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The authors examined nine patients with swollen lower extremities due to deep venous thrombosis. In addition three normal patients were used as controls. The patients underwent venography and lymphography of the lower extremities. In the normal patients there were two or three vessels which ascended along the antero-medial aspect of the leg. They joined and rebranched several times during the course in the leg. Vessels were straight, slender and provided with valves. In the swollen extremities depending on the degree of swelling the following was found: 1) Minimal swelling; no

abnormalities of the lymphatics were seen. 2) Deep vein thrombosis with moderate leg swelling; there was an increase in the number and size of the lymph trunks (six to seven). Traces of radio-opaque material were seen on the outer side of the leg. This was interpreted as representing attempts of opening of lymphatics to the Saphena parva groups. In the severe cases the lymphatic trunks were seen both medially and laterally. The vessel number was increased (more than seven), they were dilated and had a tendency for tortuosity. The valvular pattern was partially lost. The authors suggest that there is a direct relationship between the flow of lymph in the subcutaneous lymphatics and the increased venous tension produced by deep venous occlusion.

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