Foot Screening & Risk Management Tool – For People Living with Diabetes

Please refer to the table, resources and links below to support foot screening:

| Look, Touch & Ask | Risk of Foot Complication | Action Based on Risk |
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| Presence of a Foot Ulcer or Gangrene | □ Active Complication | Refer to Escalation of Care Pathway (1) |
| Neuropathy present (4) Peripheral Artery Disease present (5) History of foot wound or amputation If none of the above, but: Foot deformity Skin integrity concerns (e.g. callus, fissure, verruca) Self-care concerns (e.g. visual impairment, cognitive impairment, mental health condition) | Moderate/High Risk | Refer to Foot Care Clinic/Services (2) Patient Education (3) |
| No neuropathy (4) No Peripheral Artery Disease (5) No history of foot wound or amputation | 🗆 Lower Risk | Annual re-screen by primary care provider Patient Education (3) |

Notes:

Additional Details for Action Based on Risk:

- 1) Escalation of Care Pathway see DET-OHT weblink
- 2) Foot Care Clinic/Services (dependent on setting of foot screening) see DET-OHT weblink
- 3) Patient Education options:
 - o Education Materials:
 - i. <u>Diabetes, Healthy Feet AND You</u> (available in other languages <u>HERE</u>)
 - ii. Foot Care Checklist for People with Diabetes
 - o Referral to *Diabetes Education Program*
 - Referral to Choose Health Self-Management Program Healthy Feet, Diabetes & You

Resources about performing diabetic foot screening

- 4) Checking for **Neuropathy** (a.k.a. Loss of Protective Sensation LOPS):
 - Touch option 1 <u>Monofilament</u>
 - Touch option 2 Finger Touch Test
 - Ask: Burning or numbness or pins & needles in toes/feet?
- 5) Checking for Peripheral Artery Disease
 - Look: Wound/ulcer/gangrene
 - Touch: Dorsalis pedis and posterior tibial pulses
 - Ask: Claudication in calves or rest pain foot/toes
- 6) Detailed video demonstration

