

PA Hospital Emergency Department Acute Foot Triage Pathway

Investigations

Weight-bearing X-ray (AP/oblique/lateral views of the foot and ankle), FBC, CHEM20, CRP +/- blood cultures and wound biopsy

Signs of sepsis

NBM
Commence
IV Abx

Contact on-call
**Vascular or
Orthopaedic
Surgeon**

Foot / toe ulceration with infection

Evidence of osteomyelitis
(Sausage toe, bone on view,
wound probes to bone,
evidence on x-ray)

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

Contact on-call
Vascular Surgeon

Foot
pulses
present

Contact on-call
**Orthopaedic
Surgeon**

If no need for
admission refer to
**High Risk Foot
Service**

Superficial ulceration +/-

Mild infection suitable
for oral antibiotics

Not known to a
Podiatry Service

Foot pulses
present

Contact the HRFs on pager 556
or #2245 Monday – Friday
or
Outside office hours: referrals via ieMR or
Central Referral Hub

Charcot Arthropathy

(Neuropathic foot
with: unexplained
erythema, warmth,
swelling, joint
deformity, pain)



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