



### Diabetic Foot Ulcer Risk Stratification & Referral Algorithm



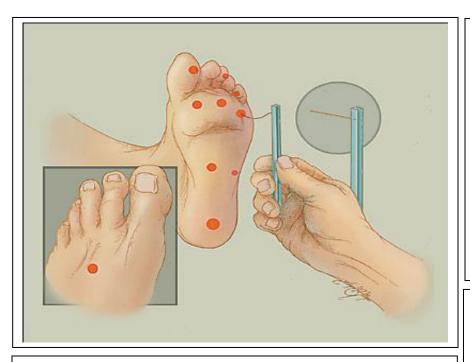
\*See reverse of form for instruction and clinical tips related to this item

## Step 1: Risk assessment

### Step 2: Determine foot ulcer risk

# Step 3: Determine follow-up plan

PHX: Amputation Yes   No			Q1-4/12 assessment and referral to a "High Risk Service" such as
Ulcer Yes No			Specialty Site Fax
PAD Yes No			SJHC Parkwood Institute Wound Clinic 519-685-4075
TAD TOS E NO E	□ PHX amputation	□ 3b	SJHC Primary Care Diabetes Support Program 519-645-6961
D'-1.4	'		London Diabetic Foot Clinic 519-432-6266
Right Left			GBHS- NP led Diabetic Foot Clinic 519-371-7695
Dorsalis Pedis			West Elgin Community Health Centre 519-768-2548
Yes □ No □ Yes □ No □			Alexandra Marine and General Hospital 519-524-8527
			TVFHT- Middlesex Centre 519-666-0281
	□ PHx ulcer		South East Grey Community Health Centre 519-986-3999
Posterior Tibial	OR		London Family Health Team 519-471-7734
Yes   No   Yes   No	☐ Active ulcer	□ 3a	
	_ /\tau\o \aloo!		Central Community Health Centre 519-633-8467
			□ Access SWRWCP Diabetic Foot Referral Tool to build an
Deformity			interdisciplinary team www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca
Yes □ No □ Yes □ No □			☐ Give structured self-care info – Refer to www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca
			for patient self -management resources
	☐ HX PAD	□ 2b	
Monofilament Testing:	OR	⊔ <b>2</b> 0	
	<del></del>		□ Primary care monitoring □ Access SWRWCP Diabetic Foot Referral Tool to build an
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	pulses on either foot		interdisciplinary team at
	*Deformity AND *Neuropathy	□ 2a	
	≤6/10 monofilament sensitivity		☐ Give structured self-care info – Refer to <u>www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca</u>
	on either foot		for patient self -management resources
		□ 1	Q 6/12 assessment and referral to a "Moderate Risk Service"
	*Loss of protective sensation		☐ Primary care monitoring
	≤6/10 sensitivity on either foot		□ Access SWRWCP Diabetic Foot Referral Tool to build an
	to monofilament testing		interdisciplinary team at
			www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca/DiabeticFootUlcer
			☐ Give structured self-care info – Refer to <u>www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca</u>
			for patient self -management resources
			Q yr assessment with
			□ Primary care monitoring
			☐ Give structured self-care info – Refer to <u>www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca</u>
	□ Low foot ulcer risk	□ 0	for patient self -management resources
			☐ IF no Family MD/NP- Access SWRWCP Diabetic Foot Referral Tool to
			find local Diabetes Support Programs/Diabetes Education
			Programs/Diabetes Education Centres
/10 /10			www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca/DiabeticFootUlcer
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Build an interdisciplinary team using the South West Regional Wound Care Program Diabetic Foot Referral Tool at

http://swrwoundcareprogram.ca/DiabeticFootUlcer



#### **Deformity**

Bony and soft tissue deformities include: toe deformities (claw, hammer and mallet toes), bunions (hallux valgus), Charcot's joint, blister, callus/corn, fungal infection and prominent metatarsal heads with inadequate soft tissue padding. Limited joint mobility (ankle and great toe).



**Dorsalis Pedis:** To palpate pulse, place fingers just lateral to the extensor tendon of the great toe. If you cannot feel a pulse, move fingers more laterally.



**Posterior Tibial:** To palpate pulse, place fingers behind and slightly below the medial malleolus of the ankle. In an obese or edematous ankle, the pulse may be more difficult to feel.

Note: To enhance technique: Assume a comfortable position for you and the client. Place hand in position and linger on the site. Varying pressure may assist in picking up a weak pulsation. Do not confuse client's pulse with your own pulsating fingertips. Use your carotid pulse for comparison, if needed.

Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (2004). Reducing Foot Complications for People with Diabetes. Toronto, Canada: Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (2013). Assessment and Management of Foot Ulcers for People with Diabetes (2nded.). Toronto, ON: Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario.