

Foot Ulcer Management Issues

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Foot Ulcer Management Issues - Introductions



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Introducing – The foot in Diabetes













Introducing The literature and key guidelines









Introducing Mr Smith





Age - 58

Type 2 Diabetes 20 years duration

HbA1c – 75 mmol/mol

BMI - 36

Co morbidities – Hypertension, hyperlipidaemia, Stable Angina.

Social – Car Salesman, nonsmoker, "moderate drinker", no formal exercise.

Introducing Mr Smith's foot





- Ulceration to plantar aspect of 2nd metatarsal head
- Painless
- Deep extending to joint capsule but not bone
- Moderate surrounding inflammation and exudates
- Maccerated callus surrounds wound edges.

WLTM (Who do you target at these events?)



Discussion task 1 – What immediate care and assessment does Mr Smith need?

Discussion task 2 – What referrals are necessary for Mr Smith?

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Assessment – First impressions last a lifetime



- Palpation of foot pulses
- 10g monofilament
- Appropriateness of footwear
- Visual inspection for foot deformities (NICE 2004)

Management -





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Padding and Strapping



Plaster models – design a pad.







Dressings - task



- Plaster models Choose a dressing to apply.
- Debate dressing choices...



Thank You!

Any questions?

Bullet Points for New Clinical Solutions



- New solutions come from new or improved working relationships
- Four simple assessments pave the way to a multitude of management options
- Take the pressure off / turn the volume down