

Ischemic Limb

Definition

Refers to a condition characterized by chronic ischemic at-rest pain, significant claudication, ulcers, or gangrene in one or both legs attributable to objectively proven arterial occlusive disease.

Disposition

Patients with acute, critical ischemia and those who are actively followed by Vascular Surgery should be discussed with and potentially transferred to the Vascular Surgery service at the Grey Nuns Hospital.

Caveats

Patients with complications of chronic ischemia including infection should be admitted to GIM or Family Medicine provided that the involved limb is not pulseless.