# Management of diabetic foot ulcers

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IWGDF/IDSA Guidelines on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diabetes-related Foot Infections

#### (IWGDF/IDSA 2023)

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- Screening
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# غربالگرى

All people with diabetes should be assessed for diabetic peripheral neuropathy starting at diagnosis of type 2
 diabetes and 5 years after the diagnosis of type 1
 diabetes and at least annually thereafter.

Assessment for distal symmetric polyneuropathy should include a careful history and assessment of either temperature or pinprick sensation (small-flber function) and vibration sensation using a 128-Hz tuning fork (for large-flber function).

All people with diabetes should have annual 10-g mono flament testing to identify feet at risk for ulceration and amputation.

#### Small fiber neuropathy affects sensory nerves

Small fiber neuropathy is a major cause of pain in the hands and feet, especially in the elderly. Diabetes mellitus is the most common identifiable cause, but there are many others. The nerve fibers affected are small-diameter myelinated A-delta fibers and unmyelinated C fibers, which mediate pain, thermal sensation, and autonomic function. Large fibers that innervate muscles are not affected. Skin biopsy may show a paucity of nerve fibers. Quantitative sudomotor axon reflex testing may show a lack of sweating in response to acetylcholine.



Normal innervation with small nerve fibers seen in the epidermis (arrows). Skin biopsy specimens with protein gene product 9.5 immunostaining.

A specimen from a patient with small fiber neuropathy shows denervation, with no small nerve fibers seen in the epidermis.

> Tavee J, Zhou L. Small fiber neuropathy: a burning problem. Cleve Clin J Med 2009; 76(5):297–305. doi:10.3949/ccjm.76a.08070

Screening can include asking about orthostatic dizziness, syncope, early sa tiety, erectile dysfunction, changes in sweating patterns, or dry cracked skin in the extremities.

Signs of autonomic neuropathy include orthostatic hypotension, a resting tachycardia, or evidence of peripheral dryness or cracking of skin

Cardiovascular Autonomic Neuropathy CAN is associated with mortality independent of other cardiovascular risk factors. In its early stages, CAN may be completely asymptomatic and detected only by decreased heart rate variability with deep breathing. Advanced disease may be associated with resting tachycardia (>100 bpm) and orthostatic hypotension.

hypotension (a fall in systolic or diastolic blood pressure by >20

mmHg or >10 mmHg, respectively, upon standing without an

appropriate increase in heart rate). CAN treatment is generally

focused on alleviating symptoms.

### Categories of risk for foot complications

|   | Risk category | Definition                     | Treatment<br>recommendations   | Suggested follow-up                                     |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 0 | 0             | No LOPS, no PAD, no deformity  | <ul> <li>Patient education including<br/>advice on appropriate<br/>footwear.</li> </ul>  | Annually (by generalist and/or specialist)              |
|   | 1             | LOPS ± deformity               | <ul> <li>Consider prescriptive or<br/>accommodative footwear.</li> <li>Consider prophylactic<br/>surgery if deformity is not<br/>able to be safely<br/>accommodated in shoes.<br/>Continue patient education.</li> </ul> | Every three to six months (by generalist or specialist) |
|   | 2             | PAD ± LOPS                     | <ul> <li>Consider prescriptive or<br/>accommodative footwear.</li> <li>Consider vascular<br/>consultation for combined<br/>follow-up.</li> </ul>   | Every two to three months (by specialist)               |
|   | 3             | History of ulcer or amputation | <ul> <li>Same as category 1.</li> <li>Consider vascular consultation for combined follow-up if PAD present.</li> </ul>   | Every one to two months (by specialist)                 |

CV

Assess and treat pain related to diabetic peripheral

neuropathy and symptoms of autonomic neuropathy to improve quality of life.

In all people with diabetes and DPN, causes of neuropathy other than diabetes should be considered, including toxins (e.g., alcohol), neurotoxic medications (e.g., chemotherapy), vitamin B12 deficiency, hypothyroidism, kidney disease, malignancies (e.g., multiple myelomaneuropathy, inherited neuropathies, an vasculitis. Gabapentinoids, serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants, and sodium channel blockers are recommended as initial pharmacologic treatment for neuropathic pain in diabetes.
 Opioids, including tramadol and ta pentadol, should not be used for neuropathic pain treatment in diabe tes given the potential for adverse

events.

 Capsaicin has received FDA approval for treatment of pain in DPN using an 8% patch, with one high-quality study reported.

One medium-quality study of0.075% capsaicin cream has been reported. In individuals with contraindications to oral pharmacotherapy or who prefer topical treatments, the use of topical capsaicin can be considered.

| گاباپنتينوئيدها  | ۔ گاباہنتین<br>(Neurontin)  | مهار کانالهای کلسیم و کاهش ترشح<br>نوروترنسمیترهای تحریکی                              | معمو لا به عنوان خط اول در مان استفاده<br>میشود؛ عوارض جانبی شامل<br>خواب آلودگی و سر گیجه است. |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---|
|  | ۔ پر گابالین<br>(Lyrica)    |  | اثر بخشي بالا در كاهش درد نور و پاتيك؛<br>عوارض مشابه گاباپنتين.                                |
| مهار کننده های باز جذب<br>سروتونین و نور اپینفرین<br>(SNRIs) | ۔ دولوکستين<br>(Cymbalta)   | افزایش سطح سروتونین و نور اپینفرین<br>در مغز، تنظیم احساس درد                          | علاوه بر کاهش درد، به بهبود خلقو خو<br>نیز کمک میکند؛ عوارض شامل تهوع و<br>خشکی دهان است.       |
|  | - ونلافاكسين<br>(Effexor)   |  | ممکن است در دوز های بالاتر مؤثرتر<br>باشد؛ نیاز به تنظیم دوز تدریجی دارد.                       |
| صدافسر دگیهای سهحلقهای<br>(TCAs)                             | - آمىتريپتيلين              | مسدود کردن باز جذب سروتونین و<br>نور اپینفرین، افز ایش دسترسی آن ها در<br>فضای سیناپسی | مؤثر اما با عوارض جانبی بیشتر مانند<br>خوابآلودگی، خشکی دهان و افت فشار<br>خون وضعیتی.          |
|  | ۔ نورتریپتیلین<br>(Pamelor) |  | نسبت به آمیتریپتیلین عوارض کمتری<br>دارد اما همچنان نیاز به نظارت دقیق<br>دارد.                 |
| مسدو دکننده های کانال سدیم                                   | ۔ کار باماز پین             | مهار کانالهای سدیم، تثبیت غشاهای<br>عصبی و جلوگیری از انتشار<br>سرگنالهای در د         | بیشتر برای نور الڑی ساقلو استفادہ<br>میشود؛ ممکن است عوارضی مانند                               |

## peripheral artery disease



The American Diabetes Association has recommended that a screening ABI

should be performed in patients >50 years of age with DM and, if normal,

should be repeated every five years.

The guideline further recommends consideration of screening ABI in patients with <u>DM age <50 years</u> with other PAD risk factors, such as **smoking**,

hypertension, hyperlipidemia, or diabetes duration >10 years

Initial screening for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) should include assessment of lower-extremity pulses, capillary refll time, rubor on depen dency, pallor on elevation, and venous filing time.

 Individuals with a history of leg fatigue, claudication, and rest pain relieved with dependency or de creased or absent pedal pulses should be referred for ankle-brachial index with toe pressures and for further vascular assessment as appropriate.



### محدوديتها

ABI ممکن است در بیماران مبتلا به کلسفیکاسیون شریانی (تصلب شرایین) یا در افرادی که دیابت دارند، غیرقابل اعتماد باشد زیرا شریانهای سفت ممکن است فشار کاذب را افزایش دهند 2 5 . همچنین، عدم وجود استاندار دسازی پروتکلها و نیاز به اپراتورهای ماهر میتواند بر دقت نتایج تأثیر بگذارد 2 3 .

### شکل زیر نمایانگر مقادیر مختلف ABI و تفسیر آن،است:

| وضعيت                           | مقدار ABI |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| طبيعى                           | 1.4 - 1.0 |
| احتمال PAD خفيف                 | 1.0 - 0.9 |
| PAD حفيف                        | 0.9 - 0.8 |
| PAD متوسط                       | 0.7 - 0.5 |
| PAD شدید (احتمال زخم یا گانگرن) | 0.5 >     |

#### روش انجام تست ABI

- أمادەسازى: بيمار بايد در حالت خوابيدە قرار گيرد و هيچ بخشى از بدن او نبايد از لبه تخت أويزان باشد.
- انداز مگیری فشار خون: از یک کاف فشار خون و یک پروب داپلر برای انداز مگیری فشار خون سیستولیک در مچ پا و بازو استفاده می شود.
  - محاسبه ABI: نسبت فشار خون سيستوليك در مج يا به فشار خون سيستوليك در بازو محاسبه مى شود:

$$\frac{{}_{\rm Leg}\!P}{{}_{\rm Arm}\!P} = {\rm ABI}$$

که در آنPفشار خون مچ پا و  $P_{
m Arm}$ فشار خون بازو است.

While ankle brachial indices will be calculated, they should be interpreted carefully, as they are known to be inaccurate in people with diabetes due to noncompressible vessels.

Toe systolic blood pressure tends to be more accurate. Toe systolic blood pressure <30 mmHg is suggestive of PAD and an inability to heal foot ulcerations. Individuals with abnormal pulse volume recording tracings and toe pressures <30 mmHg with foot ulcers should be referred for immediate vascular evaluation. Due to the high prevalence of PAD in people with

diabetes.



- Smoking cessation
- Lipid-lowering therapy

Thus, we suggest that all patients with PAD and DM should be treated with the maximum tolerated dose of a high-intensity statin (eg, rosuvastatin 20 to 40 mg, atorvastatin 40 to 80 mg daily)
 Antithrombotic therapy:Long term antithrombotic therapy using aspirin (75 to 100 mg/day) or clopidogrel (75 mg daily) is recommended for all patients with PAD, including those with DM, to reduce the risk of overall cardiovascular events and death unless contraindications exist.

We do not routinely recommended dual antiplatelet therapy (DAPT) for patients with DM and PAD, unless there is a clear indication such as coronary or peripheral arterial intervention.

## Glycemic control

Antihypertensive therapy

Diet and exercise





| Clinical classification of infection, definitions  | IWGDF/ <u>IDSA</u><br>classification |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| No systemic or local symptoms or signs of infection  | 1/Uninfected                         |
| <ul> <li>Infected: At least two of these items are present:</li> <li>Local swelling or induration</li> <li>Erythema &gt;0.5 but &lt;2 cm<sup>b</sup> around the wound</li> <li>Local tenderness or pain</li> <li>Local increased warmth</li> <li>Purulent discharge</li> </ul> | 2/Mild                               |
| And, no other cause of an inflammatory response of the skin<br>(e.g., trauma, gout, acute <u>charcot</u><br>neuro-arthropathy, fracture, thrombosis, or venous <u>stasis)</u>  | 3/Moderate                           |
| <ul> <li>Infection with no systemic manifestations and involving:</li> <li>Erythema extending ≥2 cm<sup>b</sup> from the wound margin, and/or</li> <li>Tissue deeper than skin and subcutaneous tissues (e.g.,</li> </ul>  |                                      |

tendon, muscle, joint, and <u>bone)</u>

Any foot infection with associated systemic manifestations (of 4/Severe the systemic inflammatory response syndrome [SIRS]), as manifested by ≥2 of the following:

- Temperature, > 38°C or <36°C</li>
- Heart rate, > 90 beats/min
- Respiratory rate, > 20 breaths/min, or PaCO2 < 4.3 kPa (32 mmHg)</li>
- White blood cell count >12,000/mm<sup>3</sup>, or < 4G/L, or >10% immature (band) forms

Infection involving bone (osteomyelitis)

Add "(O)"

The presence of clinically significant foot <u>ischaemia</u> makes both diagnosis and treatment of infection considerably more difficult. <sup>a</sup>infection refers to any part of the foot. <sup>b</sup>in any direction, from the rim of the wound.

if osteomyelitis is demonstrated in the absence of  $\geq 2$  signs/symptoms of local or systemic inflammation, classify the foot as either grade 3(O) (if <2 SIRS criteria) or grade 4(O) if  $\geq 2$  SIRS criteria) (see text).



| A. Findings suggesting a more serious diabetes-related foot infection |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wound specific  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wound   | Penetrates to subcutaneous tissues (e.g., fascia, tendon, muscle, joint, or bone)  |  |  |  |  |
| Cellulitis  | Extensive (>2 cm), distant from ulceration, or rapidly progressive (including lymphangitis)  |  |  |  |  |
| Local signs/sympto  | toms Severe inflammation or induration, crepitus, bullae, <u>discolouration</u> , necrosis or gangrene, ecchymoses or petechiae, and new <u>anaes</u><br>localised pain                                      |  |  |  |  |
| General   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Presentation  | Acute onset/worsening or rapidly progressive   |  |  |  |  |
| Systemic  | Fever, chills, hypotension, confusion, and volume depletion  |  |  |  |  |
| Laboratory tests  | Leucocytosis highly elevated C-reactive protein, or erythrocyte sedimentation rate, severe or worsening hyperglycemia, acidosis, new/worsening<br>azotaemia and electrolyte abnormalities tests              |  |  |  |  |
| Complicating<br>features  | Presence of a foreign body (accidently or surgically implanted), puncture wound, deep abscess, arterial or venous insufficiency, lymphoedema,<br>immunosuppressive illness or treatment, acute kidney injury |  |  |  |  |
| Failing treatment   | Progression while on apparently appropriate antibiotic and supportive therapy  |  |  |  |  |



## Osteomyelitis

In a person with diabetes, consider using a combination of probe-to-bone test, plain X-rays, and ESR, or CRP, or PCT as the initial studies to diagnose osteomyelitis of the foot. (Conditional; Low). Perform magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) when the diagnosis of diabetes-related osteomyelitis of the foot remains in doubt despite clinical, plain X-rays and laboratory findings. (Strong; Moderate). Consider using positron emission tomography (PET), leucocyte scintigraphy, or single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) as an alternative to MRI for the diagnosis of diabetesrelated osteomyelitis of the foot. (Conditional; Low).

## likelihood of osteomyelitis

Following factors increase the likelihood of osteomyelitis:

- Grossly visible bone or ability to probe to bone
  - Ulcer size larger than 2 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Ulcer duration longer than one to two weeks
- Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) >70 mm/hour



### **DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS**

- **Charcot arthropathy** Onset of Charcot arthropathy may be acute or subacute.
- Patients characteristically present with sudden onset of unilateral warmth,

redness, and edema over the foot or ankle, often with history of minor trauma .

The a infected foot may be discernably warmer than the contralateral foot.

Alternatively, in some cases, patients present with a slowly progressing

arthropathy with insidious onset of swelling over months or years.

Occasionally, recurrent acute attacks may occur. The most frequently involved

joints are the tarsus and tarsometatarsal joints, followed by the





Fig. 3.15 Unilateral oedema and erythema in acute onset Charcot's osteoarthropathy.

## **DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS**

- Venous stasis.
- Deep vein thrombosis.
- Crystal-associated arthritis.
- / Fracture and other trauma-associated injuries.
- Usually, these can be distinguished from infection based on clinical history,
   physical exam, and imaging finndings.
- However, infection may coexist with other processes, and empiric antimicrobial therapy may be warranted in some cases when the diagnosis is uncertain.

# انديكاسيون بسترى

Consider hospitalising all persons with diabetes and a foot infection who have either a severe foot infection as classified by the IWGDF/IDSA classification or a moderate infection which is associated with key relevant morbidities. (Conditional; Low). Assess inflammatory serum biomarkers such as C-reactive protein (CRP), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), or procalcitonin (PCT) in a person with diabetes and a possible infected foot ulcer for whom the clinical examination is diagnostically equivocal or uninterpretable. (Best Practice Statement).
#### B. Factors that should lead to considering hospitalisation

Severe infection (see findings suggesting a more serious diabetes-related foot infection above)

Metabolic or haemodynamic instability

Intravenous therapy needed (and not available/appropriate as an outpatient)

Diagnostic tests needed that are not available as an outpatient

Severe foot ischaemia is present

Surgical procedures (more than minor) required

Failure of outpatient management

Need for more complex dressing changes than patient/caregivers can provide

Need for careful, continuous observation



### **Obtaining samples for culture**

Wound culture is often helpful in cases of moderate or severe infection and when the concern for multidrug-resistant organisms is high.

Ideally, samples for culture should be obtained prior to the initiation of empiric antibiotics. However, in cases of systemic toxicity or limb-threatening infections, antibiotic therapy should not be withheld before surgical cultures are obtained.

The preferred clinical specimens for reliable culture include aspirate from an abscess or curettage

from the ulcer base following supercial debridement of necrotic tissue.

Organisms cultured from superficial swabs are not reliable for predicting the pathogens responsible

for deeper infection .

# **Obtaining samples for culture**

In the setting of osteomyelitis, bone biopsy is the preferred method of sample collection for culture.

If performed percutaneously, sampling through uninvolved tissue under radiographic guidance is preferred.

Although sinus tract cultures may be of some use for prediction of osteomyelitis if *S. aureus* or *Salmonella* species are identified, in general, such cultures are not worthwhile .

Samples should be sent for Gram stain and both aerobic and anaerobic bacterial cultures.

If infection in a clinically stable patient fails to respond to more than one antibiotic course, some favor discontinuing antimicrobial therapy for a few days (eg, 48 to 72 hours) in order to obtain a biopsy for culture of antibiotics and optimize the fyield .

In general, this is a safe and reasonable approach, although deep cultures are

often positive even if therapy is continued up to the time of debridement.



# Table 3. Features characteristic of diabetes-related osteomyelitis of the foot on plain X-rays.

- New or <u>evollistaving</u> radiographic <u>features</u> on serial <u>radiographs</u>, <sup>b</sup>including:
  Loss of bone cortex, with bony erosion or <u>demineralisation</u>
  Focal loss of <u>trlistaabecular</u> pattern or marrow radiolucency (<u>demineralisation</u>)
  Periosteal reaction or elevation
- Bone sclerosis, with or without erosion
- Abnormal soft tissue density in the subcutaneous fat, or gas density, extending from skin towards underlying bone, suggesting a deep ulcer or sinus tract
- Presence of <u>sequestruma</u>: <u>devitalised</u> bone with <u>radiodense</u> appearance separated from normal bone
- Presence of <u>involucrum</u><sup>a</sup>: layer of new bone growth outside previously existing bone resulting, and originating, from stripping off the periosteum
- Presence of <u>cloacae</u>: opening in the involucrum or cortex through which sequestrum or granulation tissue may discharge

| اصطلاح                            | تعريف و توضيحات  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| سکست <u>ر و</u> م<br>(Sequestrum) | به استخوان مردهای اطلاق می شود که به دلیل عفونت (استئومیلیت) دچار نکروز شده و دیگر خونر سانی<br>ندارد. این استخوان به عنوان محلی بر ای پناه گرفتن میکروب ها عمل میکند و میتواند باعث مزمن شدن<br>عفونت شود 2 1 . |
| اينولكروم<br>(Involucrum)         | استخوان جدیدی است که در اثر جدا شدن پریوست (پرده بافتی دور استخوان) از استخوان اصلی ایجاد می شود. این<br>استخوان جدید به عنوان یک پاسخ التهابی به عفونت شکل می گیرد 2 1 .  |
| کلواک (Cloaca)                    | به مجرایی اشار ه دار د که از طریق آن چرک و بافتهای عفونی از ناحیه عفونی خارج میشوند. این مجرا معمولاً<br>به سطح پوست باز میشود و نشاندهنده وجود عفونت مزمن است 4 3 .   |

تغییرات رادیولوژیکی در بیماران مبتلا به زخم دیابتی و استئومیلیت معمولاً نشانههای خاصبی را نشان میدهند. در زیر جدولی از این تغییرات بر اساس منابع معتبر علمی ارائه شده است:

| منبع | توحبيحات  | نوع تغيير                |
|------|---|--------------------------|
| 2    | کاهش تراکم استخوان معمولاً به عنوان اولین نشانه استئومیلیت در رادیوگرافی مشاهده میشود. این تغییرات<br>ممکن است چند هفته پس از شروع عفونت ظاهر شوند. | کاهش تر اکم<br>استخوان   |
| 1    | وجود نواحي تيره در تصاوير راديوگرافي ممكن است نشاندهنده تخريب بافت استخواني باشد كه به دليل<br>عفونت ايجاد شده است.                                 | نواحي تير ه<br>(لكولها)  |
| 1    | وجود گاز در بافتهای نرم اطراف استخوان میتواند نشانهای از عفونتهای خاص مانند کلستریدیوم باشد.  | وجود گاز در بافت<br>عمقی |
| 5    | تخریب استخوان به صورت چرخه های لیتیک و حلقه های اسکلروزیس قابل مشاهده است که نشاندهنده<br>فعالیت عفونی است.   | تخريب استخوان            |
| 1    | آبسه های استخوانی و تجمع مایعات در تصاویر رادیو گرافی قابل مشاهده هستند، که نشاندهنده عفونت شدید<br>است.  | آبسهها                   |
| 1    | تغییرات در بافت نرم اطراف استخوان، مانند ادم و التهاب، که میتواند به وضوح در MRI یا سونوگرافی<br>دیده شود.  | تغییرات در بافت<br>نرم   |





39-year-old man with chronic osteomyelitis of the tibia and a draining wound. Plain logs (A and B) demonstrate a sclerotic sequestrum in the defect of the tibia (arrow). Magnetic resonance imaging axial T1 & T2 images (C and D) show the sequestrum (arrow) in the intraosseous abscess. The abscess/sinus tract can be seen extending to the skin on the T2 image (arrowhead).

|        |            | اينولكروم (Involucrum)                                     | سكستروم (Sequestrum)   | ویژگی               |
|--------|------------|--|--|---------------------|
|        | Secuestrum | استخوان جدیدی که بین پر یوست و استخوان<br>تشکیل میشود      | استخوان مرده جدا شده از استخوان سالم                                   | تعريف               |
|        | Sequestrum | ناشي از تلاش بدن بر اي جداسازي ناحيه عفوني<br>و نكروزه     | ناشی از نکروز و مرگ سلولهای استخوانی به دلیل عفونت یا<br>کاهش خونرسانی | منشأ                |
| R      |            | داراي عروق څوني (واسکولار)                                 | فاقد عروق خوني (أواسكولار)   | وضىعىيت<br>خونرسانى |
| Cloaca |            | جداسازي ناحیه عفوني و كمك به ترمیم                         | محل تجمع عفونت مزمن  | نقش در عفونت        |
|        |            | ممکن است نیازی به مداخله نداشته باشد، مگر در<br>صورت عفونت | معمولاً نياز به جراحي براي برداشتن دارد                                | درمان               |

#### Osteomyelitis of the toe



Radiograph of the foot demonstrates air in the soft tissues about the 5th toe (black arrowheads). Cortical destruction of the 5th metatarsal head is also seen (white arrow). Irregular contour of the overlying skin represents associated soft tissue ulceration (asterisk).

Courtesy of Perry Horwich, MD.

- Conventional radiography (eg, plain x-ray) is a reasonable initial imaging modality for evaluation of suspected osteomyelitis in patients with at least two weeks of clinical symptoms; it is not adequate for detection of early osteomyelitis .
- Bony destructive changes on radiography lag at least two weeks behind clinical infection; approximately 50 to 75 percent of the bone matrix must be destroyed before plain radiographs demonstrate lytic changes



- Bone marrow signal abnormality on MRI is a nonspecifc finding that can be seen with a variety of other pathologies including contusion, fracture, postsurgical change, arthritis, neoplasm, and Charcot arthropathy.
  - Establishing the correct diagnosis depends on the clinical setting and on additional imaging findings. Moreover, if infection coexists with additional pathology that can cause bone marrow edema, MRI cannot reliably distinguish between marrow changes attributable to infection and those attributable to other pathology.
- Lastly, bone marrow changes may persist for weeks to months after osteomyelitis begins to respond to therapy.

MRI

Intravenous contrast does not improve the detection of osteomyelitis on

MRI but does improve the distinction between phlegmon, necrotic tissue, and abscess.

 Preliminary data suggest that techniques such as difusion-weighted MRI and dynamic contrast-enhanced MRI (DCE-MRI) may help in the diferentiation of Charcot arthropathy from osteomyelitis

#### Penumbra sign in osteomyelitis

| تعريف و توضيحات   | اصطلاح           |
|---|------------------|
| "Penumbra sign" یک نشانه ر ادیولو ژیک در تصویر بر داری با MRI است که به طور خاص در تشخیص عفونت<br>استخوان (استئومیلیت) و به ویژه آبسه برودی (Brodie's abscess) مشاهده می شود. این نشانه به ناحیه ای اطلاق<br>می شود که حاوی سیگنال های ضعیف هایپر اینستنس است و توسط بافت گر انو لاسیون احاطه شده است. این ویژگی به عنوان<br>یک علامت اولیه عفونت استخوان شناخته می شود و میتواند در تشخیص افتر اقی با تومور های استخوانی مفید باشد 1 | Penumbra<br>Sign |
| شناسایی "penumbra sign" میتواند به تشخیص سریعتر استئومیلیت کمک کند و از عوارض جدی مانند آرتریت<br>سپتیک جلوگیری نماید. این نشانه به ویژه در بیمار انی که سابقه جراحی دارند یا علائم غیرقابل توجیه در د استخوان را<br>تجربه میکنند، اهمیت دارد 2 1 .   | اھميت بالينى     |
| این نشانه ممکن است در سایر شرایط مانند استئود اوستئوم، کوندروسارکوم، و گرانولوم ائوزینوفیلیک نیز دیده شود،<br>بنابراین باید در تشخیص افتراقی در نظر گرفته شود 1 .   | تشخيص افتراقى    |

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan shows the penumbra sign (a transitional zone with relative signal intensity between abscess and sclerotic bone marrow on T1-weighted MRI).

CT

CT is more sensitive than conventional radiography for assessing cortical and trabecular integrity, periosteal reaction, intraosseous gas, soft tissue gas, and the extent of sinus tracts It is useful in chronic osteomyelitis and may be the most useful modality to evaluate for the presence of osseous sequestra and involucrum.

Intravenous contrast is required for detection of soft tissue abnormalities such as sinus tracts.

Noncontrast CT allows assessment of gas but does not evaluate soft tissue pathology as well as a contrasted CT.

Metallic hardware can give rise to artifact that may degrade CT image quality and limit diagnostic capability .

#### Osteomyelitis in the heel



(A) Sagittal computed tomography image demonstrates cortical fragmentation of the plantar aspect of the calcaneus (arrows) and adjacent air and soft tissue ulceration.

(B) Corresponding fluid-sensitive short inversion time inversion recovery (STIR) image demonstrates extensive high-signal edema in the calcaneus (asterisk) and again demonstrates posterior plantar ulcer overlying the calcaneus (arrow).

# Ultrasound

Ultrasound may be a useful diagnostic tool for circumstances in which other modalities are not readily available.

Typically, bone is not well depicted by ultrasound, because the cortical surface of the bone

refelects the acoustic energy that is used to generate ultrasound images.

However, changes superfcial to cortical bone can be visualized by ultrasound.

- In osteomyelitis, ultrasound can demonstrate elevation and/or thickening of the periosteum due to pus emanating from the bone
- Ultrasound may be more useful for detection of these findings in pediatric patients, since the periosteum in the pediatric skeleton is more loosely adherent to the cortex than in the adult skeleton.
- Ultrasonography is considered excellent for aspirating suspected infected fluid collections or abscesses

# درمان آنتی بیوتیک

Do not treat clinically uninfected foot ulcers with systemic or

local antibiotic therapy when the goal is to reduce the risk of new

infection or to promote ulcer healing.( Best Practice Statement. )

| Dral agents for empiric treatment of mild to moderate diabetic foot infections                      | _ |
|---|---|
| Regimens with activity against streptococci and staphylococci (MSSA)                                |   |
| Cephalexin <b>or</b>  |   |
| Dicloxacillin <b>or</b>   |   |
| Amoxicillin-clavulanate or  |   |
| Clindamycin   |   |
| Regimens with activity against streptococci and MRSA  |   |
| Clindamycin* or   |   |
| Linezolid or  |   |
| Cephalexin <b>or</b> dicloxacillin  |   |
| PLUS  |   |
| Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole or doxycycline  |   |
| Regimens with activity against streptococci, MRSA, aerobic gram-negative bacilli $\P$ and anaerobes |   |
| Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole   |   |
| PLUS  |   |
| Amoxicillin-clavulanate or Moxifloxacin   |   |
| -OR-  |   |
| Clindamycin*  |   |
| PLUS  |   |
| Ciprofloxacin <sup>¶</sup> or Levofloxacin <sup>¶</sup>   |   |

| Antibiotic dosing for adults with normal renal function $^{\Delta}$ |   |
|---|---|
| Cephalexin  | 500 mg every 6 hours  |
| Dicloxacillin   | 500 mg every 6 hours  |
| Clindamycin   | 300 to 450 mg every 6 to 8 hours  |
| Linezolid   | 600 mg every 12 hours   |
| Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (co-trimoxazole)                      | 2 double-strength tablets (trimethoprim 160 mg and sulfamethoxazole 800 mg per tablet) every 12 hours     |
| Doxycycline   | 100 mg orally every 12 hours  |
| Amoxicillin-clavulanate   | 875/125 mg every 12 hours   |
| Ciprofloxacin   | 500 mg every 12 hours (or, if there is concern for <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , 750 mg every 12 hours) |
| Levofloxacin  | 500 mg every 24 hours (or, if there is concern for <i>P. aeruginosa</i> , 750 mg every 24 hours)          |
| Moxifloxacin <sup>◊</sup>   | 400 mg every 24 hours   |

MSSA: methicillin-susceptible Staphylococcus aureus; MRSA: methicillin-resistant S. aureus. \* Check

susceptibility testing.

¶ Only the regimens containing ciprofloxacin or levofloxacin have expected activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Empiric coverage for *P. aeruginosa* may not be necessary unless the patient has a particular risk for involvement with this organism, such as a macerated wound or one with significant water exposure. When there is concern for *P. aeruginosa*, higher dosing of ciprofloxacin or levofloxacin is appropriate, as described in the dosing section above. Δ Many of these agents require adjustment of the dose in the setting of renal dysfunction. ♦ Moxifloxacin is not recommended for the treatment of *P. aeruginosa*.

| Parenteral agents for empiric treatment of moderate to severe diabetic foot infections* |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
|   | Dosing (for adults with normal renal function) ¶  | Activity against Pseudomonas $^{\Delta}$ |  |
| Beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitors   |   |  |  |
| Ampicillin-sulbactam  | 3 g every 6 hours                                 | No                                       |  |
| Piperacillin-tazobactam <sup>◊</sup>  | 3.375 g every 6 hours or 4.5 g every 6 to 8 hours | Yes, when dosed 4.5 g every 6 hours      |  |
| Carbapenems   | •   |  |  |
| Imipenem-cilastatin <sup>◊</sup>  | 500 mg every 6 hours                              | Yes                                      |  |
| Meropenem <sup>◊</sup>  | 1 g every 8 hours                                 | Yes                                      |  |
| Ertapenem   | 1 g every 24 hours                                | No                                       |  |
| Combination regimens  | •   |  |  |
| Metronidazole PLUS one of the following:  | 500 mg every 8 hours                              | No                                       |  |
| Ceftriaxone   | 1 to 2 g every 24 hours                           | No                                       |  |
| Ceftazidime <sup>◊</sup>  | 1 to 2 g every 8 hours <sup>§</sup>               | Yes, when 2 g dose is used               |  |
| Cefepime <sup>◊</sup>   | 2 g every 8 to 12 hours <sup>¥</sup>              | Yes                                      |  |
| Ciprofloxacin <sup>‡</sup>  | 400 mg IV every 8 to 12 hours                     | Yes <sup>†</sup>                         |  |
| Levofloxacin  | 750 mg IV every 24 hours                          | Yes <sup>†</sup>                         |  |
| Moxifloxacin  | 400 mg every 24 hours                             | No                                       |  |
| Aztreonam <sup>‡</sup>  | 2 g every 8 hours                                 | Yes <sup>†</sup>                         |  |

| PLUS one of the following if MRSA coverage is | swarranted                         |  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Vancomycin**                                  | 15 to 20 mg/kg every 8 to 12 hours |  |
| Linezolid <sup>¶¶</sup>                       | 600 mg every 12 hours              |  |
| Daptomycin $\Delta\Delta$                     | 4 to 6 mg/kg every 24 hours        |  |

AUC: area under the 24-hour time-concentration curve.

\* These regimens do not have activity against carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae. Patients who have suspected or documented infection with a carbapenem-resistant organism should be managed in consultation with an expert in infectious diseases.

¶ Many of these agents require adjustment of the dose in the setting of renal dysfunction.

Δ Empiric coverage for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* may not be necessary except in severe cases or when the patient has particular risk for involvement with this organism, such as a macerated wound or one with significant water exposure.

O These antibiotics can be given as a prolonged infusion over 3 to 4 hours. Patients who have a high risk of infection with drug-resistant pathogens or who are critically ill in the setting of a severe infection are most likely to bene t from prolonged infusion dosing. For additional information, refer to other UpToDate content on prolonged infusions of beta-lactams.

§ We aim to use the higher cefepime dose, particularly for severe infections or neutropenic patients, but dosing should take into account the condition treated, the minimum inhibitory concentration of the isolate, the potential for toxicity, and other patient-speci c factors.

¥ In certain circumstances, such as prolonged outpatient antibiotic therapy, a dosing interval of every 12 hours may be considered; however, this dosing regimen has not been well-studied.

‡ These agents should be used in combination with an agent that has good gram-positive coverage, such as vancomycin, linezolid, or daptomycin.

<sup>+</sup> Variable activity against Pseudomonas. Consult local susceptibility data before use.

\*\* For severely ill patients, a vancomycin loading dose (20 to 35 mg/kg) is appropriate; within this range, we use a higher dose for critically ill patients. The loading dose is based on actual body weight, rounded to the nearest 250 mg increment and not exceeding 3000 mg. The initial maintenance dose and interval are determined by nomogram (typically 15 to 20 mg/kg every 8 to 12 hours for most patients with normal renal function). Subsequent dose and interval adjustments are based on AUC-guided or trough-guided serum concentration monitoring. Refer to the UpToDate topic on vancomycin dosing for sample nomogram and discussion of vancomycin monitoring

¶¶ Because of the toxicity associated with long-term linezolid use, we do not recommend this agent for treatment of osteomyelitis. ΔΔ Higher doses may be needed if there is concomitant osteomyelitis.

| $_{\rm FI}$ Table 5. Duration of antibiotic therapy according to the clinical situation. |                   |                         |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Route             | Duration                |
|  |                   |                         |
| Infection severity ( <mark>skin and soft tissues</mark> )                                |                   |                         |
| Class 2: Mild  | Oral              | <mark>1–2 weeksa</mark> |
| Class 3/4: Moderate/severe   | Oral/initially iv | <mark>2–4 weeks</mark>  |
|  |                   |                         |
| Bone/joint   |                   |                         |
| Resected   | Oral/initially iv | <mark>2–5 days</mark>   |
| Debrided (soft tissue infection)   | Oral/initially iv | <mark>1–2 weeks</mark>  |
| Positive culture or histology of bone margins after bone resection                       | Oral/initially iv | <mark>3 weeks</mark>    |
| No surgery or dead bone  | Oral/initially iv | <mark>6 weeks</mark>    |
|  |                   |                         |

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Abbreviation: iv, intravenous. <u>10 days</u> following surgical debridement.

Administer antibiotic therapy to a patient with a skin or soft tissue diabetic foot infection for a duration of 1–2 weeks. (Strong; High).

Consider continuing treatment, perhaps for up to 3–4 weeks, if the infection is improving but is extensive and is resolving slower than expected or if the patient has severe peripheral artery disease (PAD). (Conditional, Low).

(c) If evidence of infection has not resolved after 4 weeks of apparently appropriate therapy, reevaluate the patient, and reconsider the need for further diagnostic studies or alternative treatments. (Strong; Low). If appropriate wound cultures were submitted, antimicrobial therapy should be tailored to culture and susceptibility results when available.

However, it is not always necessary to cover all microorganisms isolated from cultures

.Virulent species such as S. aureus and streptococci (group A or B) should always be covered,

but in polymicrobial infections, less virulent organisms (such as coagulase negative

staphylococci and enterococci) may be less important.

Furthermore, if isolates are resistant to an empiric regimen to which the patient is clearly responding well, broadening the spectrum to include those isolates may not be necessary.

On the other hand, if the patient is not responding, expanding therapy to target all isolated organisms may be warranted.

For those patients who were initiated on parenteral therapy, a switch to an oral regimen is reasonable following clinical improvement.

Do not empirically target antibiotic therapy against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in cases of DFI in temperate climates, but use empirical treatment of *P. aeruginosa* if it has been isolated from cultures of the affected site within the previous few weeks, in a person with moderate or severe infection who resides in Asia or North Africa. (Best Practice Statement.)

Consider a duration of up to 3 weeks of antibiotic therapy after minor amputation for diabetes-related osteomyelitis of the foot and positive bone margin culture and 6 weeks for diabetes-related foot osteomyelitis without bone resection or amputation. (Conditional; Low).
 Use the outcome at a minimum follow-up duration of 6 months after the end of the antibiotic

therapy to diagnose remission of diabetes-related osteomyelitis of the foot.

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## در زیر جدولی از باکتری های گرم مثبت و گرم منفی که میتوانند در انسان عفونت ایجاد کنند، ار ائه شده است:

| باکتر ی های گرم منفی                          | باکتر ی های گرم مثبت    |
|---|-------------------------|
| اشر شيا کلی (Escherichia coli)                | استافيلوكوكوس اورئوس    |
| سودوموناس آئروژينوزا (Pseudomonas aeruginosa) | استريتوكوكوس پيوڙنز     |
| كلاميديا تر اكوماتيس (Chlamydia trachomatis)  | استريتوكوكوس ينومونيه   |
| کامپیلوباکٹر (Campylobacter)                  | انتر وكوكوس فكاليس      |
| هليكوباكتر پيلورى (Helicobacter pylori)       | ليستريا مونوسيتوژنز     |
| ويبريو ڪرا (Vibrio cholerae)                  | باسيلوس أنتر اسيس       |
| لېتوسېيرا (Leptospira)                        | كورينه باكتريوم ديفتريا |

در زیر جدولی از تفاوت های باکتری های گرم مثبت و گرم منفی که میتوانند در بدن عفونت ایجاد کنند، ار ائه شده است:

| ويڑگى                    | باکتر ی های گرم مثبت                          | باکتر ی های گرم منفی                      |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| ساختار ديواره سلولي لا   | لايه ضنخيم پيتيدو گلايكان                     | لايه نازك پپتيدوگلايكان و وجود غشاي خارجي |
| رنگآميزي گرم بد          | بنفش (به دليل جذب كريستال ويوله)              | قرمز يا صورتي (به دليل جذب سافرانين)      |
| حساسيت به آنتىبيوتيكها م | معمولاً حساستر به آنتىييوتيكها مانند پنىسيلين | معمو لأ مقاومتر به آنتىييوتيكها           |
| وجود أنتىژن 0 فا         | فاقد آنتیژن () اختصاصی                        | دار ای آنتیژن () اختصاصی                  |
| عفونت، های شایع ام       | استافيلوكوكوس اورئوس، استرپتوكوكوس پيوژنز     | اشر شيا كلي، سودوموناس آئروڙينوزا         |
| سموم توليدي م            | ممكن است سموم خارج سلولي توليد كنند           | معمولاً توليد اندوتوكسين (LPS)            |
| شر ایط ر شد نی           | نياز غذايي سادهتر                             | نياز غذايي پيچيدەتر                       |

### در زیر جدولی از باکتری های گرم مثبت هوازی و غیر هوازی که میتوانند در بدن عفونت ایجاد کنند، ار ائه شده است:

| ویژگیها   | نام باکتر ی           | نوع باکتری         |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| عامل عفونت.های پوستی، عفونت.های تنفسی و مسمومیت غذایی | استافيلوكوكوس اورئوس  | گرم مثبت ہوازی     |
| عامل پنومونی اکتسابی و مننژیت.                        | استريتوكوكوس ينومونيه |                    |
| عامل عفونت های ادر ار ی و عفونت های قلبی-عروقی.       | انتر وكوكوس فكاليس    |                    |
| عامل مسمومیت غذایی و عفونتهای پوستی.                  | باسيلوس سرئوس         |                    |
| عامل گانگرن گازی و مسمومیت غذایی.                     | كلستريديوم پرفرنجنز   | گرم مثبت غیر ہوازی |
| عامل عفونت،های رودهای و اسهال ناشی از آنتیبیوتیک      | كلستر يديوم ديفيسيل   |                    |
| میتواند باعث عفونت های مزمن و عفونت های بافت نرم شود. | اكتينومايسس           |                    |

باکتری های گرم مثبت هوازی و غیر هوازی تفاوت های مهمی دارند که به ویژگی های ساختاری، متابولیسم و نیاز های اکسیژنی آن ها مربوط میشود. در زیر به این تفاوت ها اشاره میشود:

| باکتری های گرم مثبت غیر هوازی   | باکتری های گرم مثبت هوازی                                  | و پڑ گی                      |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| قادر به رشد در شرایط بدون اکسیژن هستند.   | نیاز به اکسیژن برای رشد و تولید<br>انرژی دارند.            | نیاز به اکسیژن               |
| متابوليسم تخميري يا تنفس بي هوازي دارند.  | متابوليسم تنفسي (تنفس هوازي) دارند.                        | متابوليسم                    |
| كلستريديوم پرفرنجنز، باكتروئيدها  | استافيلوكوكوس اورئوس،<br>استرپتوكوكوس پنومونيه             | مثال&ا                       |
| ممكن است نسبت به بر خي آنتيبيو تيك ها مقاومتر باشند.  | معمو لاً نسبت به آنتىبيو تيك ها حساس تر<br>هستند.          | حساسيت بـه<br>آنتىبيو تيك.ها |
| در محیطهای بیهوازی یا کماکسیژن بهتر رشد میکنند.   | در محیطهای غنی از اکسیژن بهتر رشد<br>میکنند.               | محيط ر شد                    |
| مشابه باکتری های هوازی، اما ممکن است دارای ویژگی های خاصبی باشند<br>که آن ها را در شرایط بی هوازی سازگار کند. | دار ای لایه صخیم پیتیدو گلیکان و فاقد<br>عشای خارجی هستند. | ساختار ديواره<br>سلولي       |

عوامل مختلفی باعث افزایش مقاومت به آنتیبیوتیک در باکتری های Pseudomonas aeruginosa می شوند. این عوامل شامل ویژگی های ژنتیکی، محیطی و رفتاری هستند که به شرح زیر است:

| عامل   | توصيحات   |
|--|---|
| قاهش نفوذپذیری غشای<br>فارجی                             | Pseudomonas aeruginosa قادر است به طور انتخابی مانع از نفوذ آنتیبیوتیک ها به داخل سلول خود<br>شود. این ویژگی به دلیل ساختار خاص غشای خارجی و وجود پروتئین های خاص مانند oprl و oprl است<br>که بر روی سیستم انتشار دارو تأثیر میگذارند 1 3 . |
| وليد أنزيمهاي تخريبكننده                                 | اين باكترى مىتواند أنزيمهايى مانند بتالاكتاماز ها توليد كند كه قادر به تخريب أنتىبيوتيكها، به ويژه بتالاكتامها<br>هستند 2 4 .   |
| جود پلاسميدهاي مقاوم                                     | پلاسمیدها میتوانند ژنهای مقاومت را از یک باکتری به باکتری دیگر منتقل کنند، که این امر باعث گسترش<br>سریع مقاومت در میان جمعیتهای باکتریایی میشود 5 6 .  |
| جهش های ژنتیکی   | تغییر ات ژنتیکی در Pseudomonas aeruginosa میتواند باعث ظهور مقاومت به آنتیبیوتیکها شود.<br>این جهش ها ممکن است به طور طبیعی یا تحت فشار های انتخابی ایجاد شوند 5 6 .  |
| شار انتخابی ناشی از<br>ستفاده نادر ست از<br>نتیبیو تیکها | استفاده نادرست و غیرضروری از آنتیبیوتیکها، مانند تجویز نامناسب یا طولانیمدت، فشار انتخابی را بر<br>روی باکتریها افزایش میدهد و منجر به بقای سویههای مقاوم میشود 4 6 .   |
| حیطهای بیمار ستانی و<br>عفونتهای مزمن                    | Pseudomonas aeruginosa معمولاً در محیطهای بیمارستانی و در عفونتهای مزمن مانند<br>عفونتهای ریه در بیماران مبتلا به فیبروز کیستیک یافت میشود، که این شرایط موجب افزایش احتمال   |

## Table 4. Proposals for the empirical antibiotic therapy according to clinical presentation and microbiological data (from Lipsky et al.<sup>11</sup>).\*

| Infection severity | Additional factors              | Usual pathogen(s) <sup>b</sup> | Potential empirical regimens <sup>c</sup>   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <mark>Mild</mark>  | No complicating features        | GPC                            | Semisynthetic penicillinase-resistant penicillin (cloxacillin)  |
|                    |                                 |                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> generation cephalosporin ( <u>cephalexin)</u>   |
|                    | ß-lactam allergy or intolerance | GPC                            | Clindamycin; fluoroquinolone ( <u>levo/moxi-floxacin</u> ); trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole;<br>doxycycline           |
|                    | Recent antibiotic exposure      | GPC + GNR                      | ß-lactam-ß lactamase inhibitor1 (amoxicillin/clavulanate, ampicillin/sulbactam)                                     |
|                    |                                 |                                | Fluoroquinolone (levo/moxi-floxacin); trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole   |
|                    | High risk for MRSA              | MRSA                           | Linezolid; trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole; clindamycin; doxycycline, fluoroquinolone<br>(levofloxacin, moxifloxacin) |
| Moderate or         | No complicating features                       | GPC ± GNR                                | ß-lactam-ßlactamase inhibitor1 (amoxicillin/clavulanate, ampicillin/sulbactam)   |  |  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| severe <sup>d</sup> |  |  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporine (cefuroxime, cefotaxime, <u>ceftriaxone)</u>   |  |  |
|                     | Recent antibiotics                             | GPC ± GNR                                | ß-lactam-ßlactamase inhibitor2 (ticarcillin/clavulanate, piperacillin/tazobactam)  |  |  |
|                     |  |  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporine (cefuroxime, cefotaxime, ceftriaxone) group 1<br>carbapenem (ertapenem); (depends on prior therapy; seek <u>advice)</u>  |  |  |
|                     | Macerated ulcer or warm climate                | GNR, including<br><i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. | ß-lactam-ß lactamase inhibitor2 (ticarcillin/clavulanate, piperacillin/tazobactam)<br>semisynthetic penicillinase-resistant penicillin (cloxacillin) + ceftazidime or ciprofloxacin<br>group 2 carbapenem ( <u>mero/imi-penem)</u> |  |  |
|                     | Ischaemic limb/necrosis/ gas<br>forming        | GPC ± GNR ± strict<br>anaerobes          | ß-lactam-ß lactamase inhibitor1 ( <mark>amoxicillin/clavulanate</mark> , ampicillin/sulbactam) or ß-<br>lactam-ß lactamase inhibitor2 (ticarcillin/clavulanate, <mark>piperacillin/tazobactam</mark> )                             |  |  |
|                     |  |  | Group 1 (ertapenem) or 2 ( <u>mero/imi-penem</u> ) carbapenem  |  |  |
|                     |  |  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> (c <mark>efuroxime</mark> )/3 <sup>rd</sup> (cefotaxime, ceftriaxone) generation cephalosporin <u>+_clindamycin</u> or metronidazole   |  |  |
|                     | MRSA risk factors                              | MRSA                                     | Consider adding, or substituting with, glycopeptides (v <mark>ancomycin</mark> , teicoplanin <mark>); [[Linezolid</mark> ;<br>daptomycin; <u>fusidic</u> acid, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole; <mark>doxycycline</mark>             |  |  |
|                     | Risk factors for <mark>resistant</mark><br>GNR | ESBL                                     | Carbapenem (erta/mero/imi-penem); fluoroquinolone (ciprofloxacin); Aminoglycoside<br>(amikacin); colistin  |  |  |
|                     |  |  |  |  |  |

Antibiotics enclosed in brackets are cited as examples. High risk for MRSA: previous MRSA infection or colonisation. MRSA risk factors: prolonged hospitalisation, intensive care admission, recent hospitalisation, recent antibiotic use, invasive procedures, HIV infection, admission to nursing homes, open wounds, haemodialysis, discharge with long-term central venous access.

Abbreviations: ESBL, extended-spectrum &-lactamase; GNR, gram-negative rod; GPC, gram-positive cocci (staphyloc ci and strept occi); HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; MRSA, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. a Recommendations are based upon theoretical considerations and results of available clinical trials. b Refers to isolates from an infected foot ulcer, not just colonisation at another site. c Given at the usual recommended doses for serious infections. Where more than one agent is listed, only one of them should be prescribed unless otherwise indicated. Consider modifying doses or agents selected for patients with comorbidities such as azotaemia, liver dysfunction, and obesity. d Oral antibiotic agents should generally not be used for severe infections, except as a follow-on (switch) after initial parenteral therapy.

The duration of antibiotic therapy should be tailored to individual clinical circumstances. Patients with mild infection should receive oral antibiotic therapy in conjunction with attentive wound care until there is evidence that the infection has resolved (usually about one to two weeks).

Antibiotics need not be administered for the entire duration that the wound remains open.



The urgent surgical consultation should be obtained in cases of severe

infection or moderate DFI complicated by extensive gangrene, necrotising infection, signs suggesting deep (below the fascia) abscess, compartment syndrome, or severe lower limb ischaemia. (Best Practice Recommendation.) Consider performing early (within 24–48 h) surgery combined with antibiotics for moderate and severe DFIs to remove the infected and necrotic tissue. (Conditional; Low).

### Consultation with a surgeon

The utility of early surgical debridement was illustrated in a retrospective review of 112 diabetic patients with severe foot infections.

Those patients who underwent surgical intervention at the time of presentation had a significantly lower rate of above-ankle amputation than those who received three days of intravenous antimicrobial therapy prior to surgery. In people with diabetes, PAD and a foot ulcer or gangrene with infection

involving any portion of the foot obtain an urgent consultation by a surgical

specialist as well as a vascular specialist in order to determine the indications and timings of a drainage and/or revascularisation procedure.

(Best Practice Statement.)

Consider performing surgical resection of infected bone combined with systemic antibiotics in a person with diabetes-related osteomyelitis of the foot. (Conditional; Low).

Consider antibiotic treatment without surgery in case of (i) forefoot osteomyelitis without an immediate need for incision and drainage to control infection, (ii) without PAD, and (iii) without exposed bone. (Conditional; Low).

### Infected and ischemic diabetic foot ulcer



Foot from a diabetic patient with an ulcer that extends to the deep layers with signs of local infection, cellulitis, and necrosis. This lesion healed completely after a hospital stay involving excision of necrotic tissue but no amputation.

Partial amputations of the foot (eg, ray or trans metatarsal amputations) may adversely alter the biomechanics of the foot,

increasing the risk of future ulceration.

Thus, in certain cases, limited surgical debridement combined

with prolonged antibiotic therapy may be appropriate .

However, extensive surgical debridement or resection is preferable in the following clinical circumstances :

Persistent sepsis without an alternate source

- / Inability to receive or tolerate appropriate antibiotic therapy
- **Progressive bone deterioration** despite appropriate antibiotic therapy
- Mechanics of the foot are compromised by extensive bony destruction requiring correction
- Surgery is needed to achieve soft tissue wound or primary closure

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Of loading of plantar ulcerations

- Debridement of necrotic, nonviable tissue
- Revascularization of ischemic wounds when necessary
- Management of infection: soft tissueor bone
- Use of physiologic, topical dressings

# Off Loading



Disadvantages of total contact casting include expertise needed in applying the cast, inability to inspect the foot frequently, inconvenience in activities of daily living (eg, bathing), and the risk of developing a secondary ulcer in an ill- fitting cast (particularly in patients with neuropathy) .. Frequent cast changes may be needed to avoid complications. Total contact casts should not be used in patients with infected ulcers or wounds, osteomyelitis, peripheral ischemia (ankle-brachial index <0.6), bilateral ulceration, lower extremity amputation, or heel ulceration</li>

### **Cast walkers**

- An alternative to total contact casting is a prefabricated brace called a cast walker that is designed to maintain a total contact.
  - Several cast walkers (nonremovable, removable) are commercially available and provide the capability to olfoad the foot similar to contact casts.
  - A signifcant disadvantage of the cast walker is poor patient compliance if the cast walker is removed.
  - Prefabricated products are at least as good as total contact casting for offloading the foot and equalizing foot pressures when the foot anatomy is normal, as illustrated in the studies below,

but data are not available demonstrating these effects for patients with diabetic foot deformities.





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# **WOUND DEBRIDEMENT**

### Surgical

Sharp excisional debridement of chronic wounds decreases bacterial load and stimulates

contraction and wound epithelialization .

Surgical debridement is the most appropriate choice for removing large areas of necrotic

tissue and is indicated whenever there is any evidence of infection (cellulitis, sepsis).

Surgical debridement is also indicated in the management of chronic nonhealing wounds to remove infected tissue, handle undermined wound edges, or obtain deep tissue for culture and pathology.

### Enzymatic

Enzymatic debridement involves applying exogenous enzymatic agents to the wound. Many

products are commercially available ,but results of clinical studies are mixed and their specific effect remains unclear.

- Ulcer healing rates are not improved with the use of most topical agents, including debriding enzymes.
- However, collagenase may promote endothelial cell and keratinocyte migration, thereby stimulating angiogenesis and epithelialization as its mechanism of action, rather than functioning as a strict debridement agent.
- It also remains a good option in patients who require debridement but are not surgical candidates.



Maggot therapy has been used in the treatment of pressure ulcers , chronic

venous ulceration, diabetic ulcers .and other acute and chronic wounds .

The larvae secrete proteolytic enzymes that liquefy necrotic tissue, which is subsequently ingested while leaving healthy tissue intact.

Basic and clinical research suggests that maggot therapy has additional

benefits, including antimicrobial action and stimulation of wound healing.



Maggot therapy can be used as a bridge between

debridement procedures, or for debridement of chronic

wounds when surgical debridement is not available or cannot

be performed .Maggot therapy may also reduce the duration

of antibiotic therapy in some patients

Larvae are generally changed every 48 to 72 hours.

Treatment of necrotic tissue with maggots



(A) Infection of necrotic skin associated with ulcerated cancer.(B) After treatment with maggots.(C) Maggots in a tea bag.

### **Biologic debridement with larvae**



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#### **Types of wound healing**



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# **WOUND DRESSINGS**

### Irrigation

There is no high-level evidence to support the use of any particular additive to the irrigant, nor any

particular additive over another.

The act of irrigation and the volume of irrigant probably provides the primary positive benefits.

Warm, isotonic (normal) saline is typically used; however, systematic reviews have found no

significant diferences in rates of infection for tap water compared with saline for wound cleansing .

The addition of dilute iodine or other antiseptic solutions (eg, chlorhexidine, hydrogen peroxide, sodium hypochlorite) is generally unnecessary. Such additives have minimal action against bacteria, and some, but not all, may impede wound healing.

### **WOUND PACKING**

- A traditional gauze dressing is often used to pack wounds to aid in continuing debridement of devitalized tissue from the wound bed.
- The gauze is moistened with normal saline or tap water and placed into the wound and covered with dry layers of gauze.
- As the moistened gauze dries, it adheres to surface tissues, which are then removed when the dressing is changed. Dressing changes should be frequent enough that the gauze does not dry out completely, which can be two to three times daily.

• A disadvantage of gauze dressings is that they can also remove developing

granulation tissue, resulting in reinjury.

Thus, these dressings are discontinued when all the necrotic tissue has

been removed and granulation is occurring.

An alternative to gauze dressing for managing wounds with significant dead

space is negative pressure wound therapy.

## **WOUND PACKING**

Many of the materials that are used as topical dressings for wounds (foams, alginates, hydrogels) can be molded into the shape of the wound and are useful for wound packing.

As with their use in dressing wounds, there is little consensus over what constitutes the best material for wound packing.

Wound dressing changes associated with large defects can be managed without repeated applications of tape to the skin by using Montgomery straps.



There is little clinical evidence to aid in the choice between the different types of wound dressings.

Consensus opinion supports the following general principles for chronic wound management ,but similar principles may be used for acute wound management:

- Hydrogels for the debridement stage.
- Low-adherent dressings that maintain moisture balance for the granulation stage
- Low-adherent dressings for the epithelialization stage.

Dressings are typically changed once a day or every other day to avoid disturbing the wound healing environment.

Because some dressings may impede some aspects of wound healing, they should be used with caution.

As examples, alginate dressings with high calcium content may impede epithelialization by triggering premature terminal diferentiation of keratinocytes ,and highly silver-containing dressings are potentially cytotoxic and should not be used in the absence of significant infection.

#### Wound management dressing guide

| Type of tissue  | Therapeutic<br>goal   | Role of<br>dressing  | Treatment options   |   |  |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| in the wound  |   |  | Wound bed<br>preparation  | Primary dressing                            | Secondary dressing   |
| <ul> <li>Necrotic,<br/>black, dry</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Remove<br/>devitalized<br/>tissue</li> <li>Do not attempt<br/>debridement if<br/>vascular<br/>insufficiency<br/>suspected</li> <li>Keep dry and<br/>refer for<br/>vascular<br/>assessment</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Hydration of<br/>wound bed</li> <li>Promote<br/>autolytic<br/>debridement</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Surgical or<br/>mechanical<br/>debridement</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Hydrogel</li> <li>Honey</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Polyurethane<br/>film dressing</li> </ul>   |
| <ul> <li>Sloughy,<br/>yellow, brown,<br/>black or grey</li> <li>Dry to low<br/>exudate</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Remove slough</li> <li>Provide clean<br/>wound bed for<br/>granulation<br/>tissue</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Rehydrate<br/>wound bed</li> <li>Control<br/>moisture<br/>balance</li> <li>Promote<br/>autolytic<br/>debridement</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Surgical or<br/>mechanical<br/>debridement if<br/>appropriate</li> <li>Wound<br/>cleansing<br/>(consider<br/>antiseptic<br/>wound<br/>cleansing<br/>solution)</li> </ul> | <ul><li>Hydrogel</li><li>Honey</li></ul>    | <ul> <li>Polyurethane<br/>film dressing</li> <li>Low adherent<br/>(silicone)<br/>dressing</li> </ul> |

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| in the wound  |  |   | Wound bed<br>preparation  | Primary dressing  | Secondary dressing  |
| <ul> <li>Sloughy,</li> <li>Granulating,<br/>clean, red</li> <li>Moderate to<br/>high exudate</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Remove slough</li> <li>Exudate<br/>management</li> <li>Provide healthy<br/>wound bed for<br/>epithelialization</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Absorb excess</li> <li>Maintain<br/>moisture<br/>balance</li> <li>Protect new<br/>tissue growth</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Surgical or</li> <li>Wound<br/>cleansing</li> <li>Consider<br/>barrier<br/>products</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Absorbent dressing</li> <li>Absorbent dressing<br/>(alginate/CMC/foam)</li> <li>Low adherent<br/>(silicone) dressing</li> <li>For deep wounds, use<br/>cavity strips, rope or<br/>ribbon versions</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Retention<br/>allergy<br/>potential and<br/>secondary<br/>complications</li> </ul> |
| <ul> <li>Epithelializing,<br/>red, pink</li> <li>No to low<br/>exudate</li> </ul>                       | <ul> <li>Promote<br/>epithelialization<br/>and wound<br/>maturation<br/>(contraction)</li> </ul>                                   | <ul> <li>Protect new<br/>tissue growth</li> </ul>   |   | <ul> <li>Hydrocolloid (thin)</li> <li>Polyurethane film dressing</li> <li>Low adherent (silicone) dressing</li> </ul>   |   |
| <ul> <li>Infected</li> <li>Low to high<br/>exudate</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Reduce<br/>bacterial load</li> <li>Exudate<br/>management</li> <li>Odor control</li> </ul>                                | <ul> <li>Antimicrobial action</li> <li>Moist wound healing</li> <li>Odor absorption</li> </ul>                      | <ul> <li>Wound<br/>cleansing<br/>(consider<br/>antiseptic<br/>wound<br/>cleansing<br/>solution)</li> <li>Consider<br/>barrier<br/>products</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Antimicrobial<br/>dressing</li> </ul>  |   |

# **Antiseptics and antimicrobial agents**

### **Iodine-based**

- Cadexomer iodine (eg, lodosorb) is an antimicrobial that reduces bacterial load within the wound and stimulates healing by providing a moist wound environment .
- Cadexomer iodine is bacteriocidal to all gram positive and gram-negative bacteria.
- For topical preparations, there is some evidence to suggest that cadexomer iodine generates higher healing rates than standard care but should likely only be considered for use on a short term basis.
### Silver-based

- Although silver is toxic to bacteria, silver-containing dressings have not demonstrated significant benefits in comparison with other topical wound dressings.
- A systematic review evaluating topical silver in infected wounds identifed three trials that treated 847 participants with various silver-containing dressings.
- One trial compared silver-containing foam (Contreet) with hydrocellular foam (Allevyn) in patients with leg ulcers. The second compared a silver-containing alginate (Silvercel) with an alginate alone (Algosteril). The third trial compared a silver-containing foam dressing (Contreet) with best local practice in patients with chronic wounds.

Silver-containing foam dressings were not found to significantly improve

ulcer healing at four weeks compared with non-silver-containing dressings for best local practices.

• Nevertheless, silver dressings are used by many clinicians to decrease the heavy bacterial surface contamination.



Honey has been used since ancient times for the management of wounds. Honey has broad-

spectrum antimicrobial activity due to its high osmolarity and high concentration of hydrogen peroxide .

Medical-grade honey products are now available as a gel, paste, and impregnated into adhesive, alginate, and colloid dressings .

Based upon the results of systematic reviews evaluating honey to aid healing in a variety of wounds, there are insuficient data to provide any recommendations for the routine use of honey for all wound types; specific wound types, such as burns, may bene t, whereas others, such as chronic venous ulcers, may not.

| Туре                | Actions  | Indications/use  | Precautions/contraindications  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Alginates/CMC*      | <ul> <li><u>Absorb_fluid</u>.</li> <li>Promote autolytic</li> <li>debridement.</li> <li>Moisture control.</li> <li>Conformability to wound bed.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Moderate to high<br/>exuding wounds.</li> <li>Special cavity presentations in<br/>the form of rope or ribbon.</li> <li>Combined presentation with<br/>silver for antimicrobial activity.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Do not use on dry/necrotic wounds.</li> <li>Use with caution on friable tissue (may cause bleeding).</li> <li>Do not pack cavity wounds tightly.</li> </ul>     |
| Foams               | <ul> <li>Absorb fluid.</li> <li>Moisture control.</li> <li>Conformability to wound bed.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Moderate to high<br/>exuding wounds.</li> <li>Special cavity presentations in<br/>the form of strips or ribbon.</li> <li>Low-adherent versions<br/>available for patients with</li> <li>fragile skin.</li> <li>Combined presentation with silver or<br/>PHMB for antimicrobial activity.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Do not use on dry/necrotic wounds<br/>or those with minimal exudate.</li> </ul>   |
| H <mark>oney</mark> | <ul> <li>Rehydrate wound bed.</li> <li>Promote autolytic         <ul> <li>debridement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Antimicrobial action.</li> </ul>               | <ul> <li>Sloughy, low to moderate<br/>exuding wounds.</li> <li>Critically colonized wounds or<br/>clinical signs of infection.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>May cause "drawing" pain<br/>(<u>osmotic</u> effect).</li> <li>Known sensitivity.</li> </ul>  |
| Hydrocolloids       | <ul> <li>Absorb fluid.</li> <li>Promote autolytic debridement.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Clean, low to moderate<br/>exuding wounds.</li> <li>Combined presentation with<br/>silver for antimicrobial activity.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Do not use on dry/necrotic wounds<br/>or high exuding wounds.</li> <li>May encourage</li> <li><u>exergranulation</u>.</li> <li>May cause maceration.</li> </ul> |

| Туре  | Actions  | Indications/use   | Precautions/contraindications  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Hydrogels   | <ul> <li>Rehydrate wound bed.</li> <li>Moisture control.</li> <li>Promote autolytic         <ul> <li>debridement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cooling.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Dry/low to moderate exuding<br/>wounds.</li> <li>Combined presentation with<br/>silver for antimicrobial activity.</li> </ul>                        | <ul> <li>Do not use on highly exuding<br/>wounds or where anaerobic<br/>infection is suspected.</li> <li>May cause maceration.</li> </ul>                              |
| Iodine  | <ul> <li>Antimicrobial action.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Critically colonized wounds or clinical signs of infection.</li> <li>Low to high exuding wounds.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Do not use on dry necrotic tissue.</li> <li>Known sensitivity to iodine.</li> <li>Short-term use recommended (<u>risk</u> of systemic absorption).</li> </ul> |
| Low-adherent<br>wound contact<br>layer (silicone) | <ul> <li>Protect new tissue growth.</li> <li>Atraumatic to periwound skin.</li> <li>Conformable to body contours.</li> </ul>                               | <ul> <li>Low to high exuding wounds.</li> <li>Use as contact layer on super cial low exuding wounds.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>May dry out if left in place for too long.</li> <li>Known sensitivity to silicone.</li> </ul>   |
| рнмв  | <ul> <li>Antimicrobial action.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Low to high exuding wounds.</li> <li>Critically colonized wounds or clinical signs of infection.</li> <li>May require secondary dressing.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Do not use on dry/necrotic wounds.</li> <li>Known sensitivity.</li> </ul>   |
|   |  |   |  |
| Odor control (eg,<br>activated charcoal)          | <ul> <li>Odor absorption.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Malodorous wounds (due to excess exudate).</li> <li>May require antimicrobial if</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Do not use on dry wounds.</li> </ul>  |

due to increased bioburden.

#### Properties of topical agents and dressing materials

|   | Protease<br>modulating | <ul> <li>Active or passive control of<br/>wound protease levels.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Clean wounds that are not<br/>progressing despite correction<br/>of underlying causes, exclusion<br/>of infection, and optimal wound<br/>care.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Do not use on dry wounds or<br/>those with leathery eschar.</li> </ul>  |
|---|------------------------|---|---|--|
| > | Silver                 | <ul> <li>Antimicrobial action.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Critically colonized wounds or clinical signs of infection.</li> <li>Low to high exuding wounds.</li> <li>Combined presentation with foam and alginates/CMC for increased absorbency. Also in paste form.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Some may cause discoloration.</li> <li>Known sensitivity.</li> <li>Discontinue after 2 weeks if no improvement and reevaluate.</li> </ul> |
|   | Polyurethane film      | <ul> <li>Moisture control.</li> <li>Breathable bacterial barrier.</li> <li>Transparent (allow visualization of wound).</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Primary dressing over<br/>superficial low exuding wounds.</li> <li>Secondary dressing over<br/>alginate or hydrogel for<br/>rehydration of wound bed.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Do not use on patients with fragile/compromised periwound skin.</li> <li>Do not use on moderate to high exuding wounds.</li> </ul>        |

Other more advanced dressings (eg, collagen and bioengineered tissue products) may be considered for wounds that are hard to heal<sup>[1]</sup>.

CMC: carboxymethylcellulose; PHMB: polyhexamethylene biguanide.

\* Wound dressings may contain alginates or CMC only; alginates may also be combined with CMC.

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We suggest not using the following treatments to address DFIs:
 (a) adjunctive granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF)
 treatment or (b) topical antiseptics, silver preparations, honey,
 bacteriophage therapy, or negative- pressure wound therapy
 (with or without instillation). (Conditional; Low).

We suggest not using topical (sponge, cream, and cement) antibiotics in combination

with systemic antibiotics for treating either soft-tissue infections or osteomyelitis of the foot in patients with diabetes. (Conditional; Low).

We suggest not using Hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) therapy or topical oxygen therapy as an adjunctive treatment for the sole indication of treating a DFI. (Conditional; Low).

Note: the available data did not allow making a recommendation on the use of rifampicin for the treatment of diabetes- related osteomyelitis of the foot.

### Table 12.2—Categories of advanced wound therapies

Negative-pressure wound therapy

Standard electrically powered

Mechanically powered

#### Oxygen therapies

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy

Topical oxygen therapy

Oxygen-releasing sprays, dressings

### Biophysical

Electrical stimulation, diathermy Pulsed electromagnetic fields, pulsed radiofrequency energy Low-frequency noncontact ultrasound Extracorporeal shock wave therapy

#### Growth factors

Becaplermin: platelet-derived growth factor Fibroblast growth factor Epidermal growth factor

### Autologous blood products

Platelet-rich plasma Leukocyte, platelet, fibrin multilayered patches Whole blood clot Acellular matrix tissues Xenograft dermis Bovine dermis Xenograft acellular matrices Small intestine submucosa Porcine urinary bladder matrix Ovine forestomach Equine pericardium Fish skin graft Bovine collagen Bilayered dermal regeneration matrix Human dermis products Human pericardium Placental tissues Amniotic tissues/amniotic fluid Umbilical cord

Bioengineered allogeneic cellular therapies

Bilayered skin equivalent (human keratinocytes and fibroblasts) Dermal replacement therapy (human fibroblasts)

Stem cell therapies

Autogenous: bone marrow-derived stem cells Allogeneic: amniotic matrix with mesenchymal stem cells

Miscellaneous active dressings

Hyaluronic acid, honey dressings, etc. Sucrose octasulfate dressing  There have been a number of developments in the treatment of ulcerations over the years .These include negative-pressure therapy, growth factors, bioengineered tissue, acellular matrix tissue, stem cell therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, and, most recently, topical oxygentherapy. • While there is literature to support many modalities currently used to treat diabetic foot wounds, robust RCTs are often lacking.

However, it is agreed that the initial treatment and evaluation of ulcerations include the following five basic principles of ulcer treatment.

### Negative pressure wound therapy

Based on randomized trials showing improved wound healing ,we suggest NPWT for extensive open wounds following debridement for infection and necrosis, or following partial foot amputation, provided there is no residual necrotic tissue or infected bone (osteomyelitis).

- NPWT, also called vacuum-assisted closure (VAC), involves the application of controlled sub atmospheric pressure to the surface of the ulcer.
- NPWT enhances healing by increasing wound perfusion, reducing edema, reducing the local bacterial burden, and increasing the formation of granulation tissue.

## Negative pressure wound therapy

NPWT appears to improve healing of diabetic foot ulcers, as well as wounds following diabetic foot surgery.

NPWT also decreases the length of hospitalization, complication rates, and costs.

Among ve trials in a systematic review, NPWT signifcantly increased the chance of foot ulcer healing compared with dressings (risk ratio [RR] 1.40, 95% CI 1.14-1.72).

## **Negative pressure wound therapy**

Among three trials, NPWT reduced the risk of amputation (RR 0.33, 95% CI 0.15-0.70). There was no effect on ulcer recurrence.

For managing postoperative wounds, a multicenter trial followed 162 diabetic patients for 16 weeks following partial foot amputation [59]. Compared with the control group, the NPWT group had a significantly higher percentage of patients with healed wounds (56 versus 39 percent), and shorter time to complete closure (42 versus 84 days).





Fig. 4.14 (a) VAC pump sponge attached to plantar aspect of foot. (b) VAC pump sponge also attached to dorsolateral aspect of foot. (c) Pump sponge being removed from foot.



(d) The VAC pump and drainage tube, canister and sponges.(e) Ulcer healing after 10 days VAC therapy.

(e)

Hyperbaric oxygen 

(d)

## Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT)

- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) may be associated with improved healing as a component of diabetic ulcer management, but the indications for HBOT in the treatment of nonhealing diabetic foot ulcers remain uncertain.
- Most, but not all meta-analyses of randomized trials suggest that hyperbaric oxygen therapy may a benefit in the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers; however, each meta-analysis noted variability in methodologic quality of the included studies .
- The available trials are limited by small sample size and heterogeneity of the wounds being treated (eg, ulcer size, ulcer depth, microbial environment, presence of ischemia.
- No conclusions could be drawn regarding specific indications for or timing of therapy.

# Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT)

- A pooled analysis found significantly improved wound healing (OR 9.99, 95% CI 3.97-25.1) and decreased risk of amputation (odds ratio [OR] 0.24, 95% CI 0.14-0.43) for HBOT.
- A later meta-analysis found similar results .As an example of these effects, in one of the larger trials that included 70 patients with severely ischemic foot ulcers, the amputation rate was 9 percent in the treatment group and 33 percent in the control.

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In another trial that included 94 patients, <mark>significantly</mark> more wounds healed completely in the HBOT group compared with a placebo group (52 versus 29 percent).

However, in a later longitudinal cohort of 6259 patients with diabetic foot

ulcers, use of HBOT did not result in better wound healing, and amputation

rates were similar to those not receiving the therapy.

Topical oxygen therapy/continuous di ffusion of oxygen appears to be associated with improved healing of diabetic foot ulcers.

This therapy involves local administration of oxygen and appears to improve epithelialization by upregulating vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) expression and collagen synthesis, improving overall matrix deposition, and altering microbiome ecology.

# **Topical oxygen therapy**

 Several sham controlled, double-blind randomized trials support the use of this therapy, including a multinational study that included 220 subjects, which reported a 4.5-fold greater rate of healing in those receiving active topical oxygen therapy at home compared with placebo.

Other similarly designed studies have reported similar findings.

Shock wave therapy, which consists of treatment using a handheld probe to deliver high-energy pulses locally to the wound, purportedly increases local perfusion and angiogenesis, disrupts biofi lm, and may upregulate growth factors.

Observational and small randomized trials suggest that shock wave therapy may improve healing of chronic diabetic foot ulcers .

In two proprietary trials, 336 patients were randomly assigned to shock wave therapy (DermaPACE) or usual care consisting of wet-to-dry dressings or debridement. At 24-week follow-up, significantly more patients in the shock wave group achieved complete wound closure compared with usual care (44 versus 30 percent.)

## **Growth factors**

- Platelet-derived growth factor Becaplermin is a PDGF gel preparation that promotes cellular
   proliferation and angiogenesis and thereby improves wound healing .
- It is approved for use in the United States as an adjuvant therapy for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers and is the only pharmacological agent approved for the treatment of chronic wounds.
- The growth factor is delivered in a topical aqueous-based sodium carboxymethylcellulose gel. It is indicated for noninfected diabetic foot ulcers that extend into the subcutaneous tissue and have an adequate vascular supply

A black box warning mentions a concern for malignancy; however, the overall malignancy risk is believed to be low.

 Malignancy complications of this therapy may reflect usage of the agent in multiple courses of treatment, and possible selective transformation of wounds already at risk.

• A post-marketing study found an increased rate of mortality secondary to malignancy in patients treated with three or more tubes of becaplermin (3.9 versus 0.9 per 1000 person years) compared with controls .

# **Platelet-Rich plasma**



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# Platelet-rich plasma for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcer: a systematic review

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Twenty studies were evaluated, and nineteen measures for the evaluation of the efficacy of PRP in DFU treatment were introduced by eliminating relevant duplicate measures. The meta-analysis found that PRP was significantly improve the healing rate(OR = 4.37, 95%CI 3.02-6.33, P < 0.001) and shorten the healing time(MD =-3.21, 95% CI-3.83 to-2.59,P < 0.001)of patients with DFU when compared to the conventional treatment, but there was no significant difference in reducing the of ulcer area (MD = 5.67, 95% CI-0.77 to 12.11, P = 0.08 > 0.05).

## **Epidermal growth factor**

Epidermal growth factor – In a study of chronic venous ulcers, topical application of human recombinant epidermal growth factor was associated with a greater reduction in ulcer size (7 versus 3 percent reduction) and higher ulcer healing rate (35 versus 11 percent) compared with placebo, but these diferences were **not statistically significant**. Epithelialization was not significantly affected.

## Granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor

Granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor – Intradermal injections of

GM-CSF promote healing of chronic leg ulcers, including venous ulcers.

A trial that randomly assigned 60 patients with venous ulcers to four weekly injections with GM-CSF 200 mcg, 400 mcg, or placebo found significantly higher rates of healing at 13 weeks in the GM-CSF group (57, 61, and 19 percent, respectively) .GM-CSF has been used in various types of chronic wounds to promote healing .

## Skin grafts and substitutes

Human skin grafts and bioengineered skin substitutes (eg, Dermagraft, Apligraf, TheraSkin, Graftskin, EpiFix, Zelen, Graftjacket, Hyalograft 3D, Kaloderm, OrCel) have been studied in individuals with noninfected, nonischemic chronic plantar diabetic foot ulcers.

A systematic review identifed 17 trials using skin grafts or substitutes for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers. The incidence of completed closure of diabetic foot ulcers was significantly improved for the skin grafts or substitutes compared with standard care (RR 1.55, 95% CI 1.30-1.85).

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| تحریک الکتریکی (Electrical)<br>(Stimulation                                       | ايجاد جريان الكتريكي براي<br>تحريك مهاجرت سلولهاي<br>ترميمي و افزايش جريان خون به<br>ناحيه زخم. | - تسريع بازسازى<br>بافت<br>- افزايش جريان<br>خون<br>- بهبود<br>اكسيژنرسانى | - نیاز به<br>تجهیز ات خاص<br>- مطالعات<br>محدود با کیفیت<br>پایین | ز خمهای مزمن و<br>دیابتی                           |
| انرڑی رادیوفرکانس پاٹسی (Pulsed)<br>(Radiofrequency Energy                        | ارسال امواج راديويي پالسي<br>براي تحريک متابوليسم سلولي و<br>افزايش توليد فاکتور هاي رشد.       | - كاهش التهاب<br>- تحريك<br>بازسازي بافت<br>- بهبود جريان<br>خون           | - شواهد علمی<br>محدود<br>- نیاز به<br>تجهیزات<br>پیشرفته          | ز خمهای التهابی و<br>مزمن                          |
| شوڪويو خارجی (Extracorporeal)<br>(Shock Wave Therapy                              | ار سال امواج شوک به ناحیه زخم<br>بر ای تحریک تولید فاکتور های<br>ر شد و افز ایش جریان خون.      | - تحريک توليد<br>فاکتور های رشد<br>- کاهش درد<br>- تسريع التيام            | ۔ ممکن است<br>در دناک باشد<br>- نیاز به<br>جلسات مکرر             | ز خمهای مزمن،<br>در دناک یا مقاوم به<br>در مان     |
| اولتر اسوند غیر تماسی با فرکانس پایین<br>Low-Frequency)<br>Noncontact Ultrasound) | ایجاد امواج صوتی غیرتماسی<br>برای تمیز کردن زخم و حذف<br>بافت مرده (دبریدمان).                  | - حذف بافت مردہ<br>- کاهش بار<br>میکروبی<br>- تسهیل فر آیند                | ۔ هزینه بالا<br>- نیاز به<br>اپراتور ماهر                         | دبریدمان زخمهای<br>عفونی یا دار ای<br>بافت نکروتیک |

### Effect of Cold Atmospheric Plasma Therapy vs Standard Therapy Placebo on Wound Healing in Patients With Diabetic Foot Ulcers

A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Of 65 diabetic foot ulcer wounds from 45 patients assessed for study, 33 wounds from 29 patients were randomized to CAP and 32 wounds from 28 to placebo, with 62 wounds from 43 patients (31 wounds per group) included for final evaluation (mean [SD] age, 68.5 [9.1] years for full sample). Four patients with 5 wounds of 31 (16.1%) wounds in the CAP group and 3 patients with 4 wounds of 31 (13%) wounds in the placebo group were active smokers. CAP therapy yielded a significant increase in wound healing, both in total mean (SD) area reduction (CAP vs placebo relative units, -26.31 [11.72]; P = .03) and mean (SD) time to relevant wound area reduction (CAP vs placebo relative units, 10% from baseline, 1.60 [0.58]; P = .009). Reduction of infection and microbial load was not significantly different between CAP and placebo. No therapy-related adverse events occurred during therapy; patient's perceptions during therapy were comparable.









پلاسماکلد سه حالت اول ماده عبارت است از جامد ، مایع و گاز که ماده از یک حالت به حالت بعد با اضافه کردن انرژی (اغلب به صورت گرما) تبدیل میشود . به عنوان مثال ، حالت "جامد" آب یخ است و با افزودن گرما (انرژی) به آب تبدیل و آب با افزودن گرمای بیشتری تبخیر می شود . پلاسما بعد از حالت گاز با اضافه کردن انرژی بیشتر بوجود می آید. هنگامی که به مولکول های گاز به بیش از پتانسیل یونیزاسیون خود انرژی داده می شوند ، الکترون ها قادر به فرار از ابر الکترون می شوند . این کار به ایجاد جفت یونهای با بار مثبت و الکترونهای با بار منفی منجر می شود.




## follow-up

Close follow-up is important to ensure continued improvement and to evaluate the need for

modifcation of antimicrobial therapy, further imaging, or additional surgical intervention.

Wound healing and a decrease in previously elevated inflammatory markers can be signs of clinical resolution and may be particularly helpful in cases of osteomyelitis.

If clinical evidence of infection persists beyond the expected duration, issues of patient adherence to therapy, development of antibiotic resistance, an undiagnosed deeper infection (eg, abscess or osteomyelitis), or ischemia should be evaluated.

## الگوریتم کلی مدیریت زخم دیابتی









