

## **Recurrent pulmonary embolism - is filarial lymphedema a risk factor for deep vein thrombosis?**

### **ABSTRACT**

Lymphatic filariasis is caused by nematodes that inhabit the lymphatic system and subcutaneous tissues. 90% of the infections are caused by *Wuchereria bancrofti* while most of the remainder by *Brugia malayi* and *Brugia timori*. The presence of filarial lymphedema or elephantiasis leads to disfigurement and disability. However, its relationship with deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism was not well-documented. Here, we described a case of recurrent pulmonary embolism associated with left leg elephantiasis.

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