

Standing Order: Referral to Podiatry/Vascular Surgery

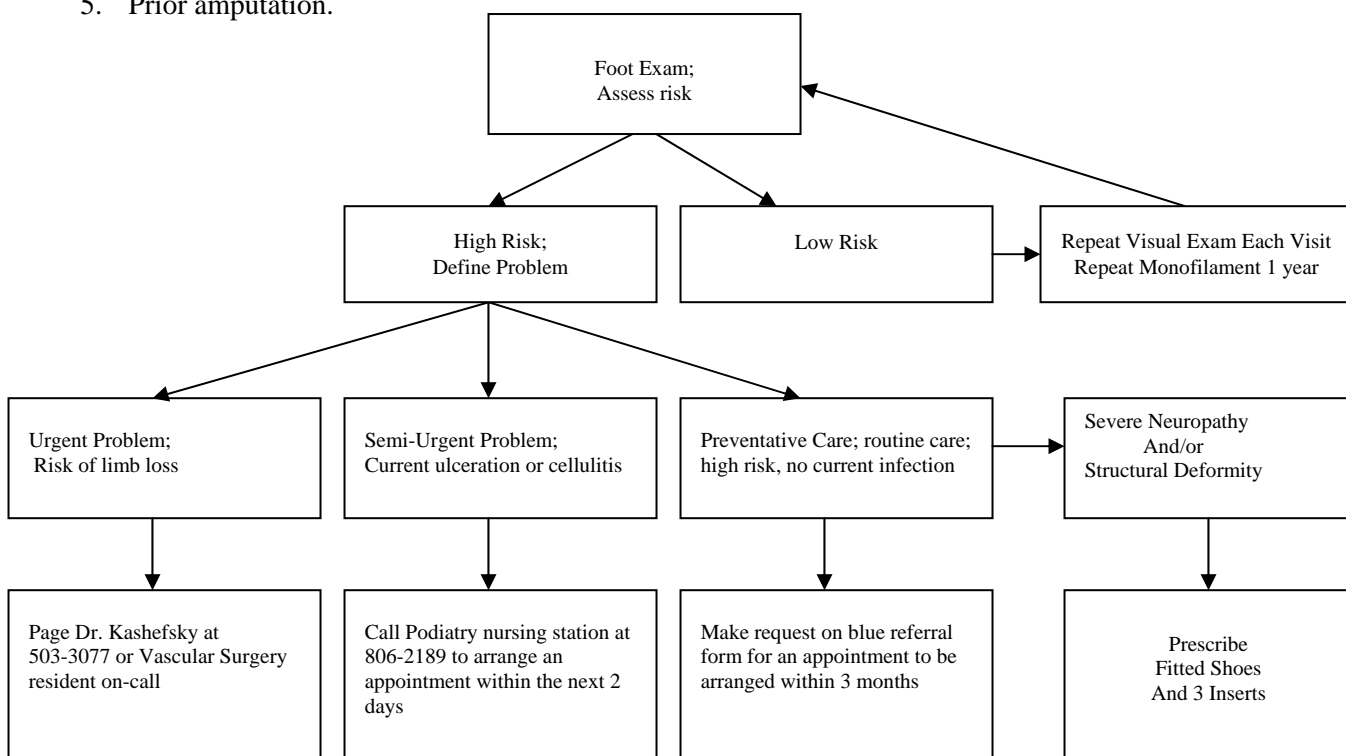
Divisions:

General Internal Medicine

General Internal Medicine Extenders are allowed to refer patients to Podiatry/Vascular Surgery per this standing order. The Extender or appointed representative will perform foot exams in the General Internal Medicine clinic. This exam will include the use of a 5.07 Semmes-Weinstein Monofilament, assessment of pedal pulses, and patient history to determine risk of foot complications.

Patients will be classified as low-risk in the absence of risk factors or high-risk in the presence of one or more of the following risk factors:

1. More than one insensate location noted by monofilament.
2. Absent pedal pulses.
3. Severe foot deformity.
4. History of foot ulcer.
5. Prior amputation.



Signature _____
Internal Medicine Clinic Director

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