

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE

Documentation Considerations

- Document all abnormal findings in ROS and on exam
- Identify all associated manifestations (i.e. ulceration, gangrene, cellulitis, amputation status)
- “Wound” and “ulcer” are not synonymous; avoid using the word “wound” when documenting skin ulcers
- Document location of peripheral vascular disease

Diagnosis Considerations

- Document any underlying cause of peripheral vascular disease (i.e. atherosclerosis, diabetes)
- Correlate abnormal exam findings (claudication, decreased pulses, diminished cap refill, etc.) with appropriate diagnosis code

Additional Considerations

- Document if known cause is atherosclerosis
- Identify the type of artery involved (i.e. native, bypass graft, autologous, non-autologous biological)
- Identify laterality
- Note specialist follow-up with diagnoses
- Treatment options (i.e. medication, exercise, surgical intervention)

