

Metro South Health GP Acute Foot Triage Pathway

Patients presenting with a lower limb complication must include a referral to the High Risk Foot Service

Investigations

Weight bearing X-Ray – AP/Oblique/Lateral views of the foot and ankle, CRP, ESR, FBC, +/- Blood cultures and wound biopsy

Signs of sepsis or tracking infection not responding to oral antibiotics

Foot / toe ulceration with infection.
Evidence of osteomyelitis (Sausage toe, bone on view, probe to bone, X – Ray)

Superficial ulceration
Mild Infection suitable for oral antibiotics
Not known to podiatry Service

Charcot Arthropathy (unexplained foot erythema, warmth, swelling and pain)

Refer directly to
Emergency Department

Absent Pulses
Signs of arterial disease
Previous Vascular procedures: Open / Angiogram/ Stenting
ABI < 0.9, Toe pressure < 60mmHg
US or CTA evidence of arterial disease

Pulses present

Refer to
Vascular Surgery

Refer to
High Risk Foot Service
Central Referral Hub
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