

Lower Limb Pathway (Community Nursing)

RED FLAG ASSESSMENT

Immediately escalate to the relevant clinical specialist, those with the following 'red flag' symptoms/conditions. Provide appropriate wound care.

- Acute infection/ Symptoms of sepsis
- Acute Heart Failure
- Acute/suspected chronic limb threatening ischemia
- Suspected acute deep vein thrombosis (DVT)
- Suspected skin cancer
- Bleeding varicose veins



Patient requiring lower limb care with no red flags

Schedule & complete lower limb assessment within 2 weeks of identification
ABPI result is a guide and forms only one part of the assessment, if the assessment does not correspond with the result, refer and discuss with TVN

ABPI <0.5
Urgent referral to
Vascular

ABPI 0.5-0.8
Apply reduced compression
Refer to TVN

ABPI 0.8-1.3
Apply
full compression

ABPI >1.3 /
Unable to occlude
Refer to TVN

Implement appropriate wound care
Evaluate as per Wound Care Pathway

Compression Managed Leg Ulceration Guide

- Compression managed lower limbs should be immersed in a lined bucket of warm water with oilatum bath additive (minimum once weekly)
- Emollients should be applied at each dressing change in downward motion to hydrate skin

Hosiery or Wraps (Low Exudate)

UrgoStart^{plus}
Border



- Cannot be cut
- Shower-proof backing

Bandages or Wraps (Moderate-High Exudate)

UrgoStart^{plus}
Pad



- Can be cut
- Can be combined with a secondary dressing
- Requires securing

Signs & Symptoms of Infection

- Evaluate wound
- Commence UrgoClean Ag & obtain swab (Follow up result)
- If no changes after 2 weeks, re-swab and refer to TVN

UrgoClean Ag



Dressing Size	Pack Size	Product code	NHS Code*	PIP Code
8 x 8cm	10	552291	ELZ879	406-4390
10 x 10cm	10	552292	ELZ880	406-4408
13 x 13cm	10	552293	ELZ881	406-4416

Dressing Size	Pack Size	Product code	NHS Code*	PIP Code
6 x 6cm	10	552301	ELZ884	406-4432
10 x 10cm	10	552302	ELZ885	406-4440
15 x 20cm	10	552305	ELZ886	406-4457

Dressing Size	Pack Size	Product code	NHS Code*	PIP Code
6 x 6cm	10	551123	ELY609	401-9774
10 x 10cm	10	552155	ELY610	401-9782
15 x 20cm	5	551125	ELY611	401-9790

Use in conjunction with Lower Limb Guideline and Wound Care Pathway