

*LETTER TO THE EDITOR*

**THE HISTORY OF LYMPHOLOGY**

In the past article on this item in *Lymphology*, J.W. Shields (1) writes that: "A major impetus to the founding of this Society was the ability to image lymphatics *in vivo* by oil contrast lymphography as introduced by John Kinmonth of London." Lymphography is hardly in use anymore, but the history should be correct. Kinmonth did not use oil contrast. He used water-soluble contrast media in his studies of lymph vessels in lymphedema. The use of oil contrast for study of retroperitoneal lymph nodes was introduced by Bruun and Engeset in their article in *Acta Radiologica* in 1956 (2).

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**Editor's Note:**

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