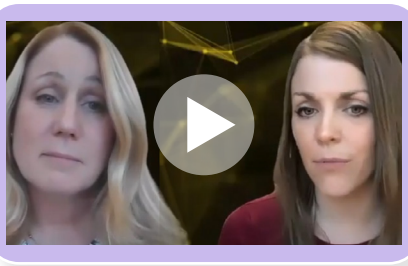
Diagnosis of Edema vs. Drug Pooling



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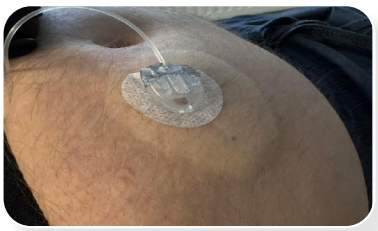
Characteristics

- **Edema**: accumulation/retention of fluid within layers of the skin or beneath the skin, leading to noticeable swelling.[1]
- Edema may be generalized or local, and it can appear abruptly or insidiously (more common). If edema develops slowly over time, it may become massive before patients seek medical care.[2]
- Feels soft to the touch and if pressure is applied, may leave an indentation, referred to as "pitting" after pressure is released.[1]
- **Drug pooling** is an accumulation of drug under the skin around the area of infusion. It is typically manifested as an elevated area of the skin, with or without induration and might be a sign of reduced absorption.











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