

All patients with diabetes should have their shoes, socks and dressings removed and their legs and feet carefully **assessed at the TIME of admission** for evidence of:

- A. Vascular Compromise**
- B. Ulceration**
- C. Active Foot Infection (AFI)**
- D. Acute Charcot Arthropathy**

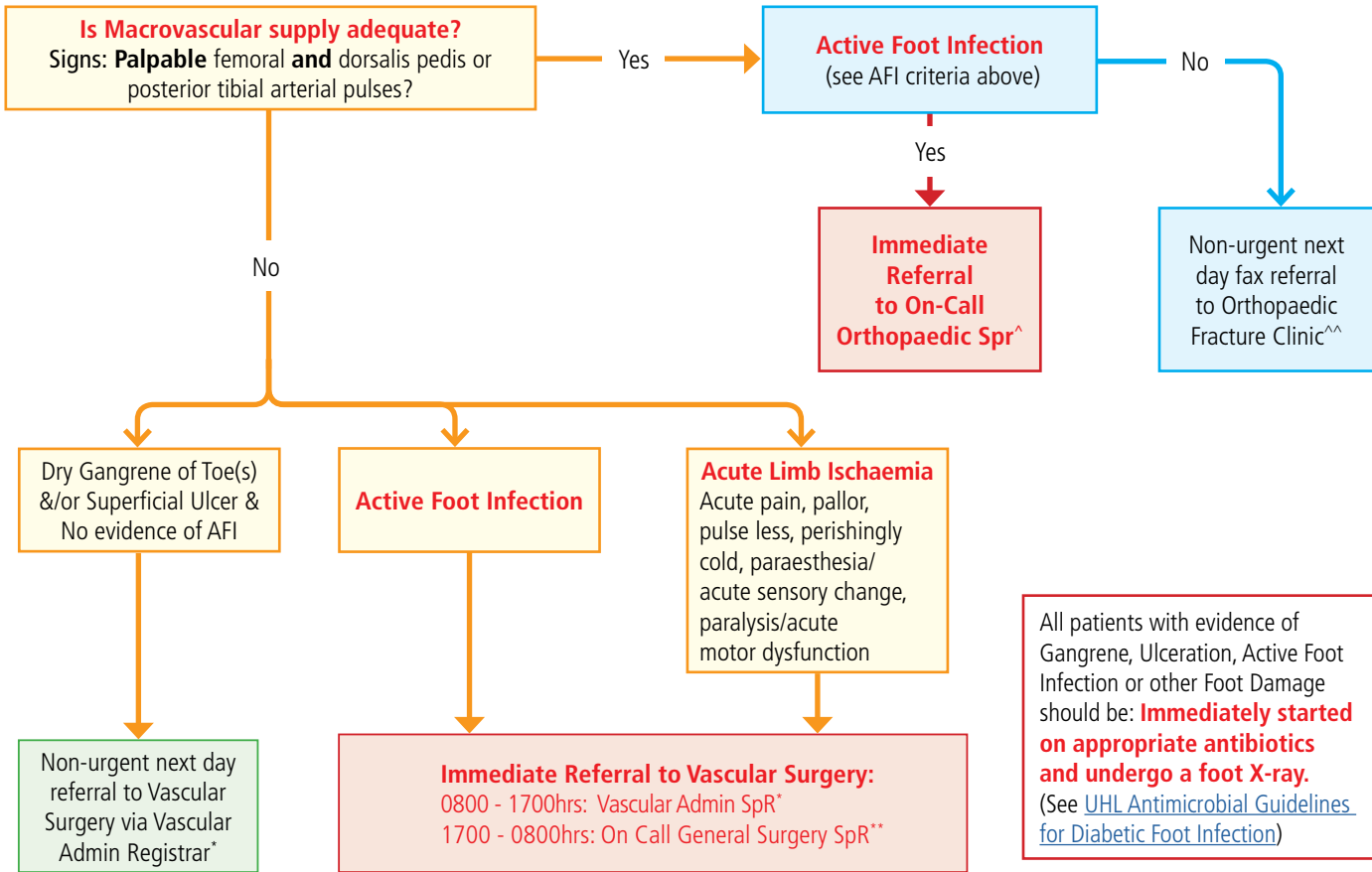
Any patient with either or both of the following should be referred for **immediate** review:

- A. Critical Limb Ischaemia**
- B. Evidence of Active Foot Infection (AFI):**
 - i. Evidence of spreading soft tissue infection
 - ii. Osteomyelitis/abscess/pus/wet gangrene
 - iii. Exposed tendon/bone/joint
 - iv. Palpable gas in the tissue or gas visible on X-ray
 - v. Fever or signs of Systemic Inflammatory Response (SIR) secondary to foot infection

Referral to the Diabetes Team

- Ensure **all patients with diabetes and foot ulceration** (whether requiring surgical review or not) are **referred** to the diabetes team **within 24hrs of admission**.
- Diabetes Specialist Nurses via iCM for review next working day or Diabetes SpR via LRI switchboard for urgent referrals.
- If patient requires urgent diabetes review out of hours/weekend refer to medical SpR on-call via switchboard.

Referral Pathway for Patients with Diabetes Admitted with Active Foot Disease



Key

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