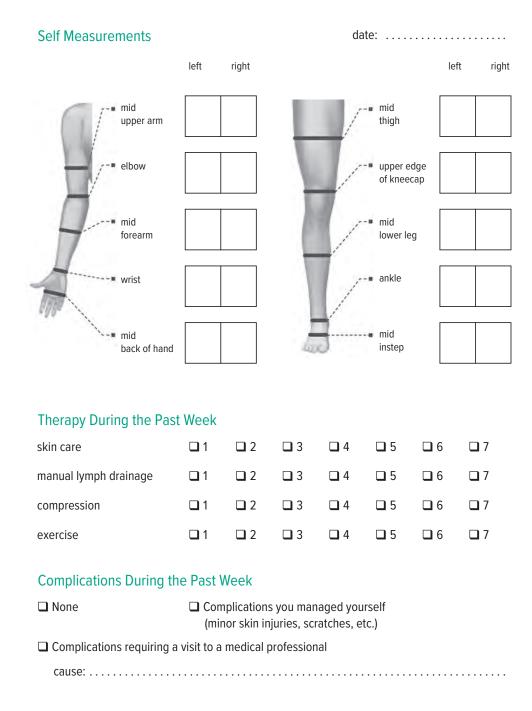




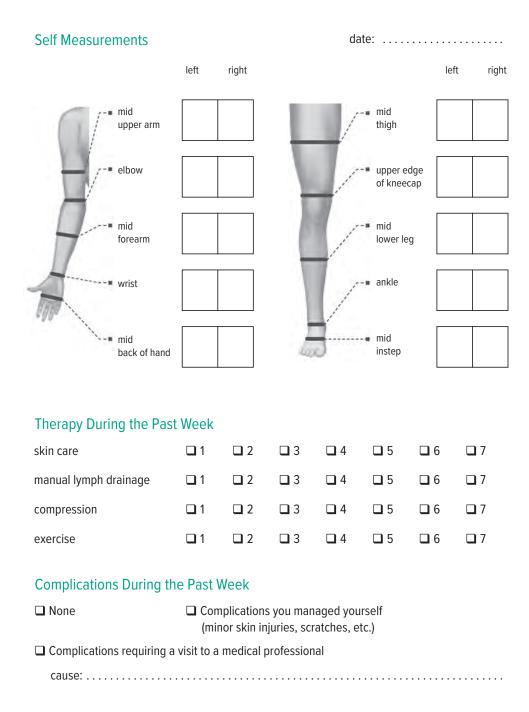
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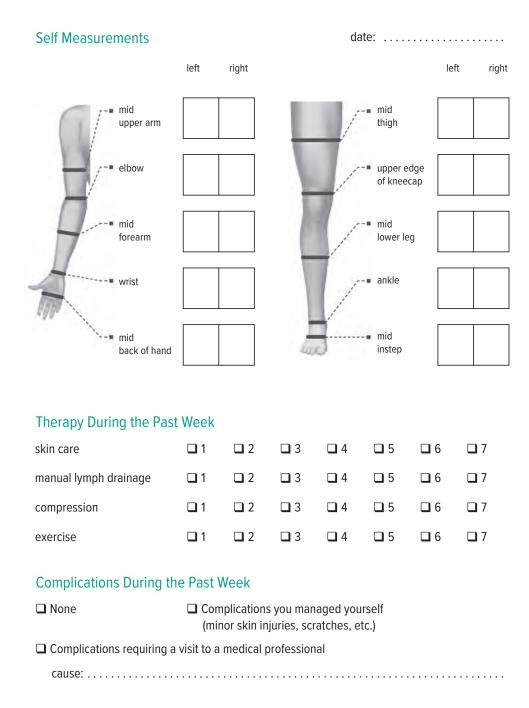




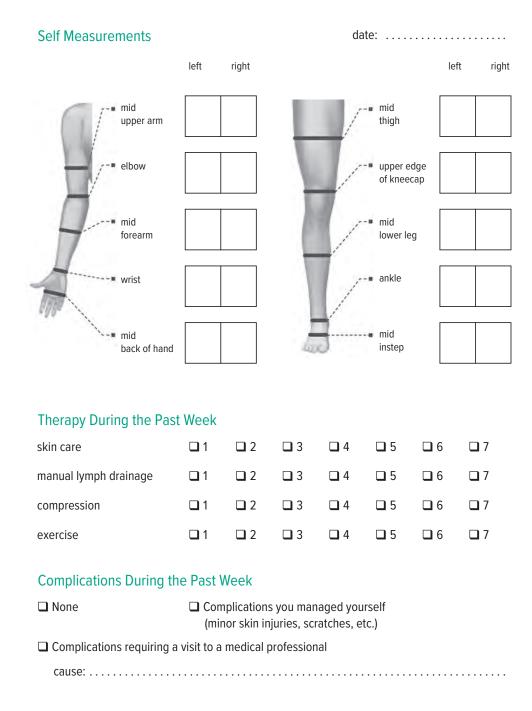
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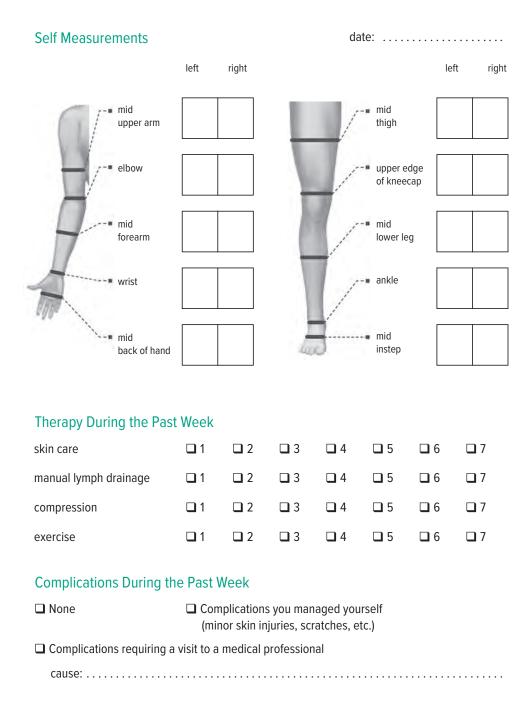
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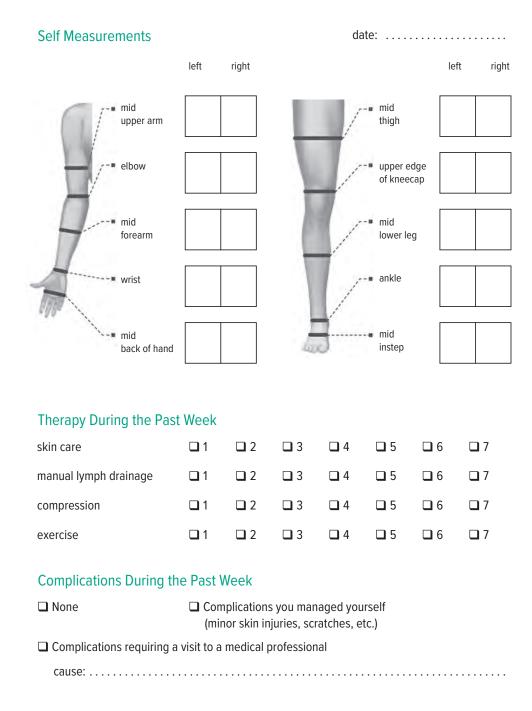
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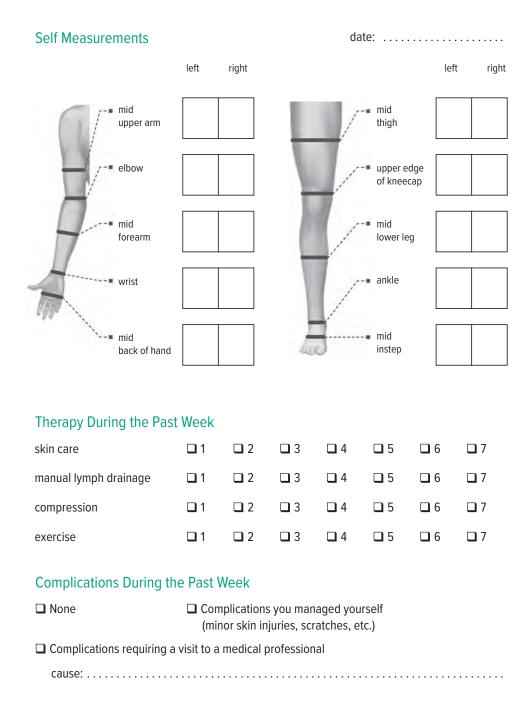


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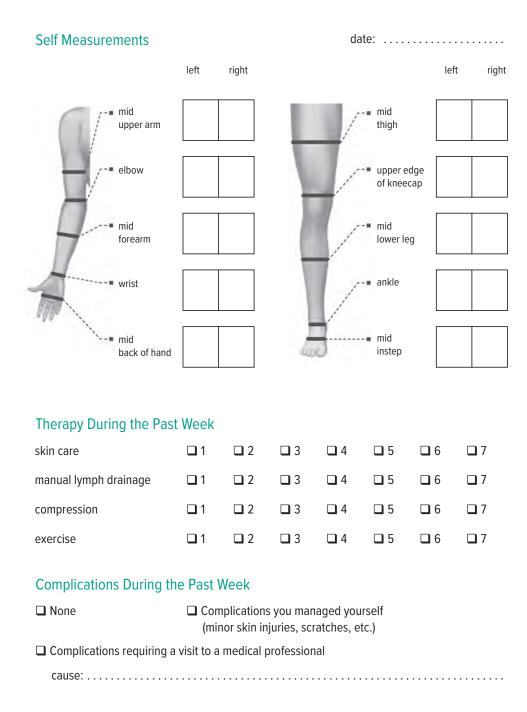


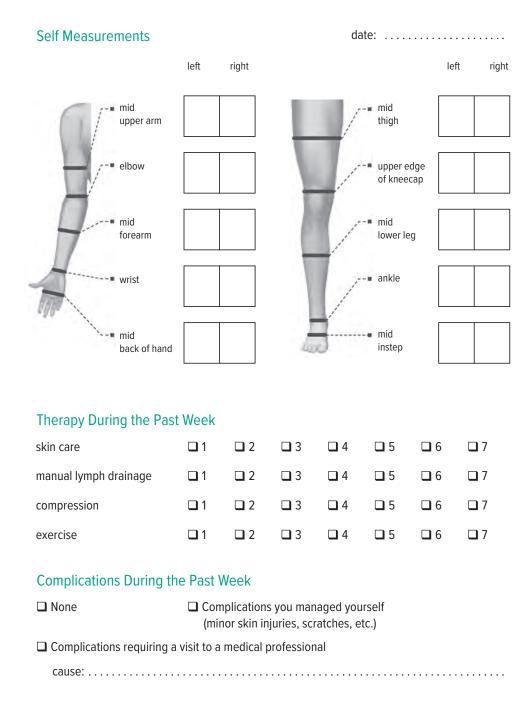
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