*** § 2803-v. Lymphedema information distribution.** 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "lymphedema" shall mean an accumulation of fluid in the interstitial tissue that causes swelling, most often in the arms and/or legs, and occasionally in other parts of the body, from any cause.

2. The commissioner shall design an informational packet about lymphedema and shall require that every general hospital distribute such packet to all patients at high risk of developing lymphedema. Patients deemed high risk shall include:

(a) patients who experience any significant injury to soft tissue that could reasonably be expected, using sound medical judgment, as a result of severity and nature thereof, to compromise or cause to be ineffective the drainage of the lymphatic system;

(b) patients who experience recurrent or persistent bacterial infections that could reasonably be expected, using sound medical judgment, as a result of severity and nature thereof, to compromise or cause to be ineffective the drainage of the lymphatic system; or

(c) patients who have had corrective surgical procedures performed that may have interfered with the lymph drainage by severing local lymphatics in a manner that may jeopardize reconstitution and recovery of lymph drainage.

* NB There are 2 § 2803-v's