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ASO Visual Abstract: American Society of Breast Surgeons Practice Patterns for Patients At-risk and Affected by Breast Cancer-Related Lymphedema

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As discussed in our article (<https://doi.org/10.1245/s10434-021-10494-0>), most respondents were unfamiliar with the American Society of Breast Surgeons expert panel recommendations for patients at-risk for and those affected by

lymphedema. Most educate and screen at-risk patients. Opportunities exist to increase best practices awareness and acquire technical expertise.

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In 2017, the American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBrS) published expert panel recommendations for patients at-risk for and affected by breast cancer-related lymphedema (BCRL).

We sought to determine BCRL practice patterns by surveying ASBrS members.

Most respondents were unfamiliar with ASBrS expert panel recommendations for patients at-risk for and those affected by BCRL.

While the majority educate and screen at-risk patients, some recommendations were not best practice.

Comfort with procedures to decrease BCRL risk and access to surgeons who offer procedures to treat BCRL were barriers.

Opportunities exist to increase awareness of best practices and acquire ARM and LYMPHA technical expertise.

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