

# Notifying a patient incident relating to a lymphoedema compression garment into the Safety Learning System (SLS)

This is required in accordance with the [SA Health Patient Incident and Open disclosure policy directive](#).

Medical grade compression garments are used in the management of lymphoedema. Ill-fitting compression garments may cause tissue trauma, exacerbate swelling and lead to long term tissue damage. Tissue trauma can also occur when donning/doffing garments.

Such patient incidents should be investigated, and open disclosure undertaken with the patient, in accordance with the SA Health policy and LHN processes.

In the section “What happened” of the SLS notifiers page, please include ‘LCGSS’ if the garment involved was provided through the **SA Lymphoedema Compression Garment Subsidy Scheme (LCGSS)**.

If this is the case, as Contract Manager, the DHW Provider Commissioning and Performance Team will be able to assist with any discussion with garment Supplier that may be required. Data about incidents is required for monitoring of the Scheme.

Below are screen shots to guide the correct classification of incidents relating to the use of compression garments.

Select the most appropriate Level 3 classification.

Incident Classification	
* Level 1	Medical device/equipment
* Level 2	Medical device/equipment
* Level 3	
* Safety Assessment Code (SAC) <a href="#">(Click here to view the Safety Assessment Code Matrix)</a>	Delay in providing medical device Dislodgement/Connection/Removal/Patency Failure of a device or equipment Incorrect/Inadequate placement/insertion Incorrect/inadequate use Lack/unavailability of device Medical device/equipment - other User error Wrong device/equipment used
* Result	
Medical Device/Equipment Details	
* Product type	
Brand name	

Enter the Product type as 'Lymphoedema compression garment' and include the brand name.

Medical Device/Equipment Details	
* Product type	lymph
Brand name	Lymphoedema compression garment

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For more information

SA Health

<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/LymphoedemaScheme>

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