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Clinical Signs of Critical Limb Ischemia

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Objectives

- Chronic Limb Threatening Ischemia (CLTI)
 - Definition
 - Risk Factors
 - Natural History
 - Diagnosis
 - Classification of Disease



• CLTI Definition

- Objective evidence of atherosclerotic PAD in association with ischemic rest pain and/or tissue loss
- Replace the antiquated “Critical Limb Ischemia”
 - Rest Pain with ankle pressure < 40 mmHg
 - Tissue loss with ankle pressure < 60 mmHg
- Clinical Presentation with hemodynamic confirmation as opposed to pure hemodynamic measurements

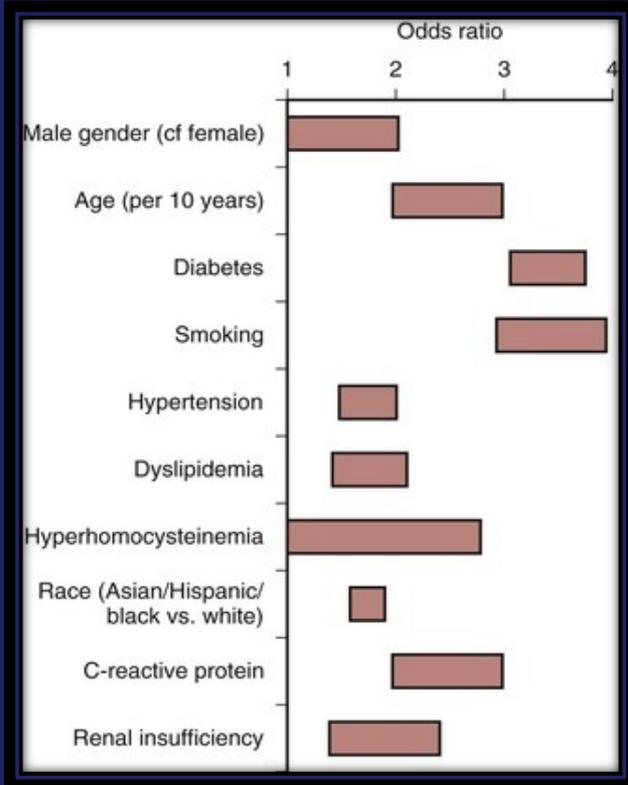


Risk Factors for PAD

- Smoking
- Diabetes
- HTN
- HLD
- Air Pollution
- CKD/ESRD
- Age
- Obesity
- Sedentary Lifestyle



Risk Factors



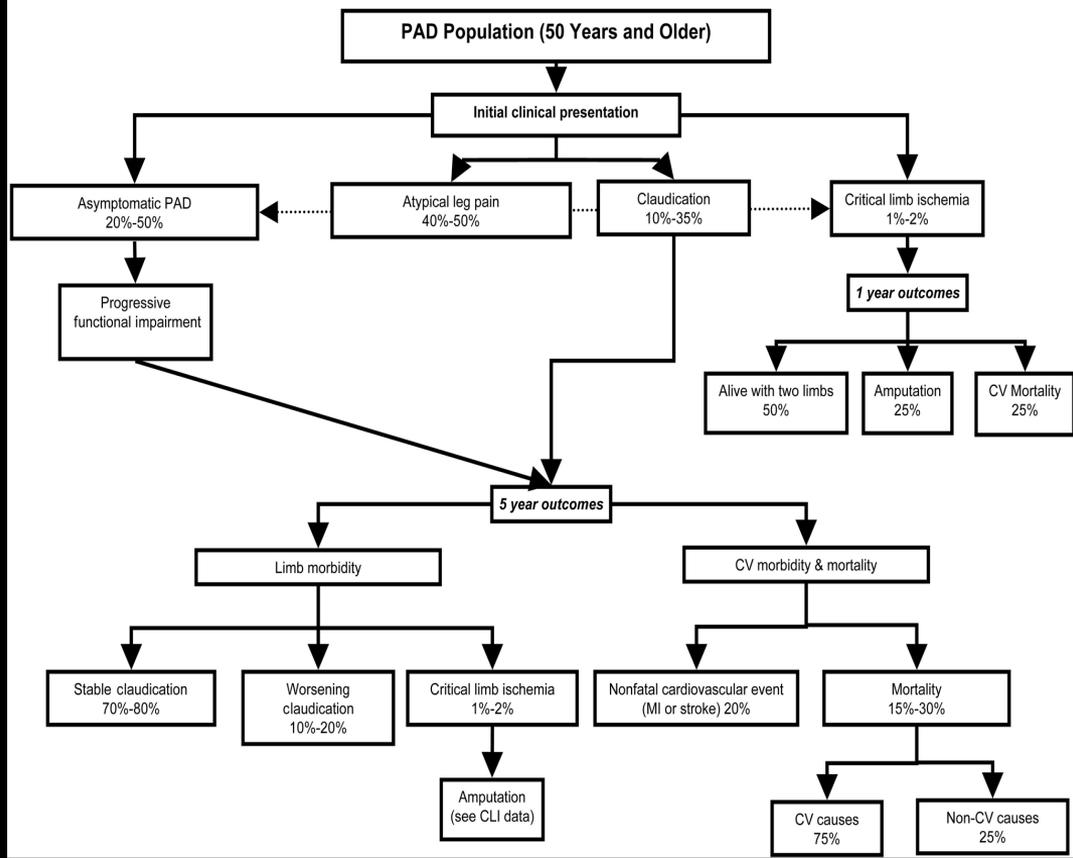
Approximate odds ratios for risk factors for symptomatic peripheral arterial disease

CLTI is an end-stage manifestation systemic atherosclerosis:

- Often accompanied by significant CV disease
- High mortality from MI and stroke
- Prognosis is Poor (1yr mortality ~20-26% without aggressive treatment of risk factors)



Natural History of Atherosclerotic Lower Extremity PAD Syndromes



Alan T. Hirsch et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2006; 47:1239-1312.

- More recent studies estimate the rate of progression to CLTI from PAD is ~5-21% at 5 years

(J Am Coll Cardiol 2006;47(6):1239-1312)
(Eur J Vasc Endovas Surg 2016;51:395-403)

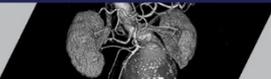
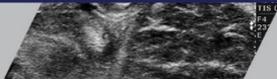
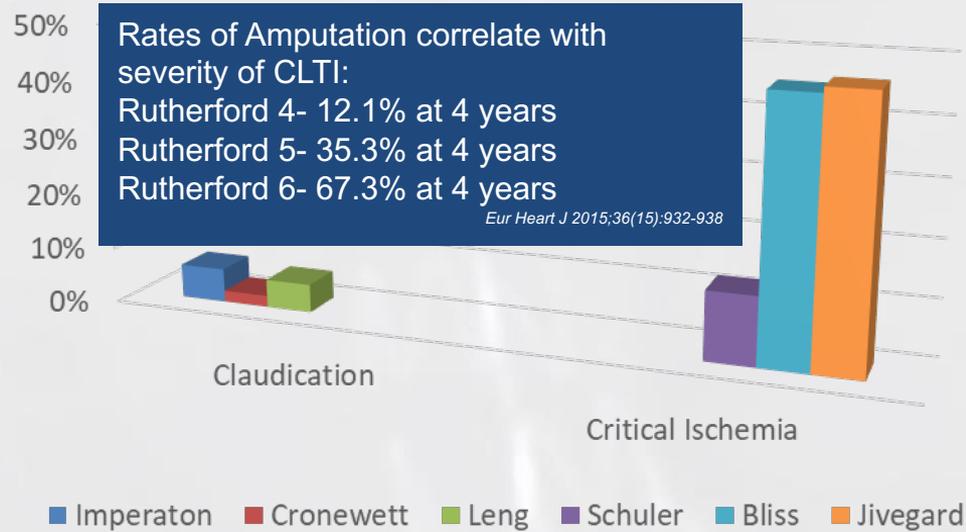
- ~50% of CLTI patients had no prior diagnosis of PAD

(J Vasc Surg 2003;37(3):704-708)

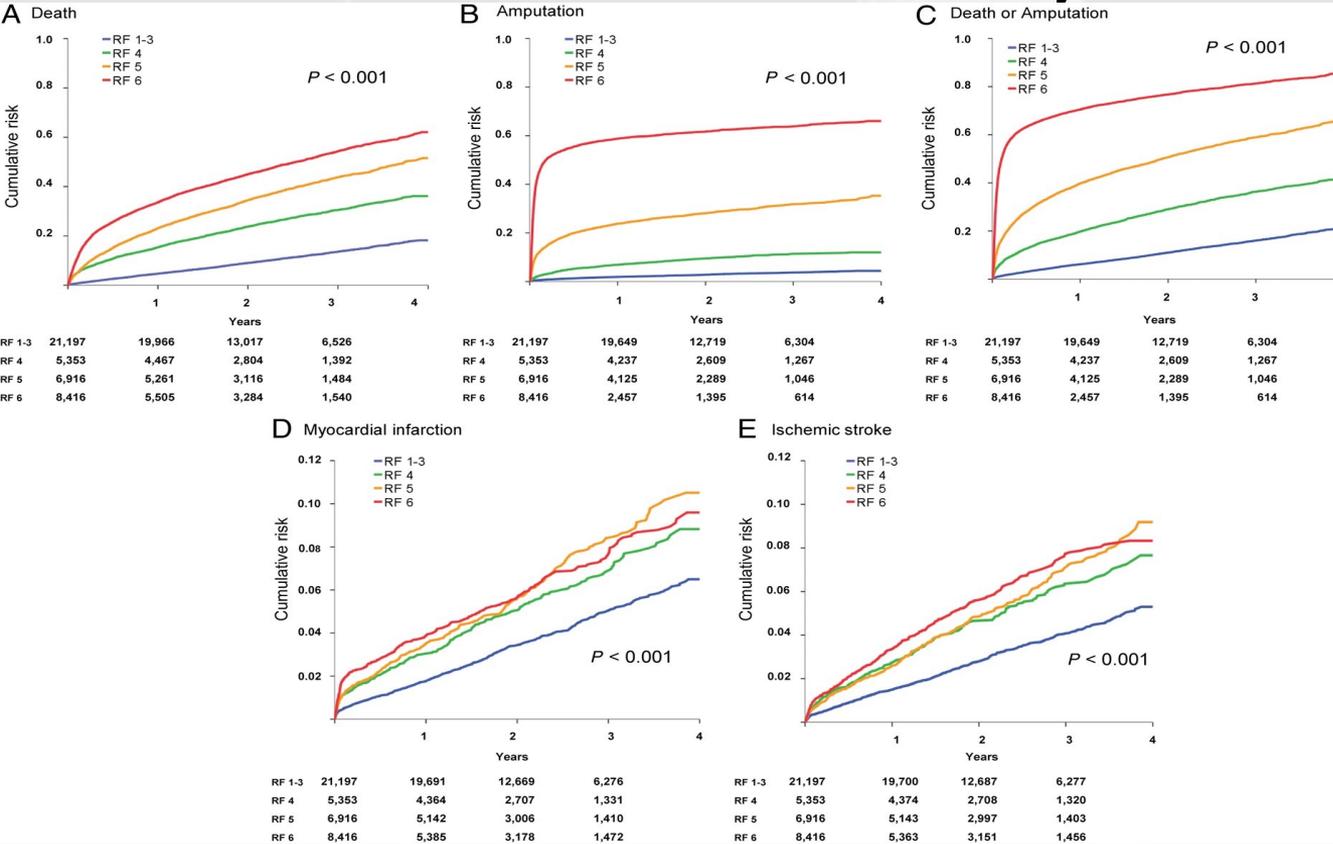


Natural History of PAD

5 year Amputation Rates



Comorbidities/Mortality



- Patients with CLTI are high-risk for premature mortality given the associated comorbidities.
- Reniecke et al. demonstrated 4 year mortality rates as follows
 - Rutherford 1-3: 18.9%
 - Rutherford 4: 37.7%
 - Rutherford 5: 52.2%
 - Rutherford 6: 63.5%



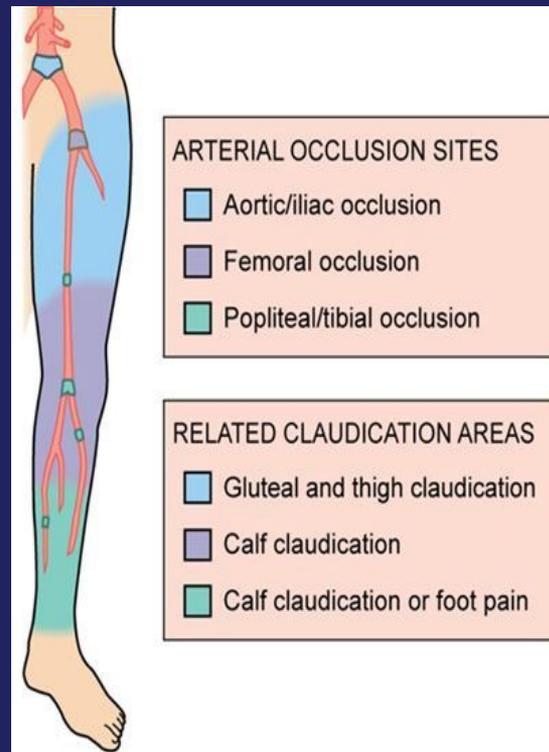
Diagnostic Evaluation

- History
 - Description/Duration of Symptoms
 - Ischemic rest pain usually affects the forefoot
 - Neuropathy
 - CV risk factors
 - Drug history
 - Previous vascular intervention
 - Frailty/HRQL assessment
- Physical
- Non-Invasive/invasive imaging

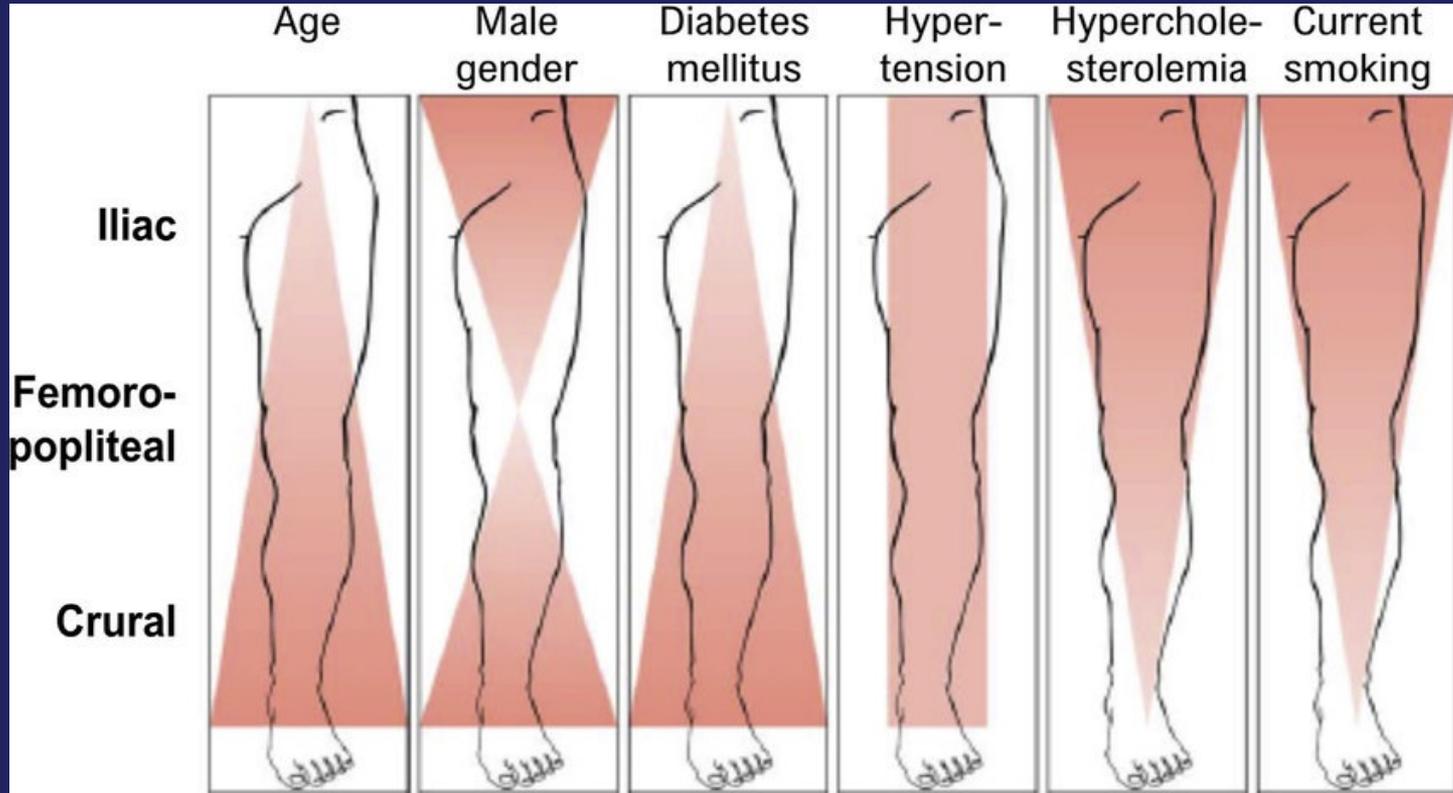


Segments of Disease

- Symptoms occur distal to disease
 - Aorto-iliac- hip/buttock
 - Fem-pop- calf
 - Tibio-peroneal- ???
- One segment
 - Claudication
- Two segments
 - Rest/pain/non-healing wounds
 - Chronic Limb Threatening Ischemia

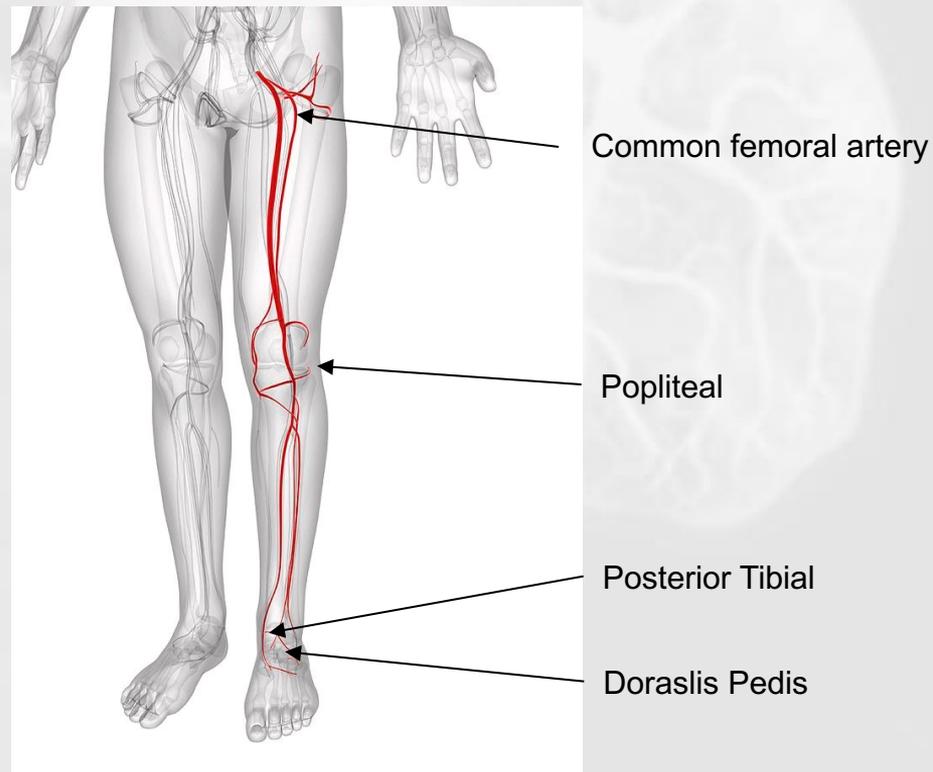


Disease Distribution

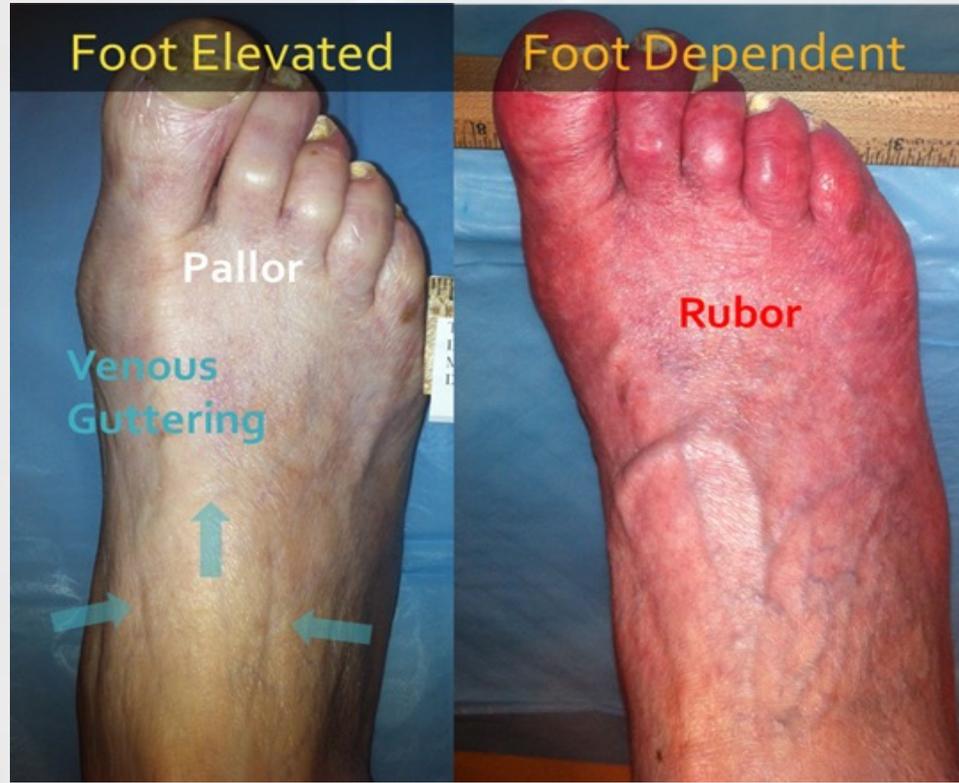


Physical Exam

- Vascular Exam begins with checking for pulses
- Cap refill (>5 seconds typically)
- Cool dry skin
- Muscle atrophy
- Hair loss to limb



Physical Exam



Buerger's sign



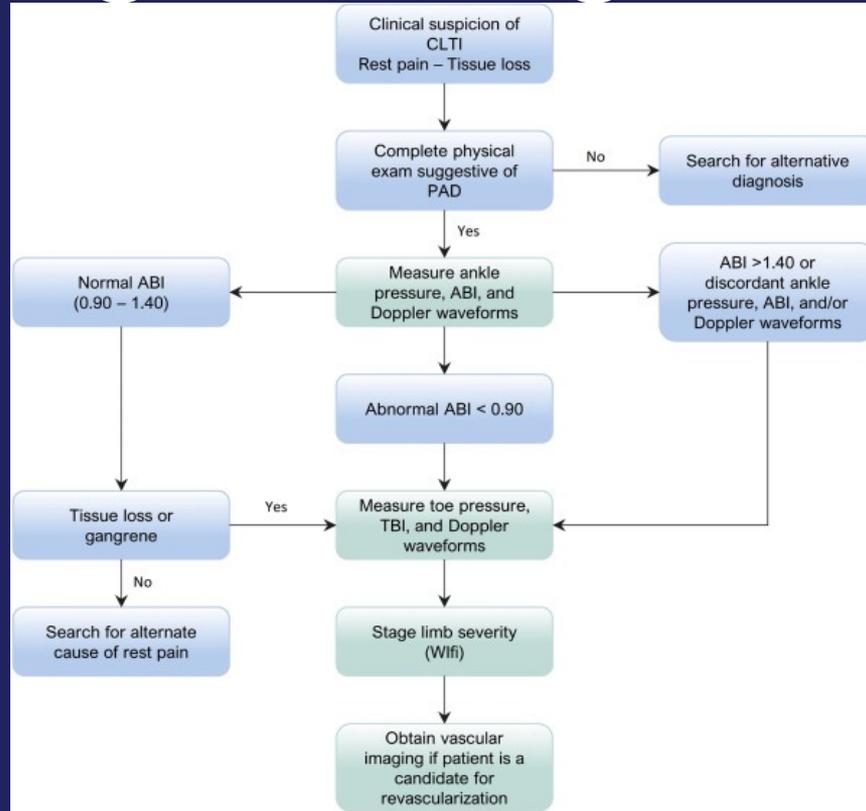
Physical Exam



Physical Exam



Diagnostic Algorithm



Diagnostic Algorithm

Ankle Pressure and ABI

- $ABI = \text{highest ankle pressure} / \text{highest brachial systolic pressure}$
- First-line noninvasive hemodynamic test in all patients

Toe Pressure and TBI

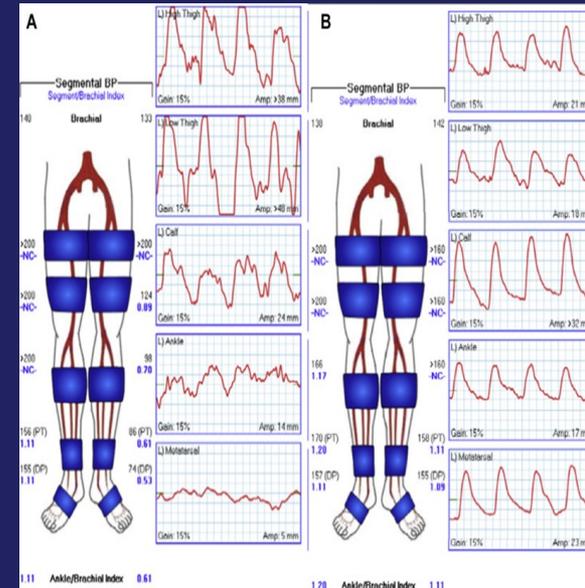
- Toe pressures less often affected by incompressibility
- Toe pressures are generally 20-40 mm Hg lower than ankle pressures
- Toe pressures <30 mmHg are typically associated with advanced ischemia



Diagnostic Algorithm

Pulse Volume Recordings

- Use air plethysmography to provide waveform analysis of blood flow
- May help establish diagnosis as well as localization and severity of PAD
- Air-filled cuff around extremity at segmental levels (i.e., thigh, calf, foot)
- If limb not well perfused minimal to no change in cuff volume
- Accuracy maintained in patients with noncompressible vessels
- Not precise in distal disease and not accurate in patients with CHF or low stroke volumes



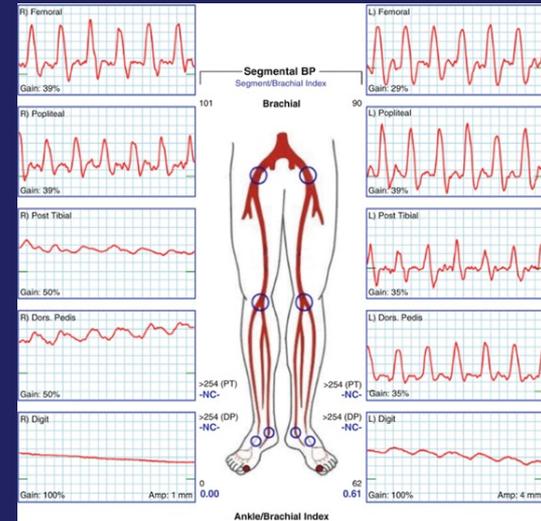
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Segmental Pressures

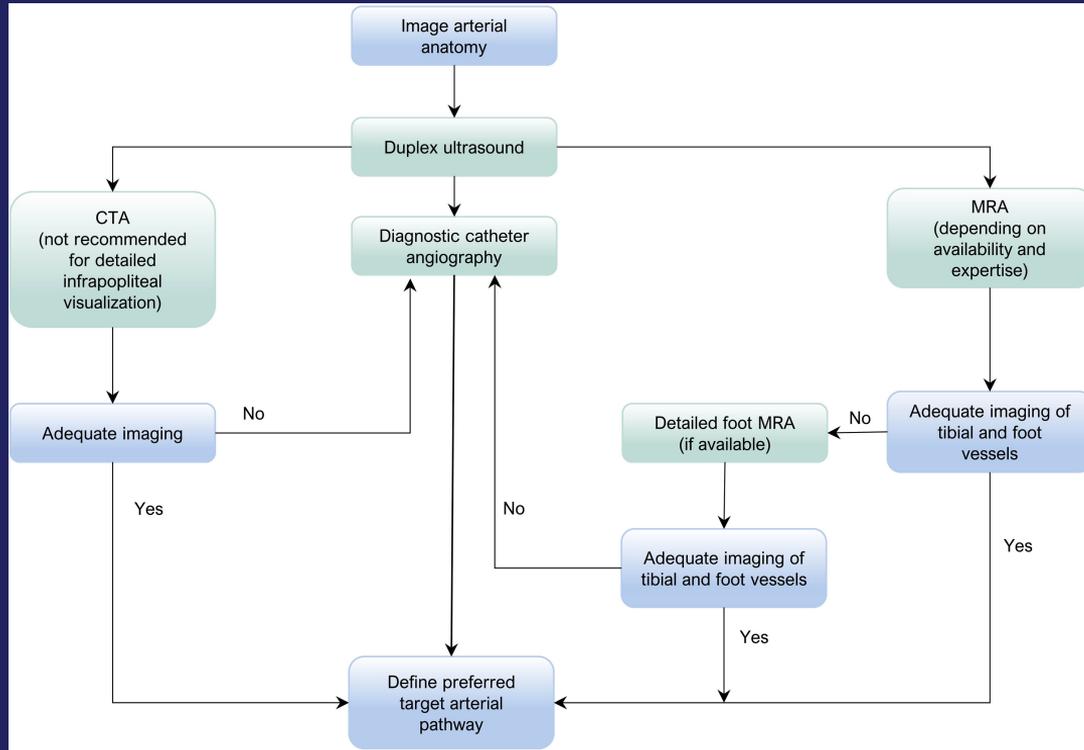
- Can provide information on anatomic localization of lower limb vascular disease

Several other noninvasive tests

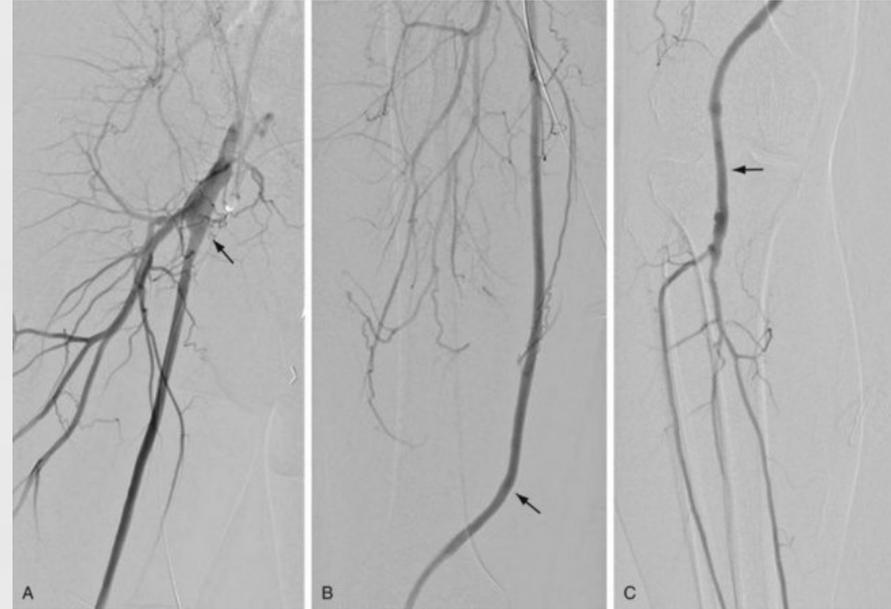
- Laser Doppler flowmetry
- Transcutaneous Oximetry (TcPO₂)
- Skin perfusion pressure



Diagnostic Algorithm



Diagnostic Evaluation- Imaging of Vascular Anatomy



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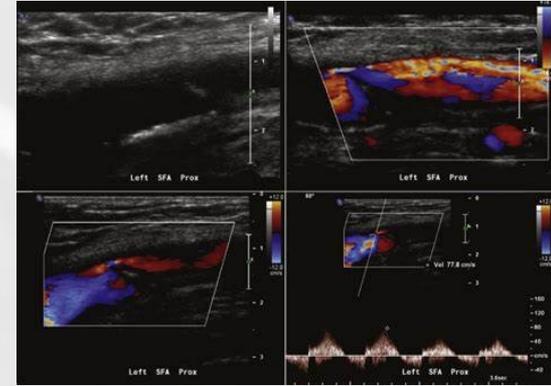
- Duplex Ultrasound

- Advantages

- Noninvasive
 - Low cost
 - No iodinated contrast
 - No radiation
 - Mobile

- Disadvantages

- Time consuming
 - Operator Dependent
 - NO continuous lesion map
 - Poor at estimating collateral blood supply



Diagnostic Evaluation- Imaging of Vascular Anatomy

CT Angiography

- High Sensitivity and Specificity in aortoiliac (95 and 96%) and fem-pop segments (97 and 94%)
- Inferior in the infra-popliteal segments compared with digital subtraction angiography (95% and 91%)

JAMA 2009;301:415-24



Diagnostic Evaluation- Imaging of Vascular Anatomy

- MRA
 - Potential to produce images comparable in quality to DSA
 - No exposure to radiation or iodinated contrast
 - Can fail visualize vessel wall calcification
 - Problems visualizing in-stent restenosis



Diagnostic Evaluation- Imaging of Vascular Anatomy

- DSA
 - With advent of other imaging diagnostic less common
 - Still gold standard
- CO2 Angiography
 - Can be used in patients with contrast allergy or severe CKD
 - Can cause significant discomfort



Classification of Disease

- The Use of multiple classification systems (Rutherford, Fontaine, Wagner, TASC) has hindered the development of treatment algorithms given the heterogeneity amongst the commonly used systems
- Historic classifications tend to focus more on pure hemodynamic or anatomic features
- Ischemia-dominant models do not appreciate the absolute perfusion that needs to be considered in diabetic patients with underlying neuropathic changes



Classification of Disease Severity

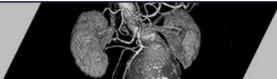
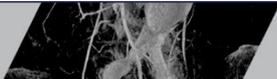
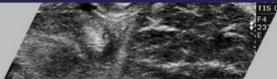
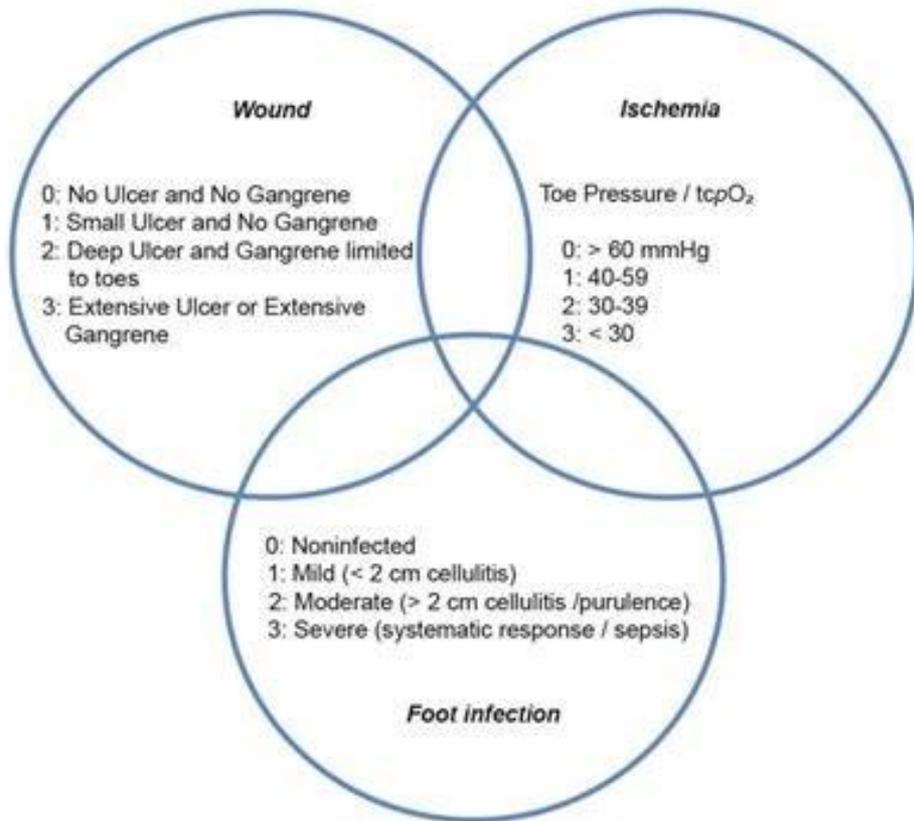
SVS **WiFi** Index

- **Wound**: extent and depth
- **Ischemia**: perfusion/flow
- **Foot Infection**: presence and extent

- 4 point scale
 - 0=none
 - 1=mild/moderate
 - 2=moderate/severe
 - 3=severe

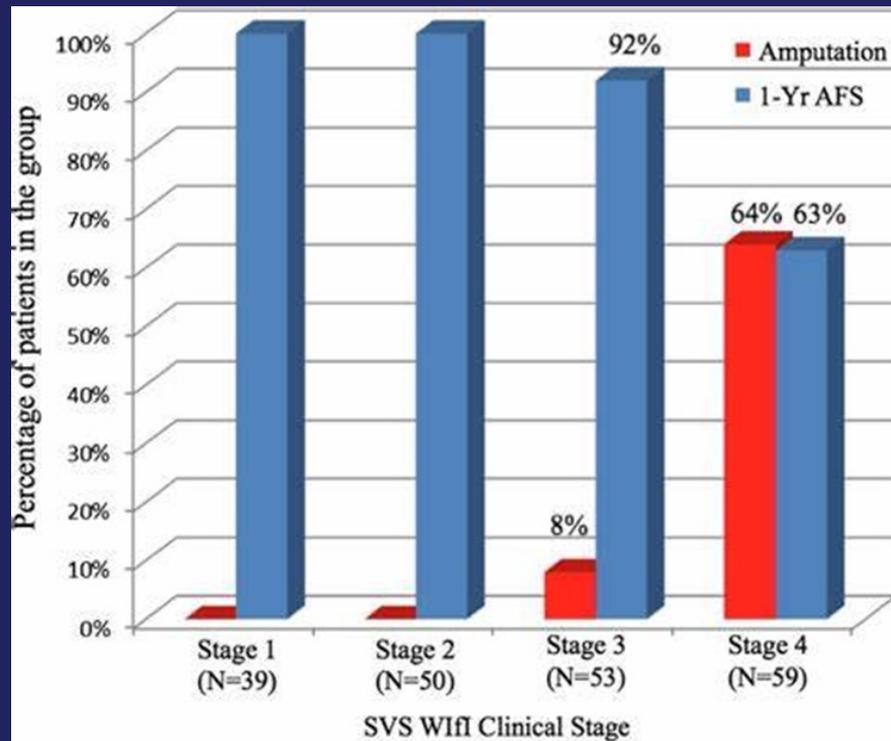


WiFi



Clinical Stages of Major Limb Amputation Risk based on WiFi Classification

Risk of amputation	Proposed clinical stages	Wifi spectrum score
Very low	Stage 1	W0 i0 f10,1 W0 i1 f10 W1 i0 f10,1 W1 i1 f10
Low	Stage 2	W0 i0 f12 W0 i1 f11 W0 i2 f10,1 W0 i3 f10 W1 i0 f12 W1 i1 f11 W1 i2 f10 W2 i0 f10/1
Moderate	Stage 3	W0 i0 f13 W0 i2 f11,2 W0 i3 f11,2 W1 i0 f13 W1 i1 f12 W1 i2 f11 W1 i3 f10,1 W2 i0 f12 W2 i1 f10,1 W2 i2 f10 W3 i0 f10,1
High	Stage 4	W0 i1,2,3 f13 W1 i1 f13 W1 i2,3 f12,3 W2 i0 f13 W2 i1 f12,3 W2 i2 f11,2,3 W2 i3 f10,1,2,3 W3 i0 f12,3 W3 i1,2,3 f10,1,2,3



Benefit from revascularization

Wifl Classification and benefit from revascularization

- Stage 1: very low (VL)
- Stage 2: low (L)
- Stage 3: moderate (M)
- Stage 4: high (H)
- Stage 5: unsalvageable

	Ischemia - 0			Ischemia - 1			Ischemia - 2			Ischemia - 3		
W-0	VL			L	L	M	L	L	M	M	M	H
W-1				L	M	M	M					
W-2				M	M	H						
W-3				M	M	M						
	I-0	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-0	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-0	I-1	I-2	I-3
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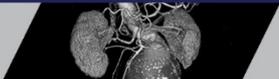
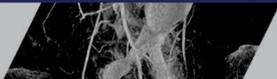
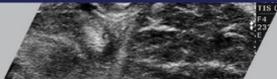
Conservative treatment for 4 weeks
(medical therapy, edema control,
offloading, local wound care)

Consider prompt revascularization
+ medical therapy

Strong indication for prompt
revascularization + medical therapy



Thank You



HEY! ALL MY
VARICOSE VEINS
ARE GONE!

DARN! I HAD MY
LASER SET ON
"TREATMENT"!



DAMMIT, JIM! I'M A DOCTOR, NOT A DERMATOLOGIST

