

## Re: Swelling while on a cruise

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In article <2006Jun5.173704.22948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, bae@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

In article <jason-0506061031020001@xx>, Jason Johnson <jason@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <1149525584.092885.301820@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "marcia" <design1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Cruiser, you didn't start a problem. What you witnessed is a long-standing interaction between two posters over giving medical advice, and would (does) occur elsewhere, if not here. You're not responsible for it, so don't take that on yourself.

I think the valuable information you can glean from this thread is that there's simply no way for anyone on the internet, including a doctor, to tell you why your ankles swelled on the cruise. Next time you see your own doctor, discuss it with him/her because he/she knows your medical history and would be in the best position to give you some ideas about what might have caused it, and what you might possibly do to avoid it in the future (if anything).

It was a good question, just not one anyone here can answer.

Marcia,  
Excellent post. You explained the "interaction" very well--much better than I could have done. Keep up the great work.  
Jason

Jason, imagine that you are in an unfamiliar city, and can't find an address you urgently need to get to. You ask someone on the street for advice.

Which result would you prefer:

(1) The person gives you detailed instructions that turn out to be so wrong that you end up much farther away from your destination than when you started.

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(2) The person says "I'm sorry, I don't know where that is. You'll have to find a map or someone who does know."

I would choose number 2--that's why I told the poster to go to their doctor to find out the cause of the edema.

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