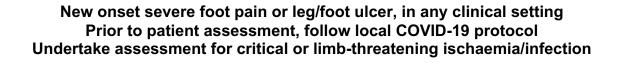
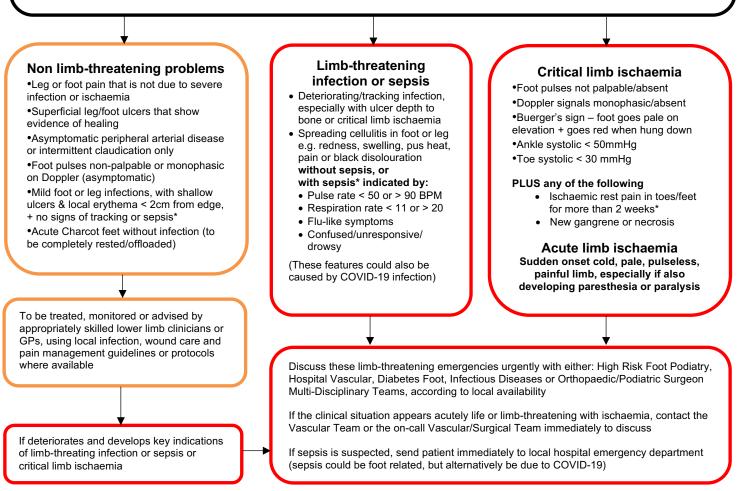
COVID-19 SITUATION v1.3 Lower Limb Amputation Prevention Guidance



This pathway guidance has been developed by a collaborative group of expert clinicians in FDUK, to support all lower-limb clinicians during the COVID-19 situation in line with current best practice. The guidance is to assist the identification and management of people with critical/limb-threatening ischaemia or infection. The aim is to focus clinical assessment and decisions on urgent triage, referrals & access to High Risk Foot Podiatry, Hospital Vascular, Diabetes Foot, Infectious Diseases or Orthopaedic/ Podiatric Surgeon Teams, for potential life and limb-saving treatments



Ischaemia: Cardiovascular risks + foot pulses + leg or foot symptoms + Doppler signals + ankle/toe systolic pressures **Infection:** Ulcer + depth + signs of infection + pulse rate + respiration rate + symptoms



* symptoms or signs may be subdued and some could be absent, if patient has diabetes

Important Multi-Disciplinary Team Contact Numbers, for support with triage and amputation prevention

- High Risk Foot Podiatry:
- Vascular:
- Diabetes Foot:
- Infectious Diseases:
- Orthopaedic / Podiatric Surgeon:

Published Lower Limb Guideline sources:

NICE CG 147 - Peripheral arterial Disease: diagnosis and management, NICE NG 19 - Diabetic Foot Problems: prevention and management, SIGN 116 - Management of Diabetes, IWGDF Guidelines - International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot