

**Allocating a patient to a venous leg ulcer pathway**

Allocation to a pathway should be based on a diagnosis of venous ulceration (ABPI 0.8 – 1.3) plus the following criteria:

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| **Standard** | **Complex** |
| * Ulcer/s are less than 3 months old | * Ulcer/s are greater than 3 months old |

Patients should not be allocated to either of these pathways if:

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| * Patient has **not** been ‘holistically’ assessed and given a leg ulcer aetiology * The ulcer is mixed aetiology (ABPI 0.6 – 0.8) * The ulcer is arterial aetiology (ABPI less than 0.6) * Patient has an ABPI of greater than 1.3 * Clinician is uncertain about aetiology |

If you require any support in deciding leg ulcer aetiology, please contact tissue viability on [tissueviability@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:tissueviability@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)