

Lower Limb Assessment Pathway (Tier 3/4 and District Nurses)

Aim: Assessment of peripheral perfusion is a fundamental requirement for lower limb management (Vowden and Vowden, 2001). Compression should be first-line treatment to optimise healing and can benefit patients in both acute and chronic wound management (Wounds UK, 2015). Compression treatment should be started as early as possible following a Lower Limb Assessment, including an Ankle Brachial Pressure Index (ABPI) reading.

The Lower Limb Assessment Pathway Appendix 1 outlines what information is required to be captured in each assessment section. Document the Lower Limb Assessment in the relevant Trust documentation e.g. systmONE, EMIS Web, Lower Limb/Wound Assessment IPOC and Care Plan.

