



South West Regional Wound Care Toolkit

E.5 CRITERIA FOR ADJUNCTIVE THERAPIES FOR NON-HEALING ULCERS

Please note that this is a summary by wound type. Please refer to Section E.6 to assist in determining interdisciplinary referrals to facilitate wound healing.

<p>Type of Ulcer</p>	<p>Criteria: The SWCCAC has determined the following criteria for referrals for adjunctive therapies. The RNAO and CAWC Best Practice publications do not provide a specific time frame at which these treatments should be utilized. The SWCCAC determined these criteria in a Kaizen event attended by Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Wound Care Specialists, Nursing and CCAC Quality Managers.</p> <p>Starting June 2011: Electrical stimulation therapy (EST) will be available throughout the SWCCAC. Intermittent pneumatic compression (IPC) may be considered as a special authorization. Acute care and Long Term Care may be able to offer additional options.</p>
<p>Diabetic Foot Ulcer</p>	<p>Physiotherapy consult for adjunctive therapy assessment of DFUs not healed > 50% at four weeks (calculates to $\geq 37.5\%$ healing at 3 weeks).</p> <p>In the presence of a non-healing ulcer defined as any wound that is not fully (100%) healed at 3 months refer to physiotherapy or other qualified health professional for electrical stimulation therapy (EST)¹.</p> <p>At this time, these treatments are not available through the SWCCAC but may be appropriate for consideration: topical wound oxygen therapy (TWOT)² or, if available, refer to a center that can provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT)³.</p> <p>In the presence of uncontrolled neuropathic pain refer to physiotherapy or other qualified health professional for EST or TWOT, if available, refer to a center that can provide HBOT.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*(EST=Level 1a, HBOT=Level III)^{1,3}</p>
<p>Venous Leg Ulcer</p>	<p>If ulcer >5cm² &/or > 6 months duration on admission refer to physiotherapy for assessment for IPC or EST.</p> <p>In the presence of a non-healing ulcer defined as any wound that is not fully (100%) healed 3 months refer to physiotherapy for therapeutic ultrasound (TU) or refer to physiotherapy or other qualified professional for EST.</p> <p>In the presence of uncontrolled neuropathic pain refer to physiotherapy or other qualified health professional for EST.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*(TU=Level A, EST=Level B)^{3,4}</p>



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Arterial Leg Ulcer	In the presence of an arterial leg ulcer with moderate to severe neuropathic pain, refer to physiotherapy or other qualified health professional for a trial of EST. <i>(Level B)⁴</i>
Pressure Ulcer	In the presence of a non-healing ulcer defined as any wound that is not fully (100%) healed 3 months refer to physiotherapy or other qualified health professional for EST. In the presence of a pressure ulcer in an individual with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) refer to to physiotherapy or other qualified health professional for EST. <i>*(Level Ib, Strength A)^{5,6,7}</i>