**OhioHealth Vascular Institute**

**OHVI RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PAD Clinical Pathway**

The goal of the pad clinical pathway is to standardize the treatment of pad at all OhioHealth facilities to ensure patients are not “under or over” treated based on established guidelines and evidence based scientific publications.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** See addendum for algorithm

Clinical surveillance to assess for stroke and MI related symptoms, at regular intervals (at least every 12 months) should be completed for all classes. SVM Peripheral artery disease toolkit [MyPeripheralArteryDisease.com](#)

**Asymptomatic:**
- Risk Factor Modification.

**Rutherford Class I:**
- Walking Program/Formal referral to PAD Supervised Exercise Therapy.
- Risk Factor Modification.
- Cilastozol x3 month trial- If double walking distance will be acceptable.
- Clinical surveillance to assess for stroke and MI related symptoms, at regular intervals (at least every 12 months).
- Rarely invasive treatment and only endovascular treatment, lesions should be particularly.
- TASC A-C.

**Rutherford Class II – III:**
- Cilastozol x3 month trial- If double walking distance will be acceptable.
- Endovascular treatment for TASC A-C.
- Consider surgery when adequate quality vein conduit available, for Class III and TASC D lesions.
- Continuing Risk Factor Modification.
- Surveillance program at least every 6 months to include clinical and non-invasive testing.

**Rutherford IV – VI:**
- Cilastozol x3 month trial- If double walking distance will be acceptable.
- Endovascular treatment for TASC A-C.
- SFA consider surgery when adequate quality vein conduit available, TASC D lesions.
- Iliac consider aortobifem or hybrid procedure for TASC D lesions.
- Other considerations including patient preference, age, co-morbidities, renal function, life expectancy must be taken into consideration to decide between endo vs surgery.
- Continued Risk Factor Modification.
- At least 1-3 monthly clinical wound assessment until healed and surveillance program at least every 6 months non-invasive testing.
WHAT IS A RECOMMENDATION?
A guideline outlining the OhioHealth philosophy for care and/or treatment of a specific patient population.

ACTION REQUIRED:
+ **VI Education Pillar**: Communicate new recommendation at VI meeting.
+ **VI Members**: Communicate new recommendation at campus meetings.
+ **Physicians**: Use as a resource or guideline within your practice.
+ **Nurses**: utilize as a resource to address patient questions.

WHY?
The goal of the PAD Clinical Pathways is to standardize the treatment of PAD at all OhioHealth facilities to ensure patients are not “under or over” treated based on established guidelines and evidence based scientific publications.

WHERE TO DOCUMENT:
Documentation should be maintained in the patient’s medical record.

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**Type A Lesions**
- Single Stenosis ≤10cm in length
- Single occlusion ≤5cm in length

**Type B Lesions**
- Multiple lesions (Stenoses or Oclusions), each ≤5cm
- Single stenosis or oclusions ≤15cm not involving the infrageniculate popliteal artery.
- Single or multiple lesions in the absence of continuous tibial vessels to improve inflow for a distal bypass.
- Heavily calcified occlusion ≤5cm in length.
- Single popliteal stenosis.

**Type C Lesions**
- Multiple stenoses or occlusions totaling >15cm with or without heavy calcification.
- Recurrent stenoses or occlusions that need treatment after 2 endovascular interventions.

**Type D Lesions**
- Chronic total occlusions of CFA or SFA (>20cm, involving popliteal artery).
- Chronic total occlusion of popliteal artery and proximal trifurcation vessels.
OHVI Lower Extremity PAD Management Algorithm

PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE

Asymptomatic

Risk Factor Modification (RFM)* and clinical surveillance to assess for stroke and MI related symptoms, at regular intervals (at least every 12 months).

Rutherford Class I**

- Walking program.
- RFM.
- Cilastozol x 3 month trial.
- Formal referral to supervised exercise therapy.

Rutherford Class II – III

- Endovascular RX for TASC A-C.
- Consider surgery when adequate quality vein conduit available, for Class III and TASC D lesions.
- Continued RFM.
- Surveillance program at least every 6 months to include clinical and non-invasive testing.

Rutherford Class IV–VI

- Endovascular for TASC A – C.
- SFA consider surgery when adequate quality vein conduit available, for TASC D lesions.
- Iliac consider aortobifem or hybrid procedure for TASC D lesions.
- Other considerations including patient preference, age, comorbidities, renal function, life expectancy must be taken into consideration to decide between endo vs surgery.
- CTO by operator or center with ≥80% success.
- Continued RFM.
- At least 1-3 monthly clinical wound assessment until healed and surveillance program at least every 6 month noninvasive testing.

Sympotomatic

+ Walking program.
+ RFM.
+ Cilastozol x 3 month trial.
+ Formal referral to supervised exercise therapy.

Rarely invasive treatment and only Endovascular RX, lesions should be particularly TASC A-C.

*RFM – Primarily aimed at cardiac and neuro event reduction. Antiplatelet therapy, statin and ACE-inhibitor use as goal. Immediate smoking cessation counselling and vascular rehabilitation. Treat HTN per JNC-7 guidelines (ACEI preferred, consider even without HTN for MI and CVA risk reduction); Treat Lipids with Statin preferred per NCEP / ATP guidelines; AntAHA1C < 7%; Antiplatelet therapy Clopidogrel, +/- ASA; Foot Care

**Rutherford Class 1–Formal referral to PAD Supervised Exercise Therapy

Based on ACCF/AHA Guidelines for management of patients with PAD. *Circulation 2006:113:e463-e465*  
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