

Shropshire diabetic foot ulcer referral pathway

If a person has a limb-threatening diabetic foot problem, refer them immediately to acute services and inform the multidisciplinary foot care service



Examples of limb threatening and life threatening diabetic foot problems include:

- Ulceration with fever or any signs of sepsis
- Ulceration with limb ischaemia
- Clinical concern that there is a spreading soft tissue or bone infection
- Gangrene with or without ulceration



Please refer **ALL** diabetic foot ulcers immediately to Dr Rangan for triage

Tel: 01743 261000 ext 3055

Fax:01743 261388

For all other active diabetic foot problems, refer to the multidisciplinary foot care team within one working day



Acute Charcot arthropathy is suspected if there is redness, warmth, swelling or deformity, particularly if the skin remains intact, especially in the presence of peripheral neuropathy or renal failure.

Consider acute Charcot arthropathy even if deformity or pain is not reported

Recommend rest until assessment by the multidisciplinary foot care service

Clinics

Clinic location:	Days and Time:	Tel numbers:	Fax Number:	Consultant
Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	Tuesday & Friday 8.30am – 1.30pm	01743 261000 Ext 3055	01743 261388	Dr Rangan
Princess Royal Telford	Thursday 1.30pm – 5pm	01743 261000 Ext 3055	01743 261388	Dr Rangan

Further advice, information or patient leaflets:

Podiatryandfoothealthservices@nhs.net

Ref:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng19>

Referring clinicians include:

Practice nurses, District nurses, General Practitioners, Chronic Wound service, Accident +Emergency, Minor Injuries, Podiatrists, TVNs, Diabetes Specialist Nurses, ward based clinicians

For all other non urgent podiatry referrals please make a referral via e-Referral

For Podiatry inquiries telephone 01743 277681