DIABETES – FOOT SCREENING AND MANAGEMENT



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| | FINDING | | | |
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| History | Previous ulcer or amputation (toe/foot leg) | | | |
| | Kidney Transplant or Dialysis | | | |
| | Impaired vision | | | |
| Inspection | Significant callus or corns | | | |
| | Abnormal foot shape: High arch/bunion/flat foot | | | |
| | Abnormal toes:: Claw toes/Hammer toes/overriding toes | | | |
| | Change in foot shape in one foot | | | |
| Neuropathy | Neuropathic pain (tingling/burning/electric shock) | | | |
| | Painless blister or wound | | | |
| | Score 8 or less on 10g monofilament testing | | | |
| Vascular Disease | Claudication (calf or buttock pain on walking, relieved by rest) | | | |
| | Any foot pulses not palpable | | | |
| Active Problem | Change in foot shape in one foot with swelling and warmth | | | |
| | Foot wound/ulcer | | | |
| | Ingrown toenail with signs of infection | | | |
| | Infection (redness/swelling/warmth/malodour/discharge) | | | |
| | Gangrene (black toe foot wound) | | | |
| | Foot/leg pain at rest, improved by hanging leg down | | | |
| | New cold foot with new blue/red/purple colour change | | | |
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All people with Diabetes should be on a register and minimum data should include annual measures for microvascular disease. Please see Cardiovascular **Risk for additional requirements**

Mental health problems affect the ability to self-care. Check for: -Impaired memory - 6 item cog (see slide 31) Anxiety or depression – PHQ4 (see slide 31)



High arch, prominent metatarsal heads







Claw toes

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USING A MONOFILAMENT

- Apply the filament to a sensitive area of skin (e.g. the forearm) so that the patient is aware of the sensation they are supposed to feel.
- Test 5 sites* on both feet:
 - \checkmark Plantar surface of the hallux and 3rd toe
 - \checkmark 1st, 3rd and 5th metatarsal heads
 - *If callus is present at any of the sites then test at the nearest non-calloused area.
- Ask the patient to close their eyes and say 'yes' every time that they feel you touch the skin on the foot
- Place the monofilament at 90° to the skin surface
- Slowly push the monofilament until it has bent ~ 1cm (don't jab)
- Hold the monofilament in this position for 1-2 seconds, then slowly release the pressure until the monofilament is straight
- Remove contact from the skin
- If the patient does not respond, repeat the test at the site twice. If there is still no response, record as a negative response
- Maximum score 10. A score of 8 or less indicates neuropathy
- Replace monofilament after 500 uses (approximately 6 monthly frequent testing, yearly infrequent testing)



| | CCG | Acute Diabetes Specialist Foot Team | Foot Protection Team | | Vascular Hub |
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| | Central London | F:0203 312 6875 E: <u>imperial.idfootreferrals@nhs.net</u> | | | |
| | West London | Chelsea & Westminster Hospital T:0203 315 3161 F:0203 315 2732 E: <u>Diabetes.TeamCW@chelwest.nhs.uk</u> | | | |
| | Hounslow | West Middlesex Hospital E: T: | E: <u>HRCH.podiatry@nhs.net</u> T:0208 973 3470 | | |
| | | - | tes foot referrals go via the Hounslow Diabetes Foot Protection Team- he WMH Acute Diabetes Specialist Foot Team as appropriate | | |
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