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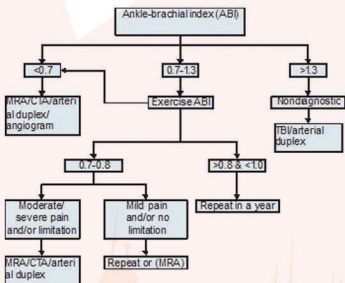


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Vascular causes of lower extremity wounds

Skin is the largest organ in our body but it can also be a harbinger of catastrophic heart and cerebrovascular disease. Early recognition of arterial insufficiency by doing some simple tests (ABI) you may significantly impact the progression of atherosclerosis and thus prevent a future heart attack or a stroke or even an amputation!



For the skin to heal it is not only the blood flow to the skin that is important but also the venous drainage that plays a pivotal role. Clinically recognizing the symptoms of venous insufficiency and requesting appropriate testing, the wound healing would be expedited thus preventing infection from spreading and putting the limb at risk of amputation.

Spectrum of Chronic Venous Insufficiency

- Leg pain, aching, or heaviness
- Leg cramps or tingling
- Leg swelling or feeling of swelling
- Itching
- Restless legs
- Varicose veins
- Spider veins
- Blood clots
- Bleeding
- Ulcers