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MEDICAL REQUEST FOR COMPRESSION THERAPY

NAME	DOB	Date / /	
INDICATIONS □ Venous □ Mixed □ Anti-embolic Other:			
The patient must have had the following Investigations attended in the last 3 months.1	APPLICATION TO	APPLICATION TO	
	☐ Left Leg	☐ Right Leg	
PULSES Can you feel pulses?	Yes No	Yes No	
ABPI Ankle Brachial Pressure Index	RESULT	DATE	
VASCULAR WAVE Form			
TBI Toe Brachial Index (TBI)(for patients with diabetes)			
LEVEL OF COMPRESSION	☐ Extra Strong > 60 mmHg ☐ Strong > 40-60 mmHg	☐ Moderate 20-40mmHg☐ Mild 18-24 mmHg☐ Light Tubular 15mmHg	
	TYPE OF COMPRESSION		
PNEUMATIC COMPRESSION	BANDAGING	STOCKINGS	
☐ Moderate☐ Strong	 ☐ Moderate 2-3 layer padding/short stretch ☐ Coban Lite ☐ Strong 2-3 layer eg Sofban Comprilan, 	 ☐ Mild Class 1 stocking ☐ Readywrap ☐ Reid Sleeve ☐ Light Tubular stocking ☐ Moderate Class 2 stocking 	
	Tubigrip Coban Standard	NB: Patient needs someone to remove them at night.	
DURATION (please circle)	Weeks / Months / Until Healed	Weeks/Months/Until Healed	
	☐ Transition to Stockings once healed to prevent recurrence	☐ Ongoing use of stockings to maintain /support venous return	
-	Telephone	e:	
AUTHORISING CLINICIAN (Medical Specialist / General Practitioner)			
Name	Signature		
Designation :	Date: / / T	elephone:	

¹ NSW Ministry of Health Policy AUTHORITY FOR COMPRESSION THERAPY

Ankle brachial pressure (ABPI)²

The ratio of the ankle to brachial systolic pressure and is measured using a sphygmomanometer and handheld Doppler device.

Substantiates the presence or absence of significant PVD, except in those with heavily calcified vessels where the ABPI will be > 1.3 and should be disregarded.

An ABPI < 0.9 is abnormal. With intermittent claudication, value is usually between 0.5 and 0.9.

ABPI	Assessment
< 0.5	Compression stockings should not be worn, as severe arterial disease is likely.
0.5 to 0.8	Apply no more than light (class 1) compression, as arterial disease is likely and compression may further compromise arterial blood supply.
> 0.8	Compression stockings are safe to wear.
> 1.3	Avoid compression, as high ABPI values may be due to calcified and incompressible arteries. Consider seeking a specialist vascular assessment.

The Toe Brachial Pressure Index (TPI)

The toe brachial index is the ratio between toe pressure and the highest of the two brachial pressures. The toe brachial index is reduced in relation to the severity of peripheral artery disease. The range of toe brachial index in normal and disease states is different than the ankle brachial index.

TPI	Assessment
> 0.7	Normal
0.5 to 0.7	Mild compression
0.35-0.5	Moderate
<0.35 and toe pressure 40mmHg	Moderate - Severe
<0.35 and toe pressure <30mmHg	Severe

Doppler waveform analysis is a fundamental part of evaluating peripheral arterial disease. Waveform characteristics are traditionally defined as multiphasic (triphasic, biphasic) and monophasic. http://www.ultrasoundpaedia.com/normal-leg-arteries/

² Health Pathways, Sydney Local Health District AUTHORITY FOR COMPRESSION THERAPY