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Michael Alatrisme has been involved in dedicated clinical practice treating Lymphedema patientsexclusively for just under 20 years. He began treating Lymphedema under the direction of Robert Lerner, M.D., in 1998, at Lerner Lymphedema Services (LLS) in New York City. While at LLS, Michael realized that minimal focus was placed on the prevention of Lymphedema, in that most post-operative oncology patients were generally not educated about their risk for acquiring Lymphedema, secondary to their cancer treatment.

In January of 2000, Michael established Lymphedema Preventive Care & Treatment, a practice dedicated to the prevention and comprehensive management of Lymphedema. During this time, he lectured at most major cancer treatment centers in New York City, including Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, St. Vincent's Comprehensive Cancer Center and Mount Sinai Medical Center, on comprehensive strategies for Lymphedema management, and also presented patient educational seminars at the American Cancer Society, Manhattan Hope Lodge.

Michael received his initial certification in Combined Decongestive Physiotherapy through the Lerner Academy of Lymphatic Studies in April of 1998. He has also been certified through the Dr. Vodder School in Walchsee, Austria, in June of 2004. He received additional training in advanced techniques for Lymphedema Management at the Foldi Clinic in Hinterzarten, Germany, in May of 2006.

His more recent endeavors included: lecturing at the American Hospital, Paris, on the surgical management of Lymphedema from a therapeutic perspective; on-site consulting for the Lymphology Clinic at the Amrita Institute of Medical sciences, Kochi, India; participating in the Expert Lymphedema

Panel of the American Society of Breast surgeons; participating in a clinical trial for the enhancement of lymphedema surgical outcomes using Fibralign technology, in the Dominican Republic.

Michael is presently the Clinical Director of Lymphedema Alliance of New York, where in addition to overseeing all aspects of patient care, he also consults with patients and physicians, as a specialist in therapeutic care for the surgical management of Lymphedema. He has consulted on this topic extensively in both domestic and international settings and maintains a relationship with the surgical pioneers of various corrective procedures for Lymphedema.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Michael is the Founder and Educational Director of TAM: The Alatrisme Method of Lymphedema Management and Lymphatic Therapies, a certification curriculum, presented in partnership with the Swedish Institute, College of Health Sciences in New York City.

Michael is also the Founding President of The Alatrisme Foundation for Lymphedema Management, a budding non-profit organization with a care-driven mission to provide clinical scholarships, patient care coordination and education, with hopes establishing a regional standardization of care and center of excellence.