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Physical Therapist Lesli Bell Honored With Outstanding Achievement Award

Bell recognized for a ground-breaking invention
that helps breast lymphedema patients and cancer survivors

(Burlington, Vermont May 15, 2004) Lesli R. Bell, PT, CLT-LANA, owner of Timberlane Physical Therapy, received an Outstanding Achievement Award at the spring meeting of the Vermont Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. Bell was recognized for her work as a caregiver and advocate for women with breast and truncal lymphedema, a condition that frequently develops as a result of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment procedures.

In particular, the award honored Bell's invention (together with Jogbra creator Lisa Lindahl) of the Compressure Comfort® Bra, an innovative compression garment designed to relieve the symptoms of breast and truncal lymphedema. After developing the prototype at Bell's South Burlington practice, Bell and Lindahl co-founded a marketing and distribution company, Bellisse®, to raise awareness about truncal lymphedema and bring the Compressure Comfort® Bra to patients around the country. Now sold nationally, the Compressure Comfort® Bra has won awards from the medical community and widespread praise from breast cancer survivors.

About Bellisse®: Bellisse LLC, (www.bellisse.com) inventor and manufacturer of the Compressure Comfort® Bra, was co-founded by Lesli Bell, PT/CLT-LANA, a certified lymphedema therapist, and Lisa Lindahl, inventor and designer of the original Jogbra®. The company's mission is to provide product that offers support and comfort to the hundreds of thousands of women suffering from chest and breast lymphedema. Bellisse, formed as a play on the founders' names, is derived from words found in the Oxford English Dictionary meaning "beautiful relief from pain."

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