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# Presa a Carico delle Ulcere Croniche

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# **Ulcere Croniche**

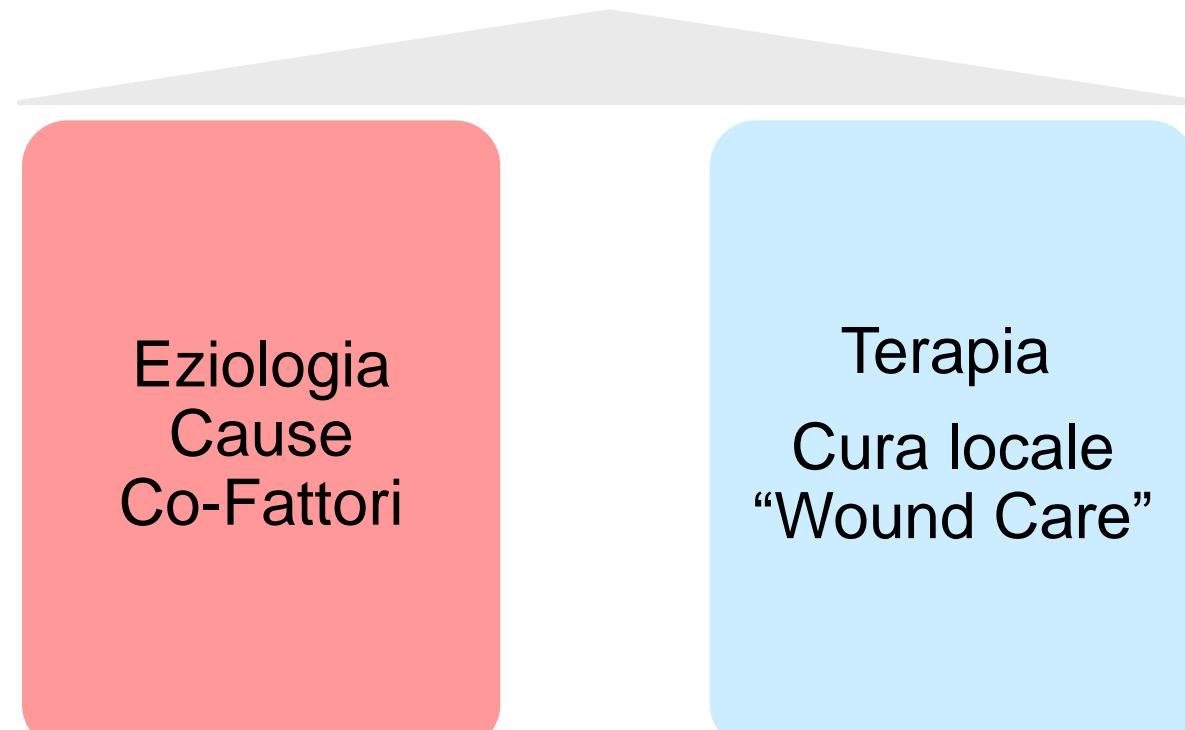
- **Ulcere agli arti inferiori:**
  - **Ulcere venose**
  - **Ulcere arteriose**
  - **Ulcere neuropatiche (diabete)**
  - **Rarità (<< 10%)**
- **Ulcere da pressione**
- **Ulcere altre localizzazioni non da pressione**

# Ulcere Croniche: Presa a carico interdisciplinare



# Ulcere Croniche

- Primo: **diagnosi**
- Secondo: **terapia**



Presa a carico ulcere croniche

# Ulcere Croniche

Feature	Ulcer Type			
	Venous	Arterial	Neuropathic Diabetic	Pressure
Underlying condition	Varicose veins, previous deep-vein thrombosis, obesity, pregnancy, recurrent phlebitis	Diabetes, hypertension, smoking, previous vascular disease	Diabetes, trauma, prolonged pressure	Limited mobility
Ulcer location	Area between the lower calf and the medial malleolus	Pressure points, toes and feet, lateral malleolus and tibial areas	Plantar aspect of foot, tip of the toe, lateral to fifth metatarsal	Bony prominences, heel
Ulcer characteristic	Shallow and flat margins, moderate-to-heavy exudate, slough at base with granulation tissue	Punched out and deep, irregular shape, unhealthy wound bed, presence of necrotic tissue, minimal exudate unless infected	Deep, surrounded by callus, insensate	Deep, often macerated
Condition of leg or foot	 Hemosiderin staining, thickening and fibrosis, eczematous and itchy skin, limb edema, normal capillary refill	 Thin shiny skin, reduced hair growth, cool skin, pallor on leg elevation, absent or weak pulses, delayed capillary refill, gangrene	 Dry, cracked, insensate, calluses	 Atrophic skin, loss of muscle mass
Treatment	Compression therapy, leg elevation, surgical management	Revascularization, anti-platelet medications, management of risk factors	Off-loading of pressure, topical growth factors	Off-loading of pressure; reduction of excessive moisture, shear, and friction; adequate nutrition

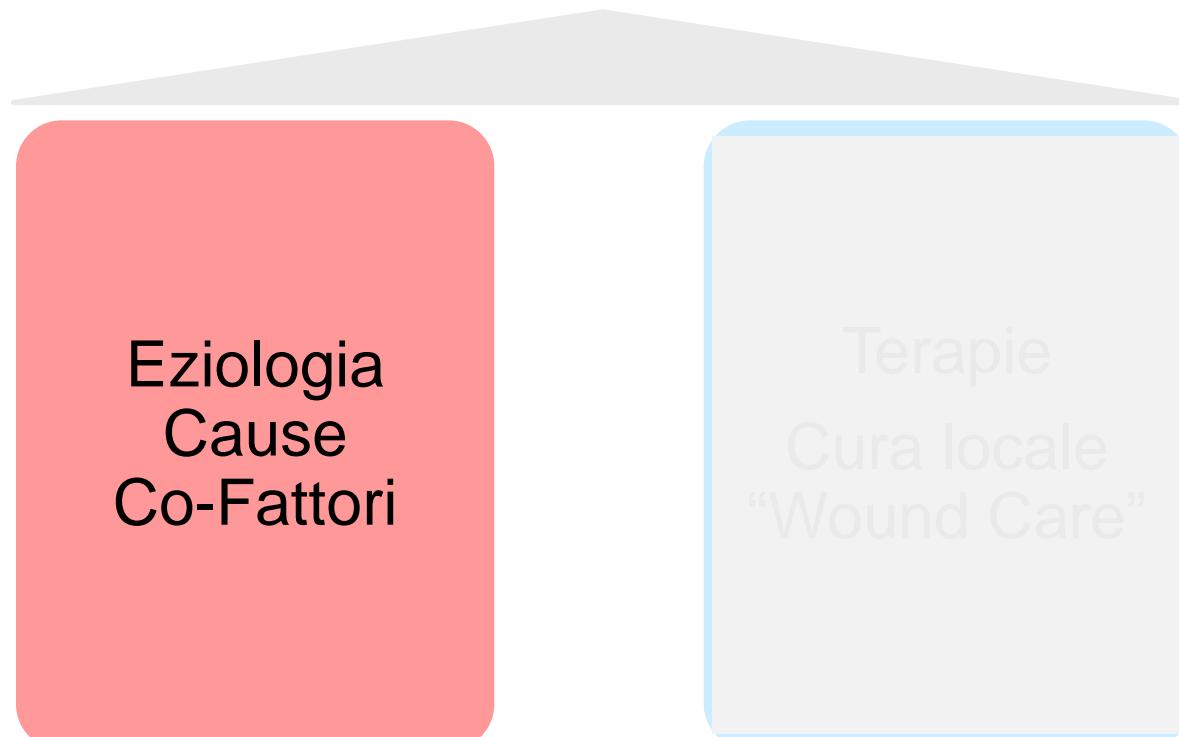
Figure 1. Venous, Arterial, Neuropathic Diabetic, and Pressure Ulcers.

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Presa a carico ulcere arti inferiori

# Ulcere arti inferiori: Diagnosi Differenziale

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**Table III.** Extended differential diagnosis for chronic wounds

Infection-related
Bacterial
Erysipelas bullosa, necrotizing fasciitis ( <i>Streptococcus haemolyticus</i> ), botryomycosis (commonly <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ), gas gangrene ( <i>Clostridium</i> species), ecthyma gangrenosum ( <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ), septic embolism, bacterial endocarditis, anthrax ( <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> ), diphtheria ( <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> ), meningococcemia ( <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> ), bartonellosis ( <i>Bartonella bacilliformis</i> ), glanders ( <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> ), malakoplakia (commonly <i>E. coli</i> ), tularemia ( <i>Francisella tularensis</i> ), and yaws ( <i>Treponema pallidum pertenue</i> )
Sexually transmitted anogenital ulceration: syphilis ( <i>Treponema pallidum</i> ), granuloma inguinale ( <i>Klebsiella granulomatis</i> ), lymphogranuloma venereum ( <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> ), and chancroid ( <i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i> )
Atypical mycobacterial
Leprosy ( <i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> ), buruli ulcer ( <i>M. ulcerans</i> ), tuberculosis ( <i>M. tuberculosis</i> ) causing ulcerating cutaneous tuberculosis, lupus vulgaris, and papulonecrotic tuberculid
Viral: herpes simplex, varicella zoster, cytomegalovirus
Fungal: bullous tinea pedis, eumycotic mycetoma, chromoblastomycosis, coccidiomycosis, sporotrichosis, histoplasmosis, and blastomycosis
Protozoan: Leishmaniasis, amoebiasis ( <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> ), and acanthamoeba
Medication-induced
Hydroxyurea
Methotrexate
Chemotherapeutics
Immunosuppressives
Bacillus Calmette-Guerin vaccination
Malignancy-related
Internal malignancy metastasis
Cutaneous malignancy
Squamous cell carcinoma (Marjolin ulcer)
Basal cell carcinoma
Melanoma (including acral and amelanotic types)
Merkel cell carcinoma
Kaposi sarcoma
Malignant fibrous histiocytoma
Lymphoproliferative malignancy
Medical conditions
Diabetes mellitus
Neuropathic conditions including tabes dorsalis, paraplegia, and multiple sclerosis
Klinefelter syndrome
Hypertension (Martorell ulcer)
Blood disorders
Polycythemia vera
Sickle cell anemia
Thrombocytopenia (including thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura)
Paraproteinemia
Autoimmune conditions
Scleroderma
Rheumatoid arthritis
Cutaneous lupus erythematosus
Inflammatory bowel disease (including metastatic Crohn's disease)
Nutrition (caloric, protein, vitamin, and mineral deficiencies)
Pressure
Primary skin conditions
Necrobiosis lipoidica
Sarcoidosis
Ulcerative pyoderma gangrenosum
Panniculitis (including erythema induratum)
Bullous diseases (including bullous pemphigoid, pemphigus, bullous lichen planus, and porphyria cutanea tarda)
Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis

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**Table III. Cont'd**

Substance abuse-related (Fig 1)
Skin-popping
Toxic and irritant properties of illicit drugs and adulterants
Vasoconstrictive cocaine
Bacterial embolism
Trauma (including burns, bites, and postsurgical injury)
Factitious (including dermatitis artefacta, malingering, and Munchausen by proxy)
Vascular
Venous leg ulcers
Chronic venous insufficiency
Congenital valvular insufficiency
Trauma-related valvular insufficiency
Thrombus-related valvular insufficiency (deep venous thrombosis)
Mixed venous-arterial or venous-lymphatic insufficiency
Arteriovenous malformation
Arterial leg ulcers
Atherosclerosis-related
Embolism-related
Thromboangiitis obliterans
Vasculitis
Small-vessel vasculitis: leukocytoclastic vasculitis, microscopic polyangiitis, granulomatosis with polyangiitis (formerly Wegener granulomatosis), Churg-Strauss, Henoeh-Schönlein purpura, cryoagglutination (cryoglobulins, cryofibrinogen), and Behget disease
Medium-sized vessel: polyarteritis nodosa
Vasculopathy
Hypercoagulopathic disorders (Table VI)
Disseminated intravascular coagulation and purpura fulminans
Sneddon syndrome (usually presenting as livedo reticularis)
Cholesterol emboli
Calciplaxias
Warfarin-induced necrosis (and heparin necrosis)
Livedoid vasculopathy
Dego disease (malignant atrophic papulosis)

# Ulcere arti inferiori: Cause

- Malattie Vascolari:
    - Venosa
    - Arteriosa
    - Linfatica
    - **Vasculiti**
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- **Infezioni / Infestazioni**
- **Esogene (pressione, ...)**
- **Farmaci**
- **Neoplasie**
- **Malattie dermatologiche**
- **Emopatie e Coagulopatie**
- **Malattie metaboliche**
- **Difetti genetici**
- **Neuropatie (periferiche, sistema nervoso centrale)**

<< 10 %

# Ulceri arti inferiori: Cause dermatologiche-internistiche

## Vasculiti:

- **Primitive:**
- PAN
- Wegener,...
- **Secondarie:**
- Artrite reumatoide
- Sclerodermia
- Lupus eritematoso
- Malattia di Sjögren,...

## Infezioni / Infestazioni:

- Ectima
- Erisipela
- Pasteurella multocida
- Sifilide
- Micosi profonda (micetoma)
- Osteomielite
- Parassitosi
- Micobatteriosi
- Embolie settiche,...

## Neoplasie:

- Epiteliomi
- Melanoma maligno
- Sarcomi
- Mycosis fungoides,...

## Malattie dermatologiche:

- Pyoderma gangrenosum
- Eritema nodoso, altre panniculiti
- Malattie bollose auto-immuni
- Lichen ruber planus erosivo
- Sarcoidosi,...

## Emopatie / Coagulopatie:

- Disturbi coagulazione
- Policitemia vera
- crioglobuline
- Alcuni tipi di anemie,...

## Diversi:

- Diabete mellito
- Iperparatiroidismo secondario,...

# Ulceri arti inferiori: Approccio Diagnostico

**Table VIII.** Relevant medical history and review of systems screening for chronic ulcer evaluation

## Relevant medical history

Cardiovascular: hypertension (controlled or uncontrolled), atherosclerosis, intermittent claudication, congestive heart failure, deep venous thrombosis, vascular malformation, lymphedema, and venous insufficiency

Respiratory: sarcoidosis

Gastrointestinal: inflammatory bowel disease

Hematologic/lymphatic: coagulopathy, recent anticoagulation therapy, blood disorders including: sickle cell anemia, polycythemia vera, thalassemia, and thrombocytopenia

Renal: chronic kidney insufficiency or failure, hemodialysis

Neurologic: disease-causing neuropathy, multiple sclerosis

Musculoskeletal: history of lower extremity trauma or surgery

Psychologic: substance abuse, neurodermatoses, dementia

Endocrinologic: diabetes mellitus and associated complications (retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy), corticosteroid excess, thyroid disease

Skin: history of any chronic skin conditions, including vasculitis, necrobiosis lipoidica, sarcoidosis, PG, cutaneous malignancy

Immunologic and rheumatologic: systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren syndrome, scleroderma, systemic and cutaneous vasculitis

Infection: chronic bacterial, viral, or fungal infections, including HIV, hepatitis, tuberculosis, or other atypical mycobacterial infection

Surgical history: cardiovascular reperfusion interventions

## Review of systems

Constitutional: fever, chills, sweats, weight loss or loss of appetite, recent hospitalization

Cardiovascular: chest pain, lower extremity pain with or without exertion, lower extremity pain exacerbated by long periods of standing or worse at the end of the day, lower extremity edema, lower extremity pain worsened with leg elevation

Respiratory: shortness of breath, cough (breathlessness may also indicate cardiac failure)

Gastrointestinal: abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, bloody stool, constipation

Hematologic/lymphatic: slow healing, tendency to bleed or bruise

Neurological: headaches, lower extremity numbness, burning, tingling or pain

Musculoskeletal: myalgias, arthralgias, recent trauma

Skin: rashes, pruritus, unusual lesions or moles

Eyes: blurred or double vision, decreased visual acuity

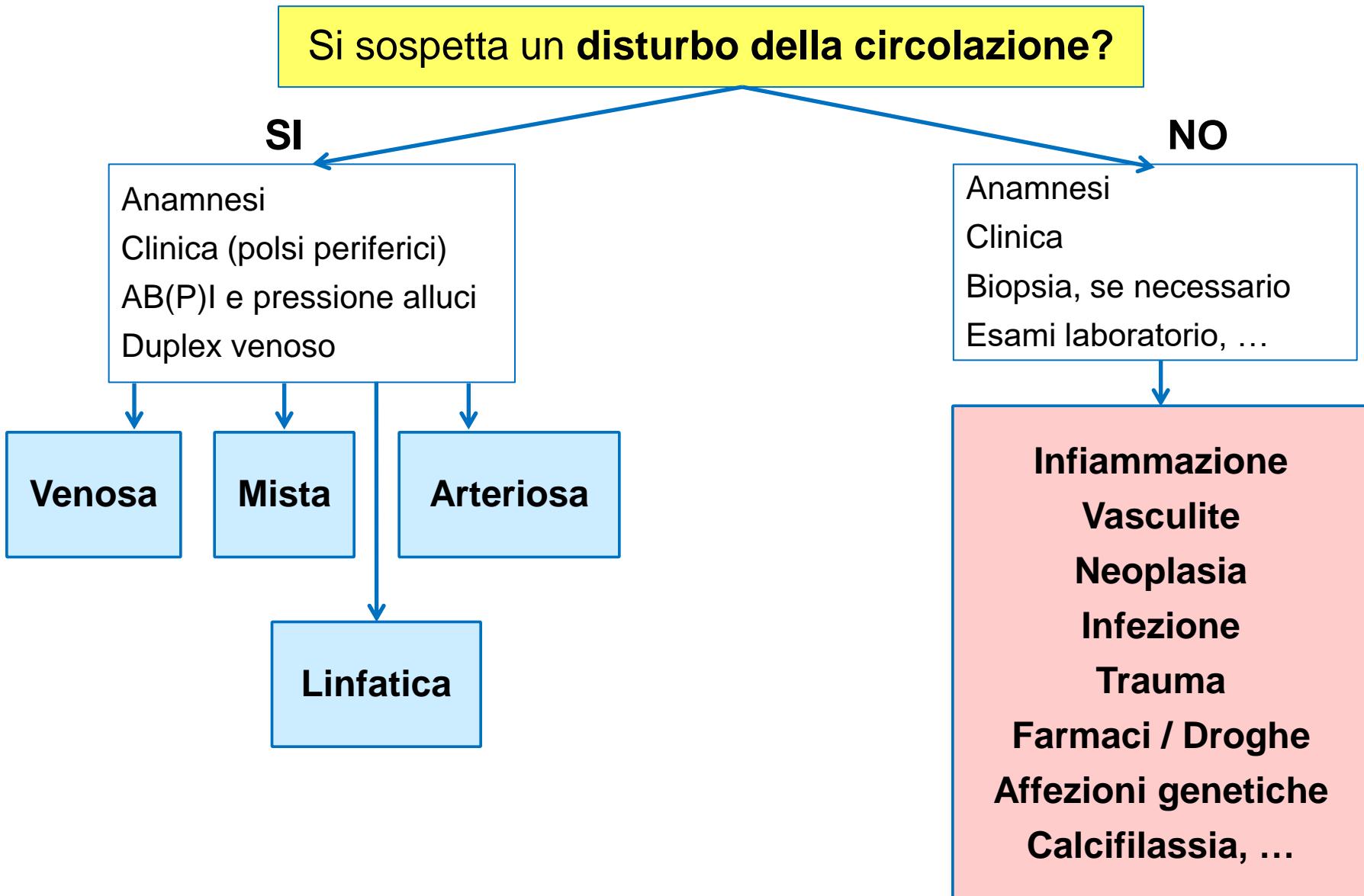
# Ulceri arti inferiori: Approccio Diagnostico

## Regola ABCDE

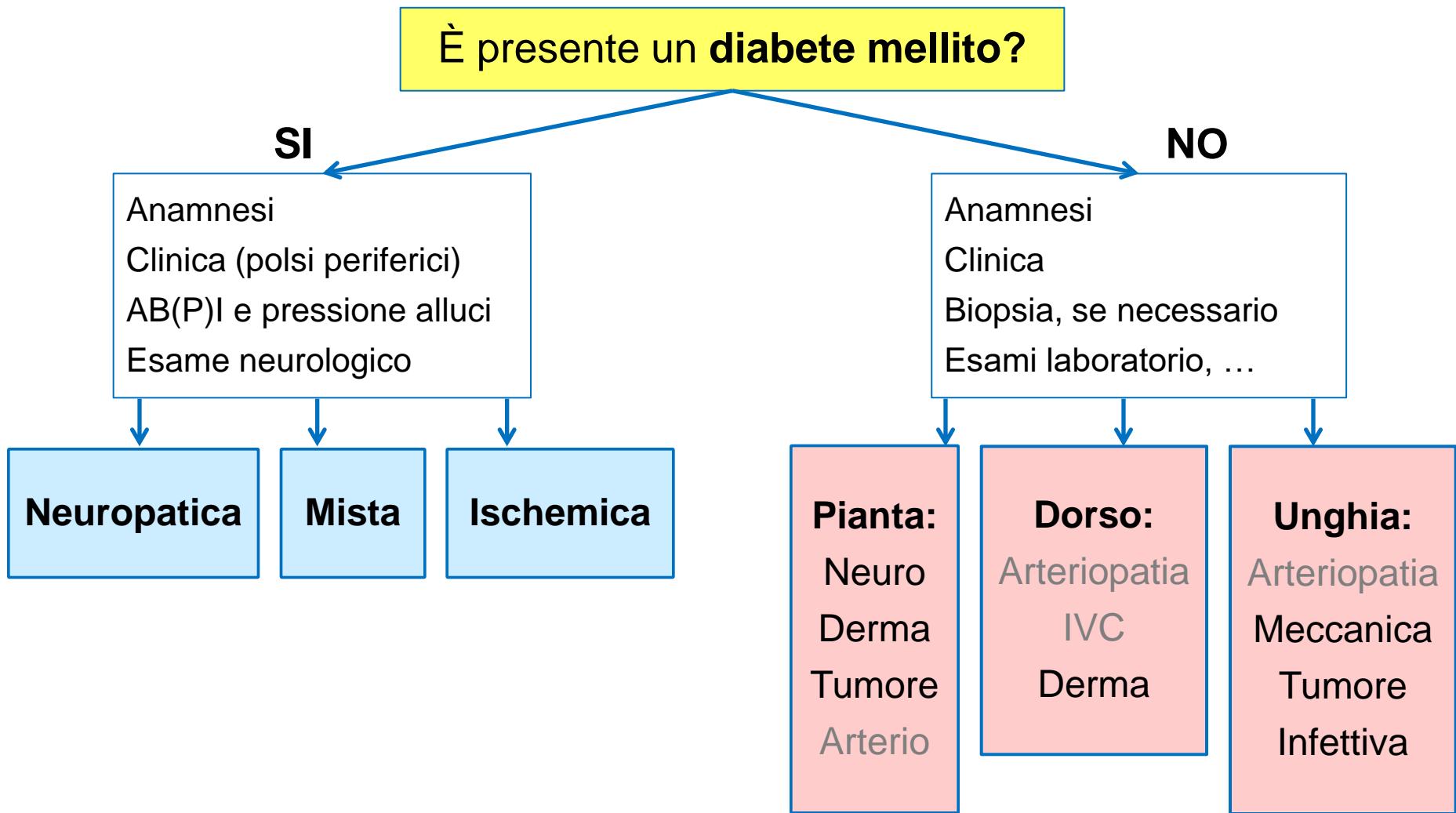
- **A** Anamnesi («**Anamnesis**»)
- **B** Batteri («**Bacteria**»)
- **C** Esame clinico («**Clinical examination**»)
- **D** Disturbo della circolazione («**Defective vascular system**»)
- **E** Extra («**Extras**»)

≈ > 90 % Origine Vascolare

# Ulcera gamba: Algoritmo Diagnostico

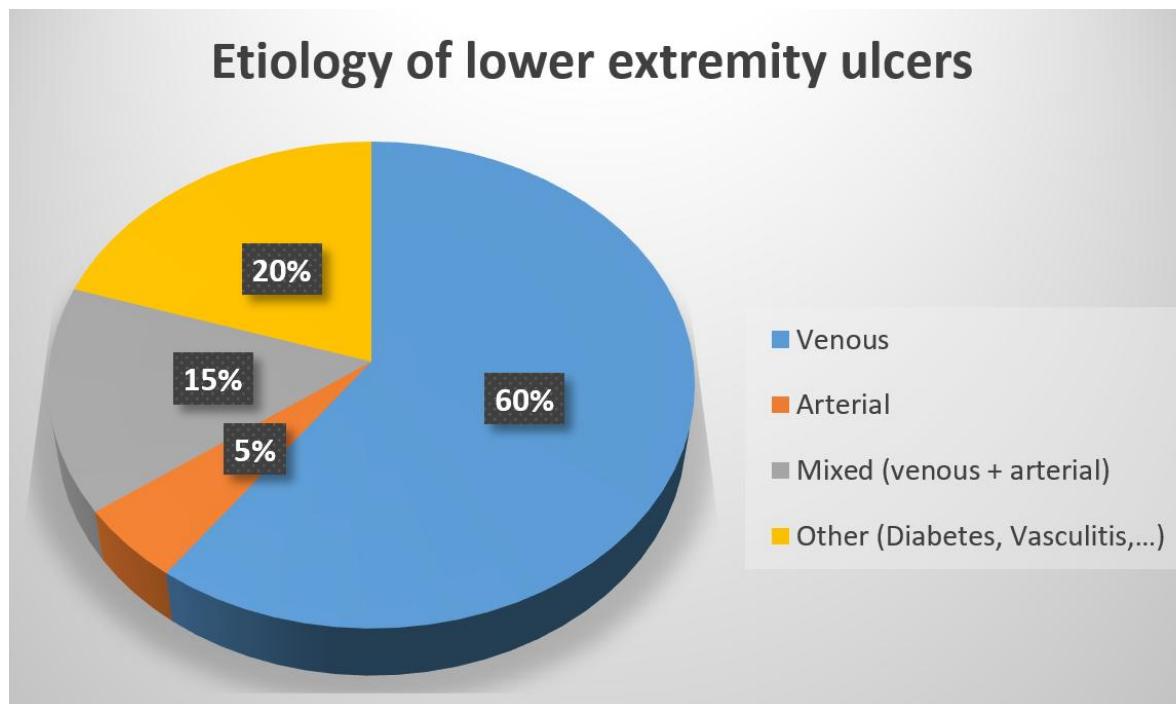


# Ulcera piede: Algoritmo Diagnostico



# Angiology Background

- Dermatologists encounter patients with a variety of lower extremity ulcers
- **Etiology** of lower extremity ulcers are especially vascular:
  - Chronic Venous Insufficiency (**CVI**)                     $\geq 60\%$
  - Peripheral Arterial Disease (**PAD**)                     $\geq 5\%$
  - **Mixed** (CVI + PAD)                                         $\geq 15\%$



# Vascular Tests for Dermatologists and CPs

## Arterial Vascular Studies

### Macrovascular Tests

Ankle Brachial Pressure Index, Toe Pressure, Toe Brachial Index

Doppler Arterial Waveform

Duplex Ultrasonography

Angiography, Angio-CT-Scan, Angio-MRI

### Microvascular Tests (Microcirculation Assessment)

Transcutaneous Oxygen Saturation

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Venous Doppler

Color Flow Duplex Ultrasonography

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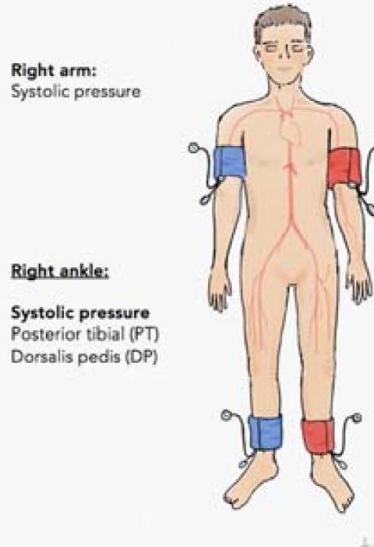
# Arterial Vascular Studies

## Macrovascular Tests

### Ankle Brachial Pressure Index, Toe Pressure, Toe Brachial Index

- **Ankle Brachial Pressure Index (ABPI or ABI):** è calcolato dividendo la pressione sistolica misurata alle arterie dorsalis pedis e tibialis posterior, per la pressione più alta misurata ad entrambe le arterie brachiali
- **Indicazione:** Sospetta arteriopatia periferica

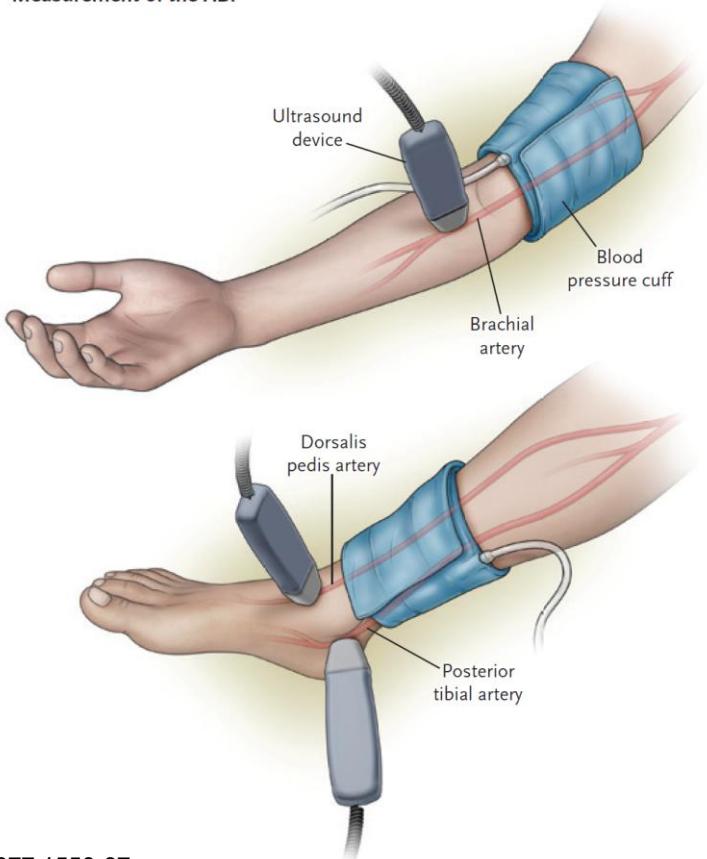
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Right ABI equals ratio of:  
Higher of the right ankle pressure (PT or DP)  
Higher arm pressure (Right or left)

Left ABI equals ratio of:  
Higher of the left ankle pressure (PT or DP)  
Higher arm pressure (Right or left)

Measurement of the ABI



Singer AJ et al. NEJM 2017;377:1559-67.

Rajabi-Estarabadi A et al. Am J Clin Dermatol 2019 Apr 15. doi: 10.1007/s40257-019-00441-x.

$$\text{ABPI} = \frac{\text{Ankle systolic blood pressure}}{\text{Brachial systolic pressure}}$$

**Table I** Interpretation of ABPI

Resting ABPI	Severity of disease
> 1.3	Calcification may be present
> 1.0	Probably no arterial disease
0.81–1.00	No significant arterial disease, or mild/insignificant disease
0.5–0.80	Moderate disease
< 0.5	Severe disease
< 0.3	Critical ischemia

Bandage

Particular Bandage

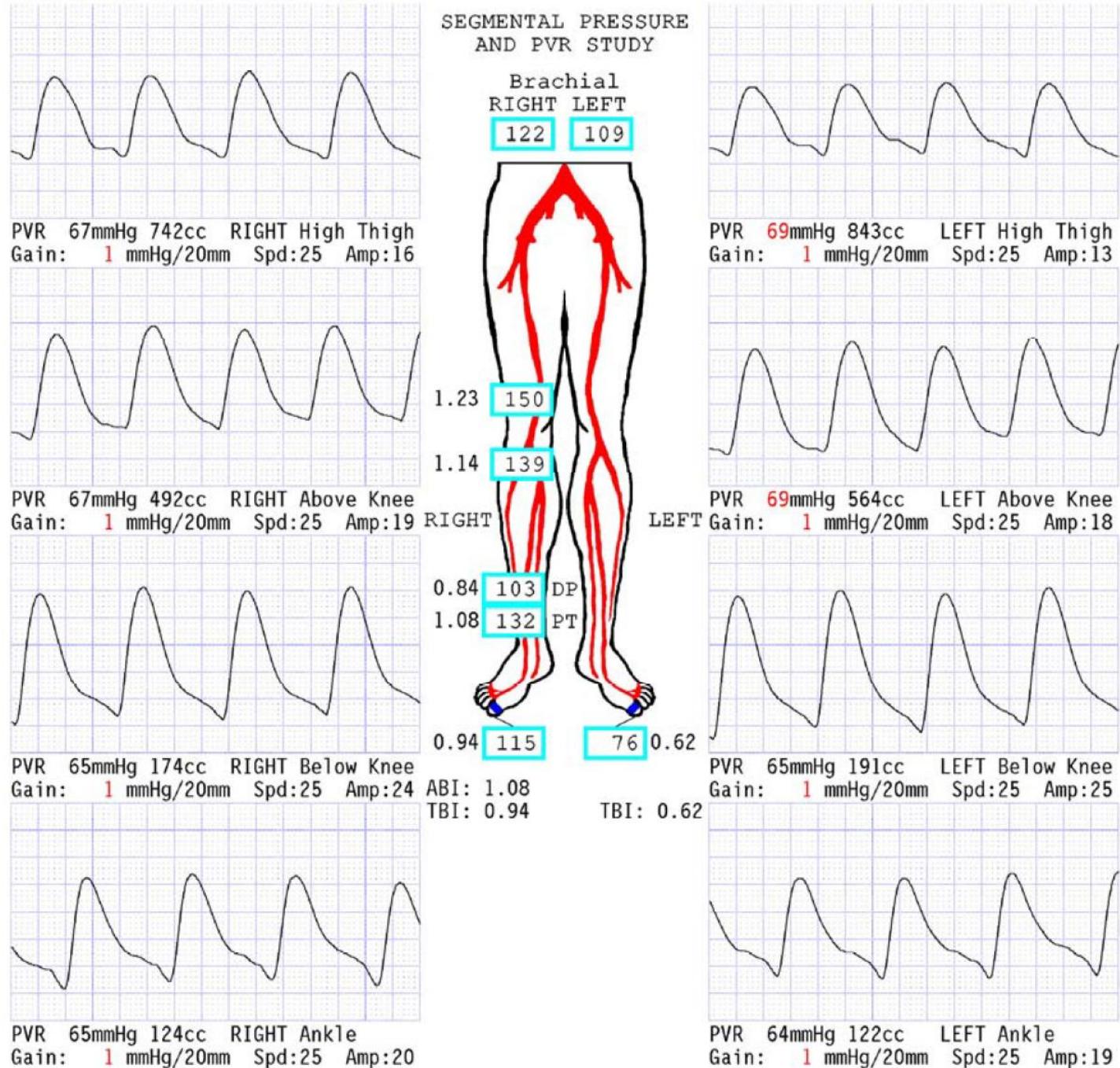
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**Abbreviation:** ABPI, Ankle Brachial Pressure Index.

# Ankle Brachial Pressure Index

## Pulse volume report

- **ABI:** ankle-brachial index
- **PVR:** pulse volume recording
- **TBI:** toe brachial index

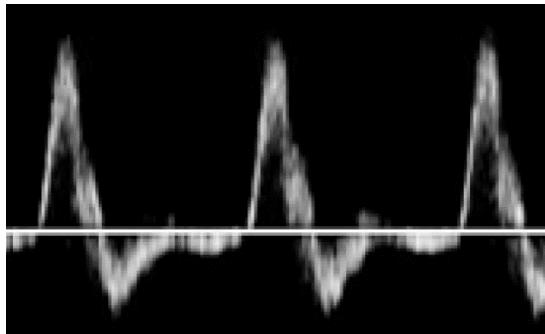
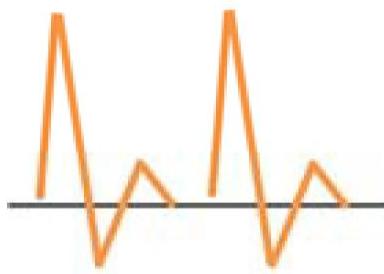


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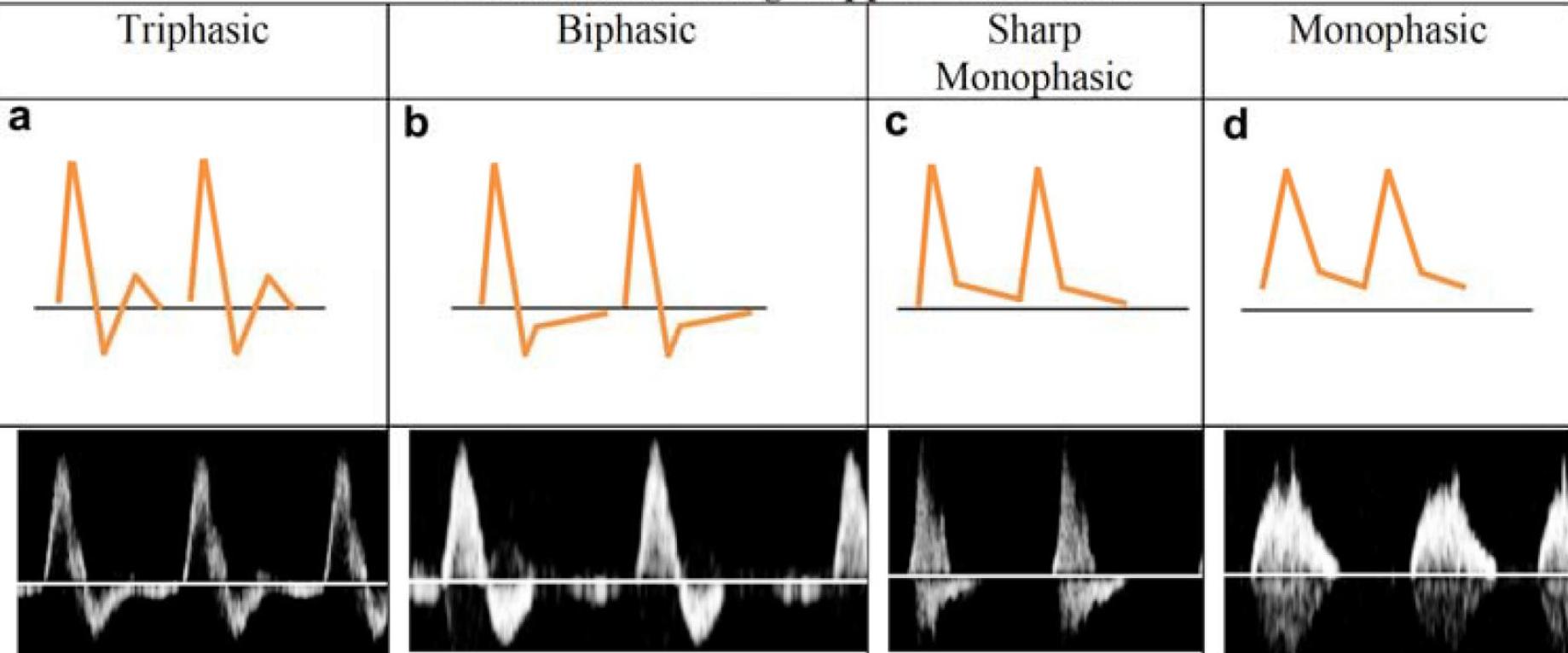
## Macrovascular Tests

### Doppler Arterial Waveform

- Are used to measure arterial Doppler flow
- This device recorded arterial Doppler waveforms from aorta to the pedal arch
- **Description of waveforms in a triphasic or normal waveform:**
  - The first upstroke creates a **sharp peak** corresponding with the high flow of systole
  - The subsequent **down-stroke** corresponds with the inverse flow created by the beginning of diastole
  - The **final small peak** of the waveform is caused by aortic recoil at the end of diastole



## Classification Using Doppler Waveform



**Fig. 2** Types of Doppler waveforms from a peripheral artery. **a** The triphasic waveform corresponds to a Doppler waveform morphology with three “phases”. A sharp ascending branch (systolic phase) with a short rise time and then a descending branch comprising a retrograde portion and an anterograde portion during the diastolic phase. **b** The biphasic waveform corresponds to a Doppler waveform. Two “phases”. A sharp ascending branch (systolic) with a short rise time and then a descending branch and a retrograde portion during the diastolic phase that shows increased velocity, through a mild stenosis.

**c** The sharp monophasic waveform corresponds to a Doppler waveform morphology with an ascending branch (systolic phase) with a short rise time, a rapid descending phase (short fall time), and no retrograde portion during the diastolic phase that indicates greatly increased velocity, through tight stenosis. **d** The “blunted” monophasic waveform corresponds to an extension of the ascending branch rise time (systolic phase), with no retrograde diastolic portion that indicates reduced velocity distal to tight stenosis [56] (Doppler tracings courtesy of Dr. Ahmed Kayssi)

# Vascular Tests for Dermatologists

## Arterial Vascular Studies

### Microvascular Tests (Microcirculation Assessment)

#### Transcutaneous Oxygen Saturation (tcPO<sub>2</sub>)

- **Indication:** the evaluation of local microcirculation, tissue ischemia, and peri-wound oxygenation
- **Procedure:**
  - a Clark-type polarographic oxygen electrode that measures ambient oxygen concentration is placed on the skin and heated to 43.5 ° C to promote oxygen diffusion toward the electrode;
  - the warmed electrode causes vasodilatation of the arterioles and capillaries, which promotes oxygen diffusion toward the electrode;
  - The probe estimates vasodilatory capacity of micro-vessels in the skin by directly measuring post-heating hyperemia;
- The **tcPO<sub>2</sub> value** obtained depends on **4 variables**:
  - Cutaneous circulation
  - Arterial partial pressure of oxygen
  - Oxygen consumption by skin tissue
  - Oxygen infusibility through the skin

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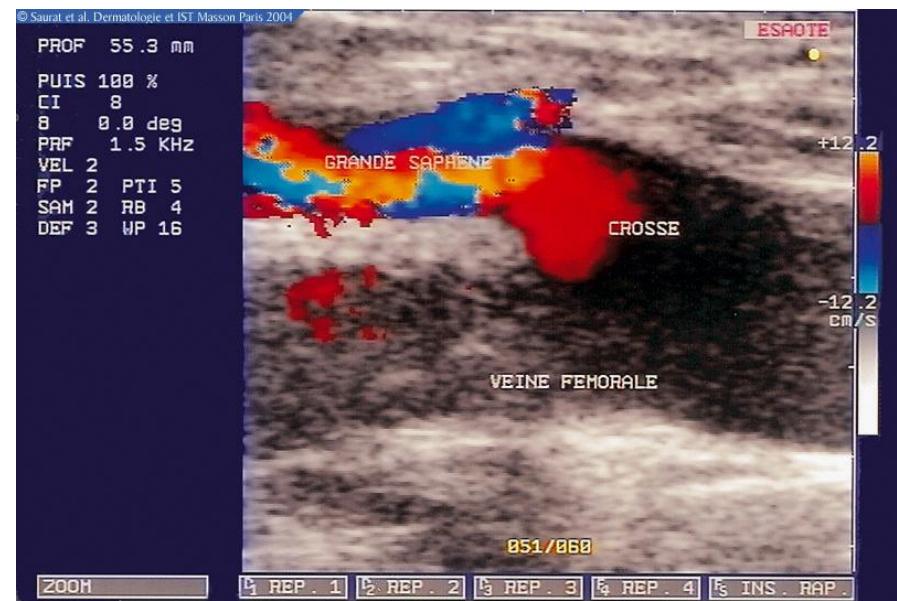
#### Transcutaneous Oxygen Saturation (tcPO<sub>2</sub>)

- **Measurements** may obtained from any area of interest. **Values:**
  - Normal: > 40 mmHg
  - Mild circulation compromise: 30-40 mmHg
  - Moderate circulation compromise: 20-30 mmHg
  - Non-healing wound: < 20 mmHg
- **Impact of measured tcPO<sub>2</sub> values:**
  - Obesity
  - Edema
  - Infection
  - But also local conditions such as inflammation, scar tissue, irradiated tissue, sclerosis, and position of patient (tcPO<sub>2</sub> ↓)

# Venous Studies

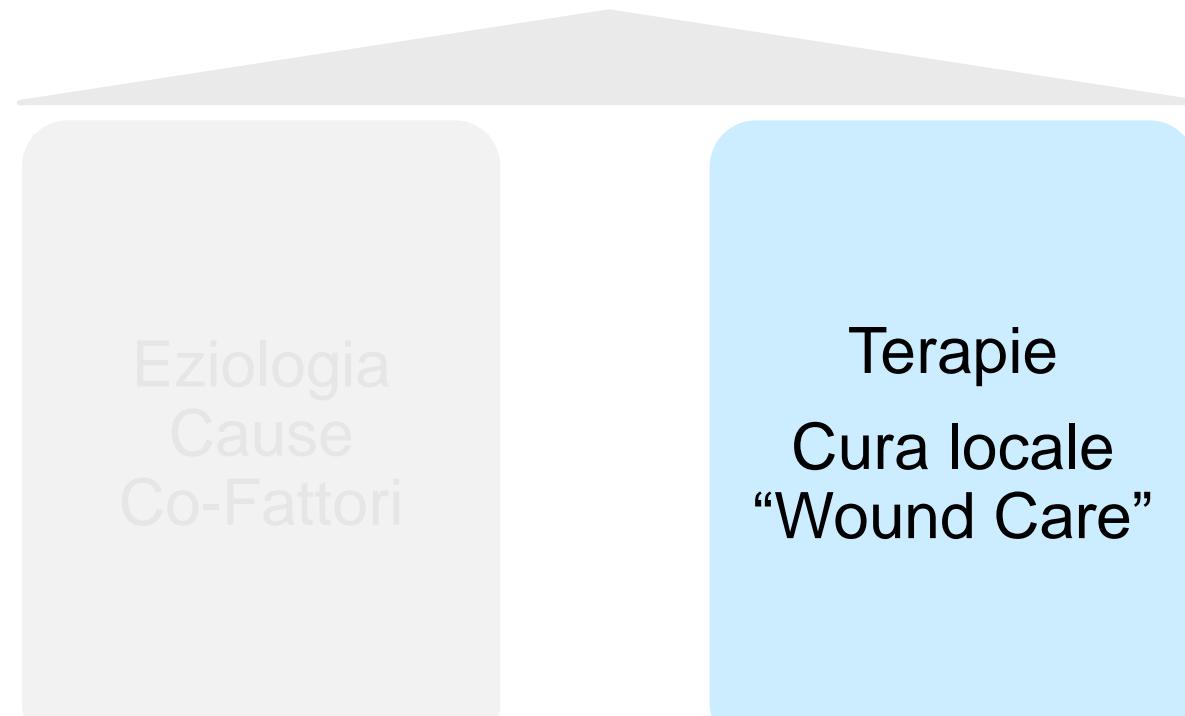
## Color Flow Duplex Ultrasonography

- **Indication:** provides anatomical and flow data for the assessment of reflux and patency in specific veins. Thromboembolic disease in the extremities veins can be diagnosed
- Enables the operator to evaluate the direction and velocity of blood flow and thus detects the location of venous occlusion, stenosis, or reflux



# Ulcer croniche arti inferiori

- Primo: **diagnosi**
- Secondo: **terapia**



Presa a carico ulceri arti inferiori

# **Ulcere Venose**

- **Bendaggio compressivo:**
  - «Alzare» gli arti inferiori
  - Riduzione del peso
- **Chirurgia vascolare**
  - Chirurgia vene varicose
  - Terapie endovascolari
  - Scleroterapia
- **Chirurgia dell'ulcera**
- **Trapianti cutanei**

## Ulcera venosa

- **Ulcera:** forma arrotondata, polilobata; fondo fibrinoso o con tessuto di granulazione
- **Localizzazione:** terzo distale della gamba: malleolare o sopramalleolare interna
- **Cute circostante:** infiammata (dermite ocre, dermatoliposclerosi, eczema,...). Varice o vena perforante insufficiente a monte



# Bendaggio compressivo: first-line therapies

- **Evidence level A: double-blind study**
- **Guarisce 95 % delle ulcere venose**, ma ci vuole tempo
- Tecnica bendaggio !
- La compressione ideale alle caviglie: 40 mmHg
- **Compressione a 4 strati** (Profore<sup>®</sup>) e stivali di zinco



- Bende di estensione debole (Rhena-Varidress<sup>®</sup> 8 + 10 cm)



Marston WA et al. *J Vasc Surg* 1999;30:491-8.  
Moffatt CJ et al. *Wound Repair Regen* 2003; 11:166-71.  
Nelson EA et al. *J Vasc Surg* 2007; 45:134-41.

**Coban® 2:**ABPI  $\geq 0.8$ Indicazione:

IVC

**2 Layer Compression System**

(SE) 2 -lagers kompressionssystem

(DK) 2-lags kompressionssystem for ABPI  $\geq 0,8$ 

(NO) 2-lags kompresjonssystem

10 cm x 2,7 m  
4 in x 2.9 yd10 cm x 3,5 m  
4 in x 3.8 yd10 cm x 4,7 m  
4 in x 5.1 yd

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**Coban® 2 Lite:**ABPI  $\geq 0.5$ Indicazione:

Anche lieve arteriopatia

**2 Layer Compression System**(SE) 2-wu warstwowy system do terapii upiskowej do stosowania u pacjentów z wskaźnikiem kostkowo ramiennym  $\geq 0,5$ (DK) 2 rétegű kompressziós rendszer /ABPI  $\geq 0,5$ /(NO) 2 vrstvy kompresní systém pro ABPI  $\geq 0,5$ (NO) 2 vrstvový komprezívny systém na ABPI  $\geq 0,5$ (NO) 2 slojni kompresijski sistem za gleženjski indeks  $\geq 0,5$ 10 cm x 2,7 m  
4 in x 2.9 yd10 cm x 3,2 m  
4 in x 3.4 yd10 cm x 4,7 m  
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# Trapianto cutaneo: second-line therapies

- ***Evidence level A: double-blind study***



- **Secondo Thiersch**



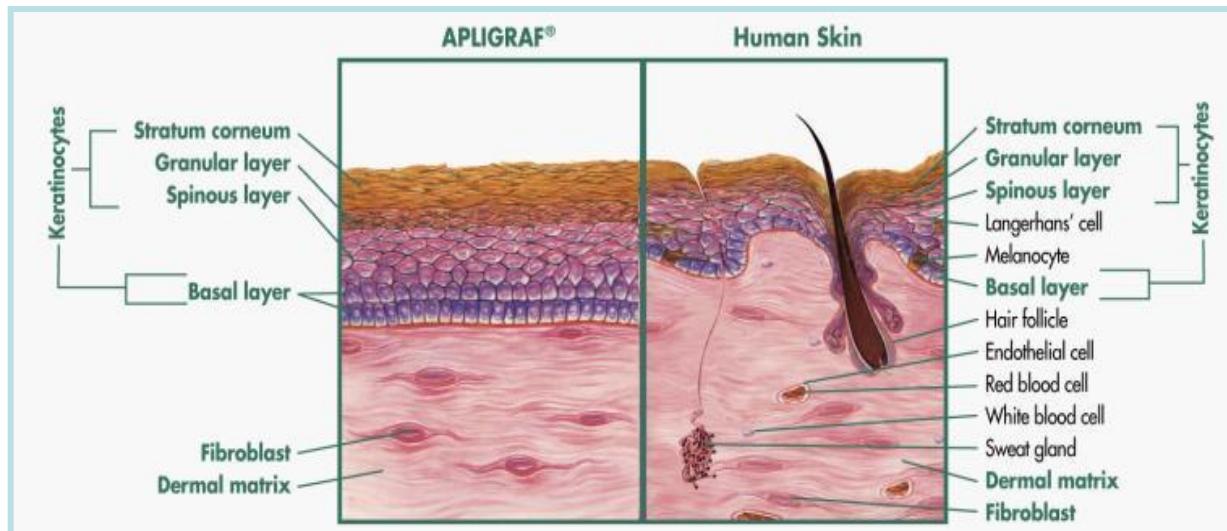
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# Trapianto cutaneo: second-line therapies

- **Evidence level A: double-blind study**
- **Skin equivalent dressings (*Graftskin*, *Apligraf*)**

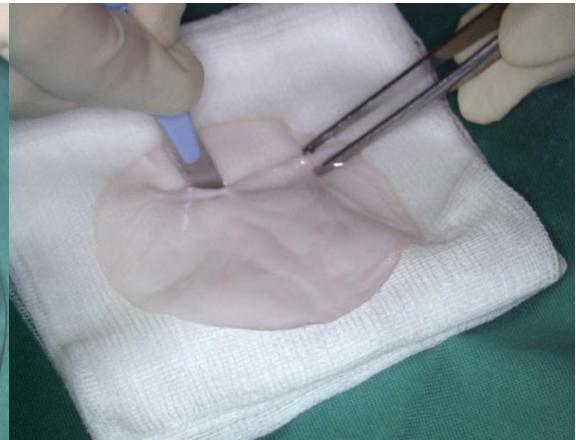
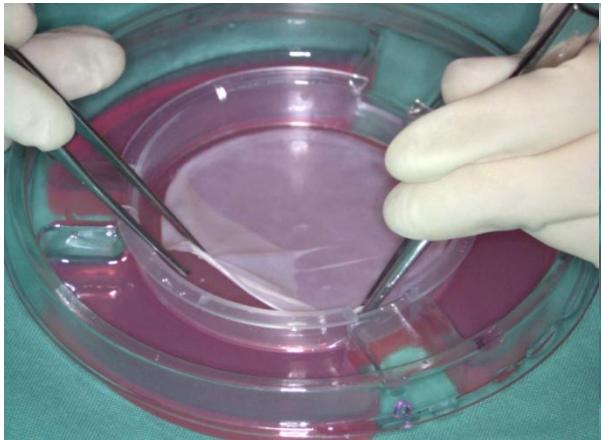


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# Trapianto cutaneo: second-line therapies

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# Ulcera venosa: terapia chirurgica

***Evidence level B: Clinical trial > 20 subjects***

**Shaving surgery: 5 anni dopo**



# **Ulcere Arteriose**

- **Rivascolarizzazione:**
  - **Endovascolare (Angioplastica +/- Stent)**
  - **Arterial Bypass Grafting**
- **Farmaci**
  - **Anti-aggregazione**
  - **Anticoagulazione**
  - **Prostaglandine (Iloprost)**
- **Cura dei fattori di rischio (diabete,...)**
- **Cura Infezione parti molli-Osteomielite / Amputazione**

# Ulcera arteriosa classica: terapia



Stato dopo angioplastica e posa Stent



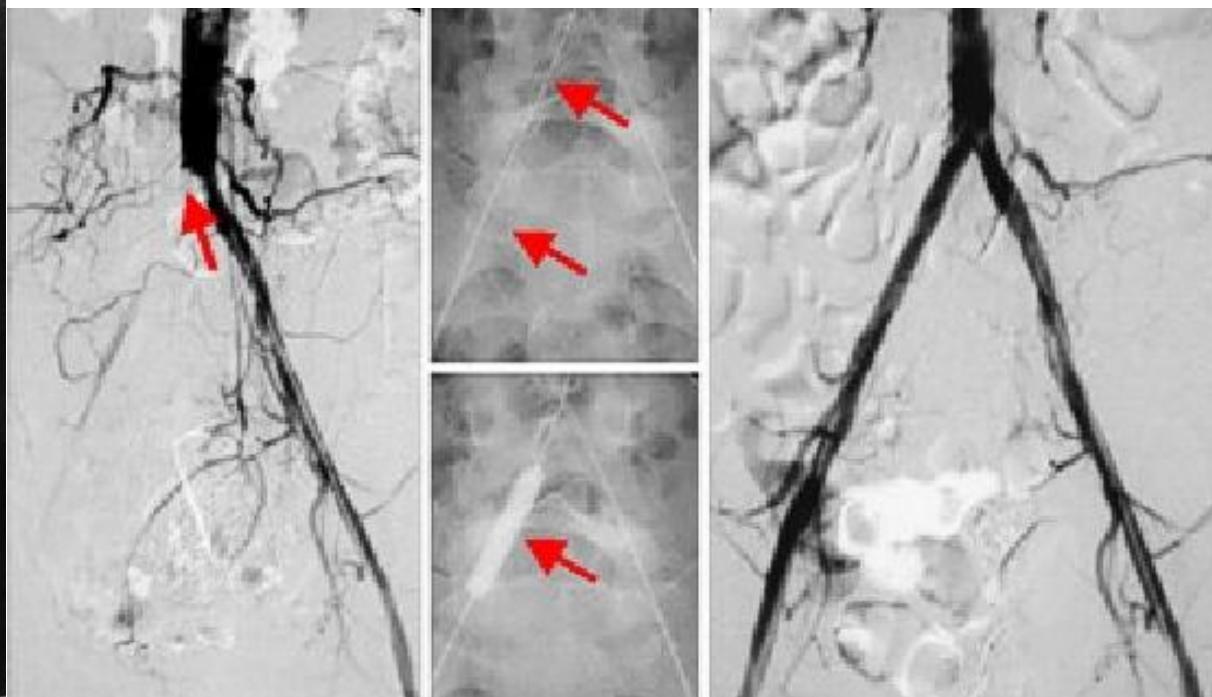
Trapianto cutaneo secondo Thiersch



# Ulcera arteriosa classica: terapia



**Dilatazione endoluminale  
(angioplastica) con posa di un stent**



# Ulcere neuropatiche (Malum Perforans)

- **Scaricare la pressione zone d'appoggio (Off-loading):**
- **Asportazione dell'ipercheratosi ai bordi**
- **Cura dei fattori di rischio (nutritivi o metabolici)**
- **Cura Infezione parti molli-Osteomielite / Amputazione**

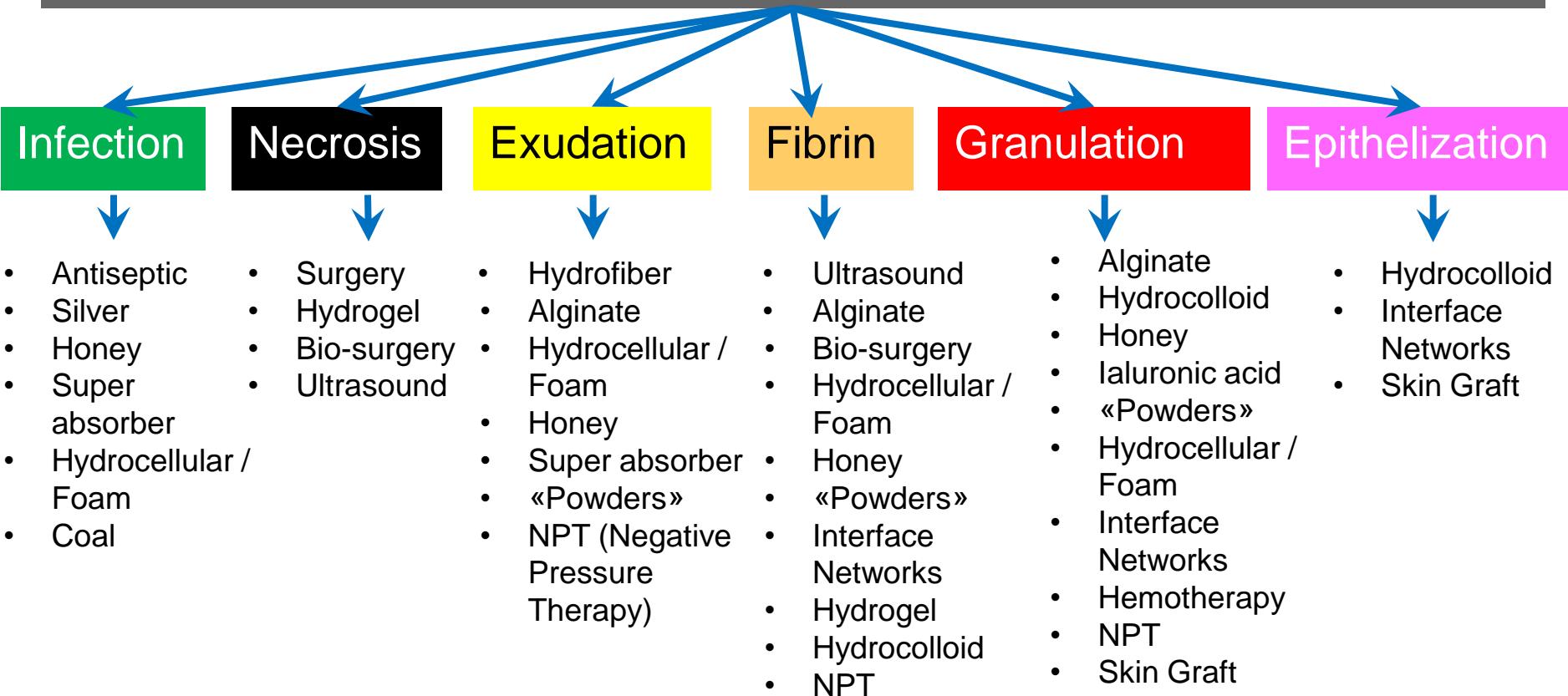
# Sindrome del piede diabetico



# Wound Care (Advanced Therapies)

## Prevention:

Risk factors, Off-loading plantar lesions, Compression, Skin Care, Adapted shoes



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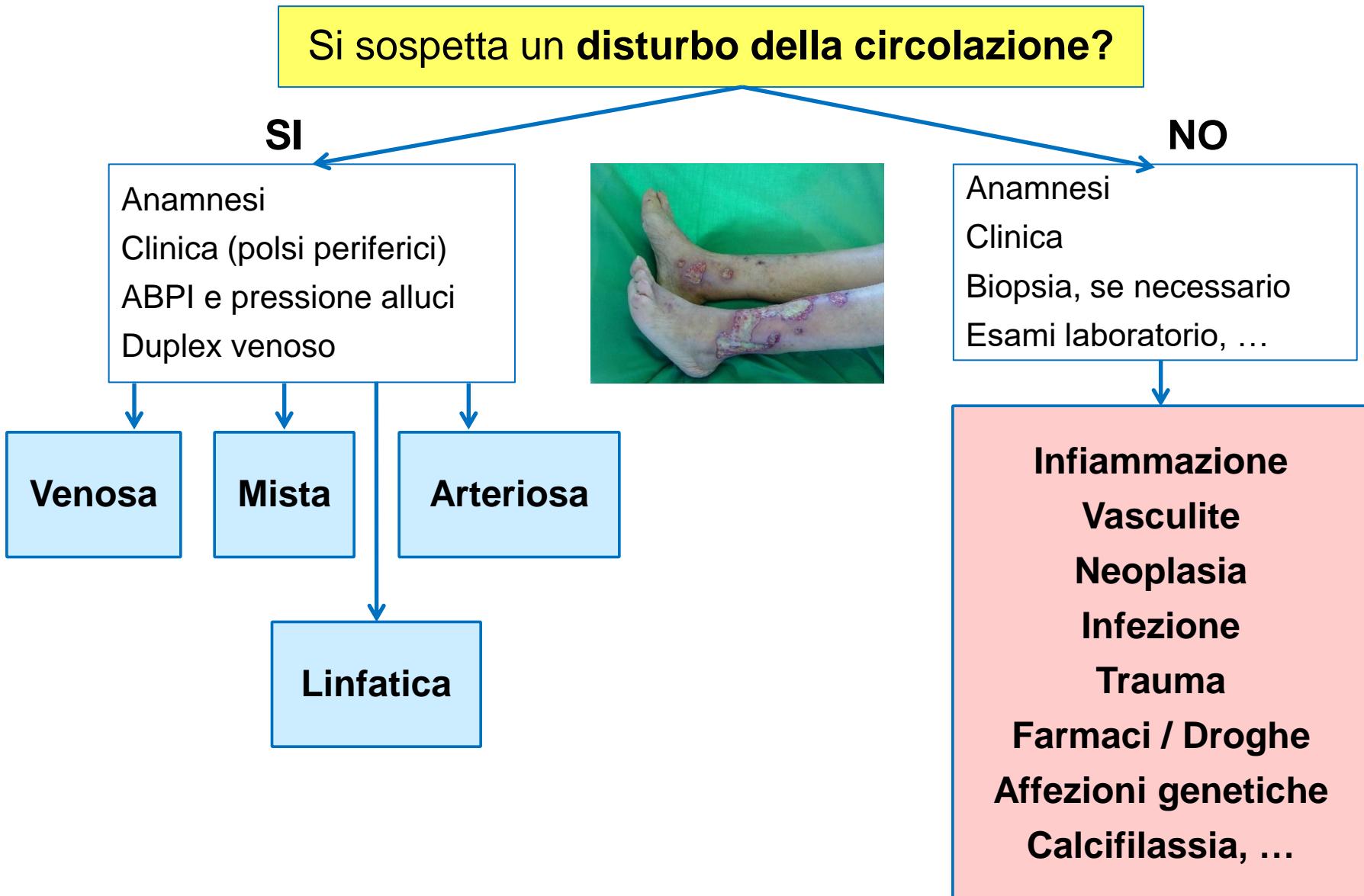
# Caso

♀ 77 anni con artrite reumatoide

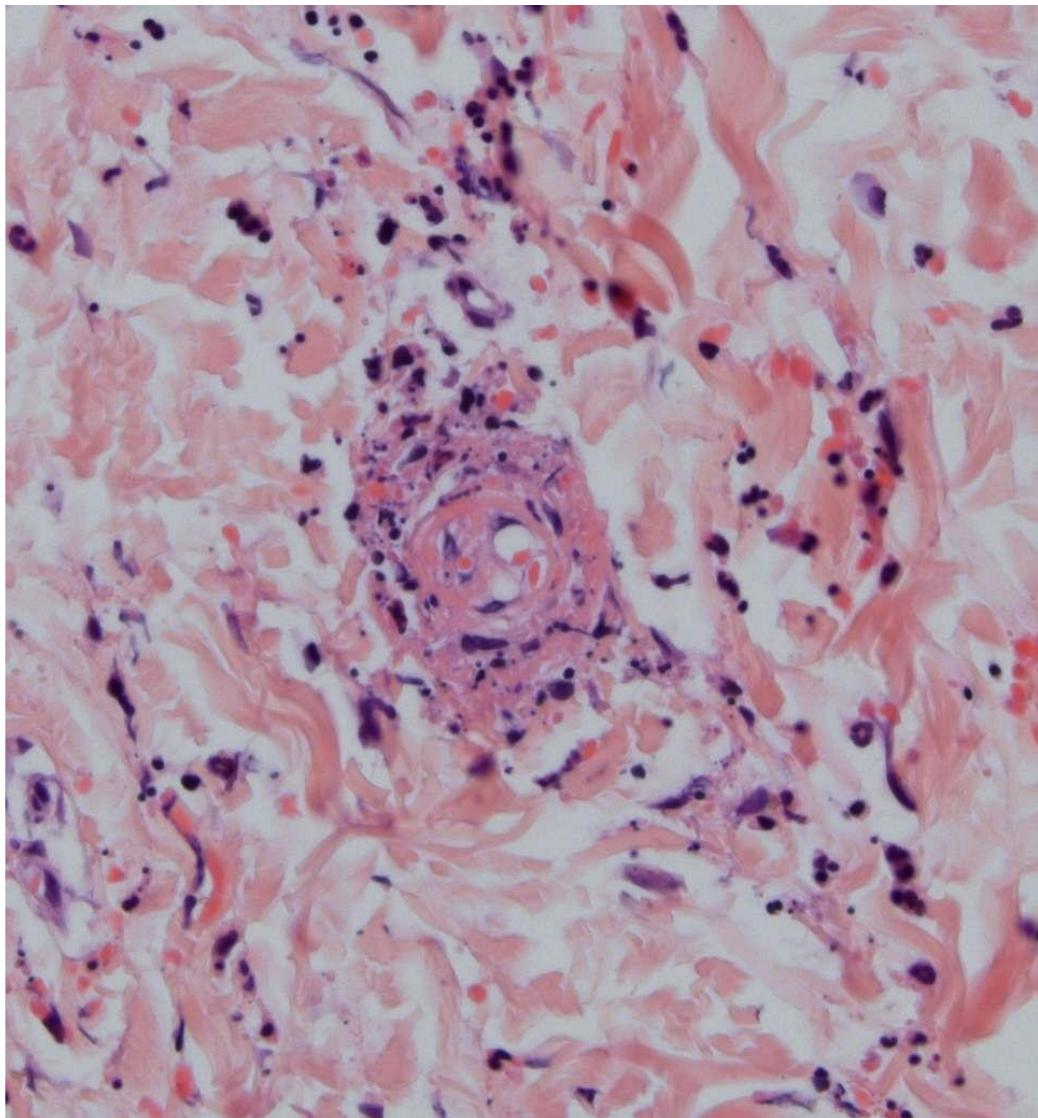
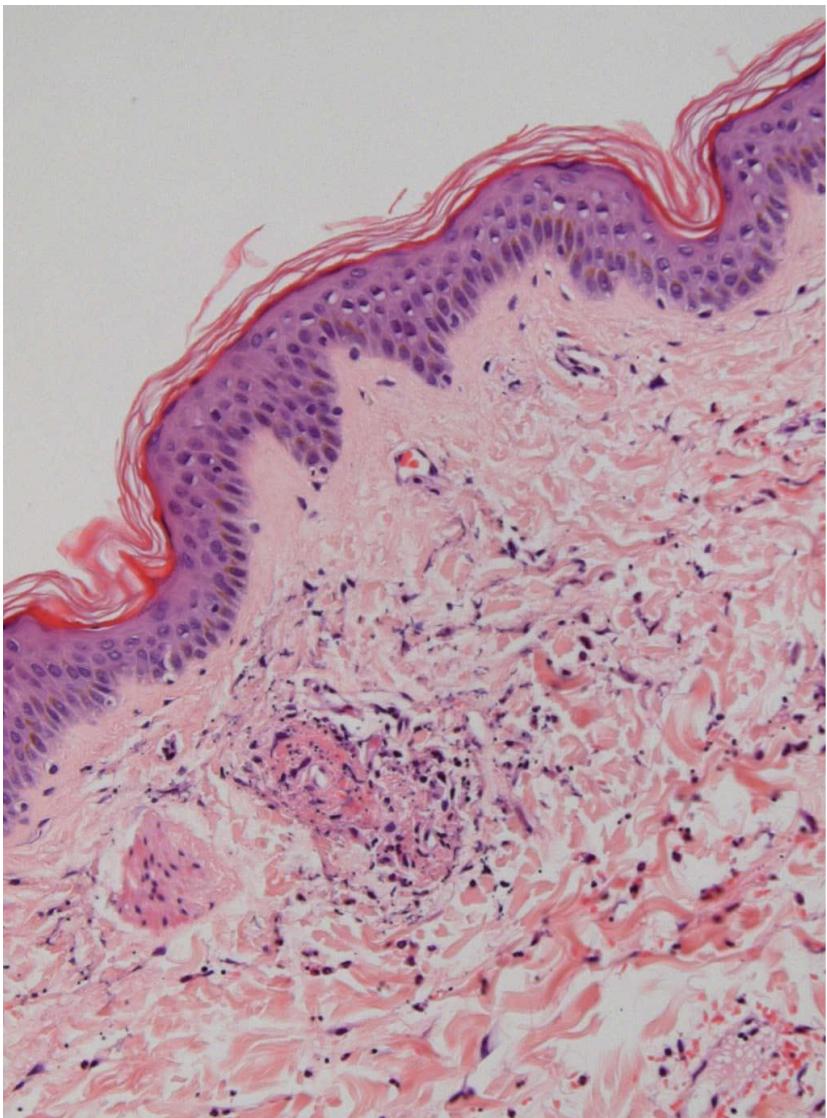




# Ulcera gamba: Algoritmo Diagnostico



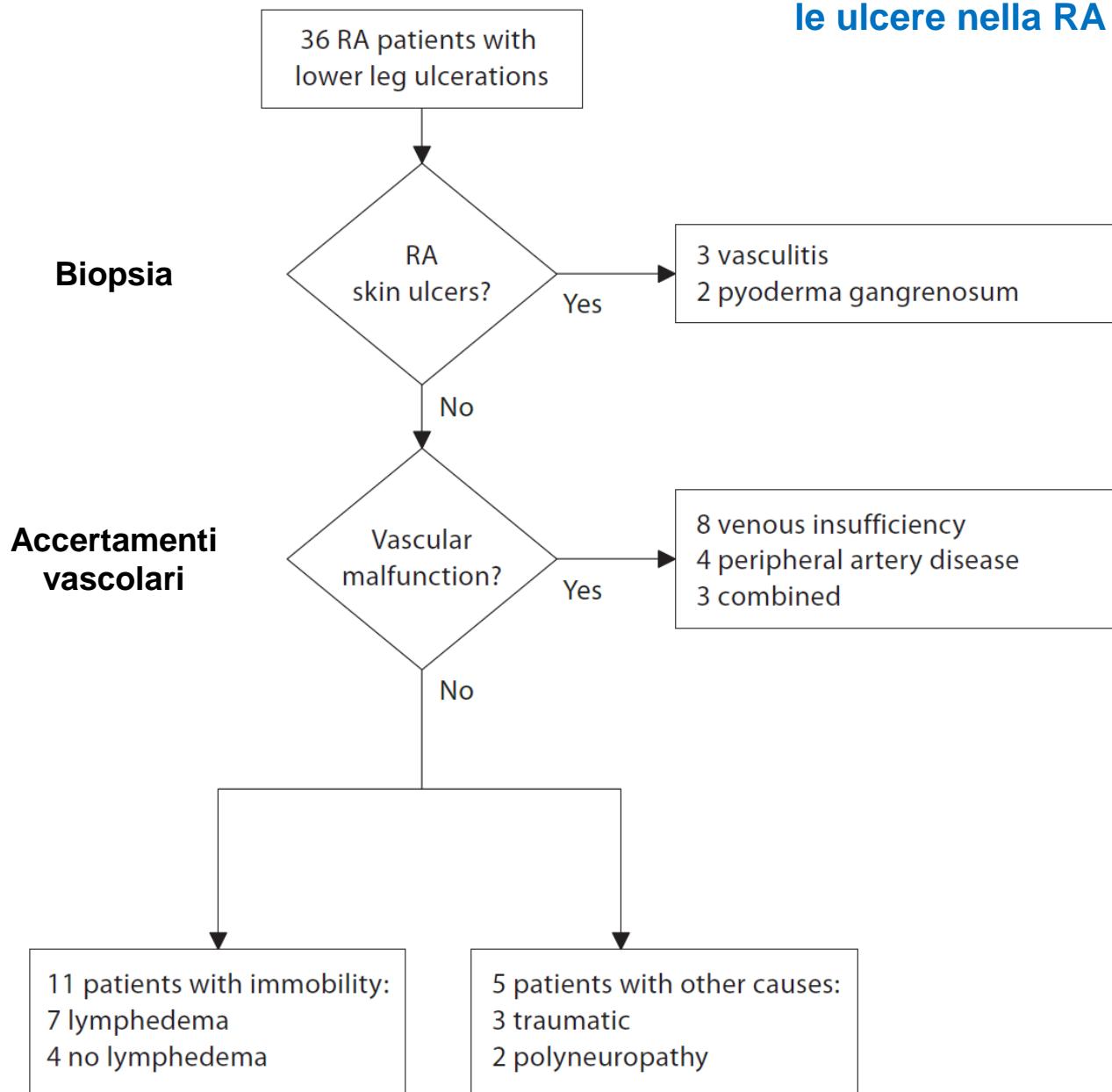
## Biopsia bordo ulcera: vasculite leucocitoclastica



# Ulcere arti inferiori ed artrite reumatoide (RA)

- Rischio di sviluppare ulcera in 10% dei pazienti RA (popolazione: 1%)
- Durata media ulcera prolungata: 5-15 mesi
- Resistenza alle terapie locali
- Co-fattore più importante: IVC (3/4 casi)
- Ruolo dell'immobilità articolare
- **Vasculite reumatoide (leucocitoclastica):**
  - complicanza severa con aumento rischio morbidità e mortalità (fino al 8% dei casi)
  - 8-55% dei casi di ulcera associata a RA
  - localizzazione preferita: malleolo laterale e pretibiale
  - dolore +++
  - Rischio sviluppo: neuropatia periferica o centrale, cardiopatia, IRC, pneumopatia, emopatia e oftalmopatia
  - Terapia immunosoppressiva: CS, DMARDs, Biologici

## Algoritmo per classificare le ulcere nella RA





PDN 30 mg p.o. / die  
MXT 10 mg i.m. / sett.



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MXT 15 mg i.m. / sett.



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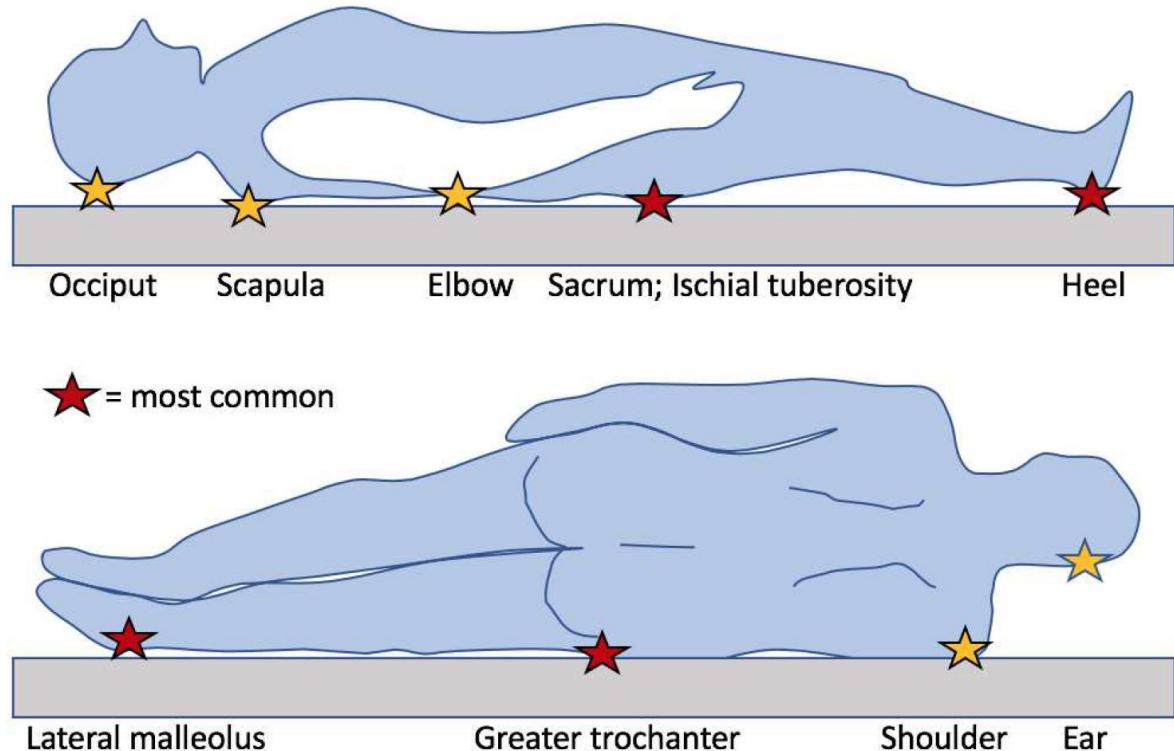
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# **Ulcere Croniche**

- **Ulcere agli arti inferiori:**
  - **Ulcere venose**
  - **Ulcere arteriose**
  - **Ulcere neuropatiche (diabete)**
  - **Rarità (<< 10%)**
- **Ulcere da pressione**
- **Ulcere altre localizzazioni non da pressione**

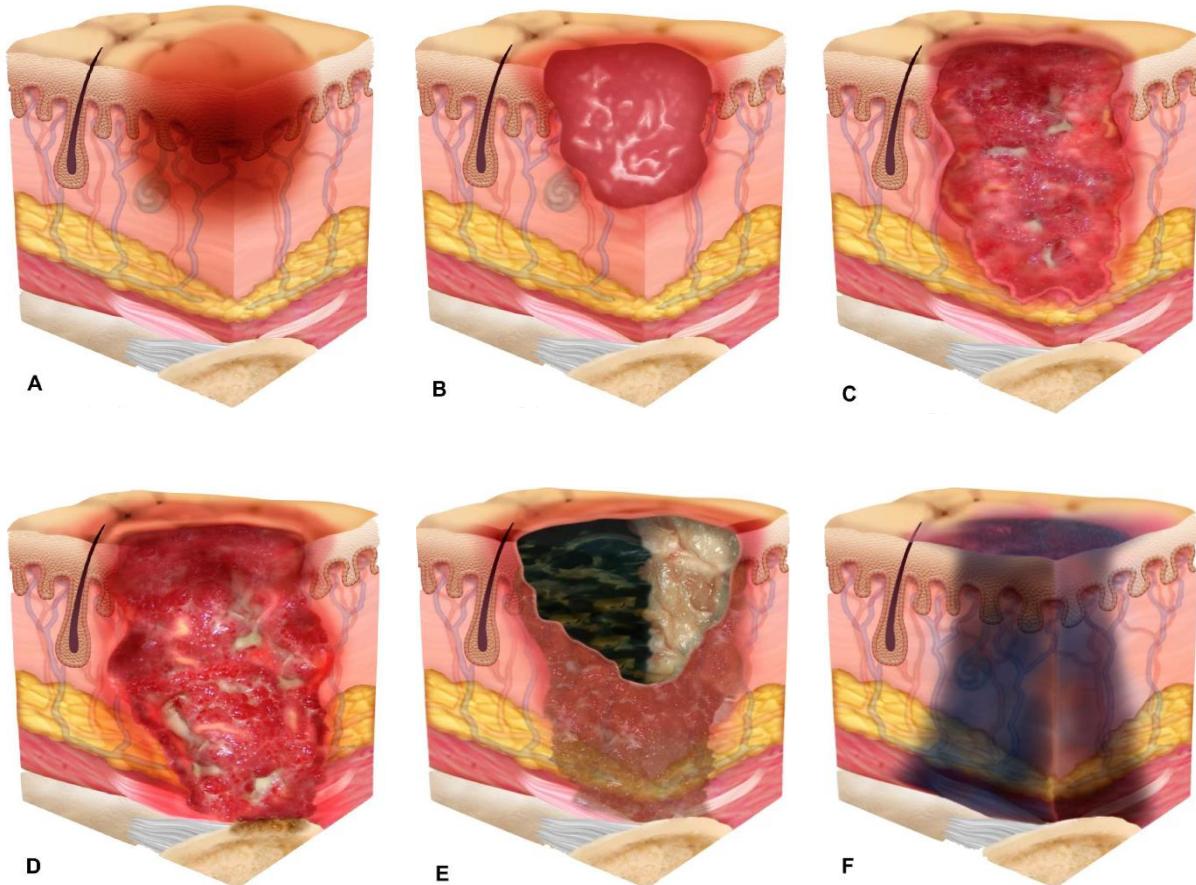
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- **Dimensione**
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- **Fondo**
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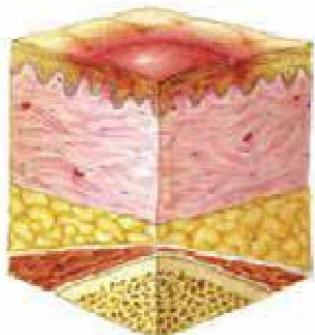
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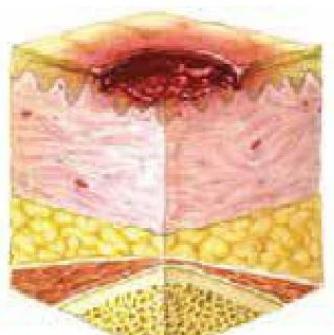


# Stadiazione NPUAP (National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel)

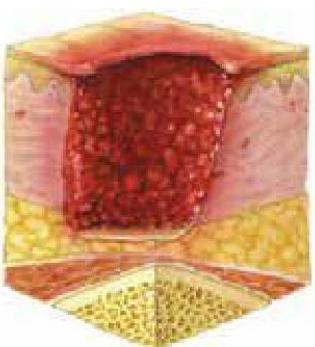
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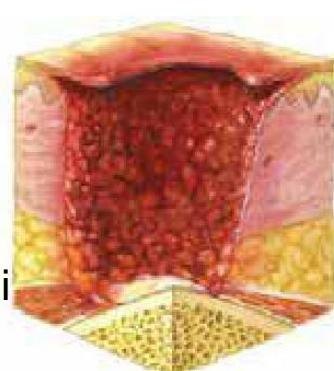
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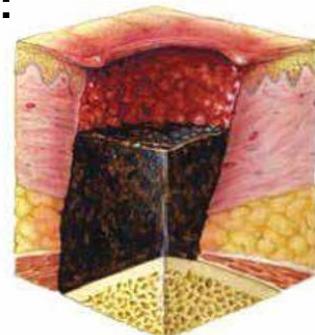
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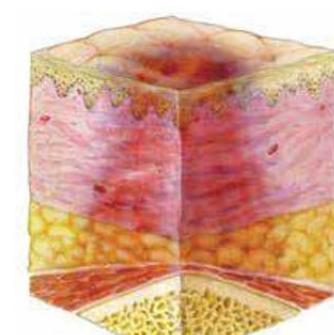
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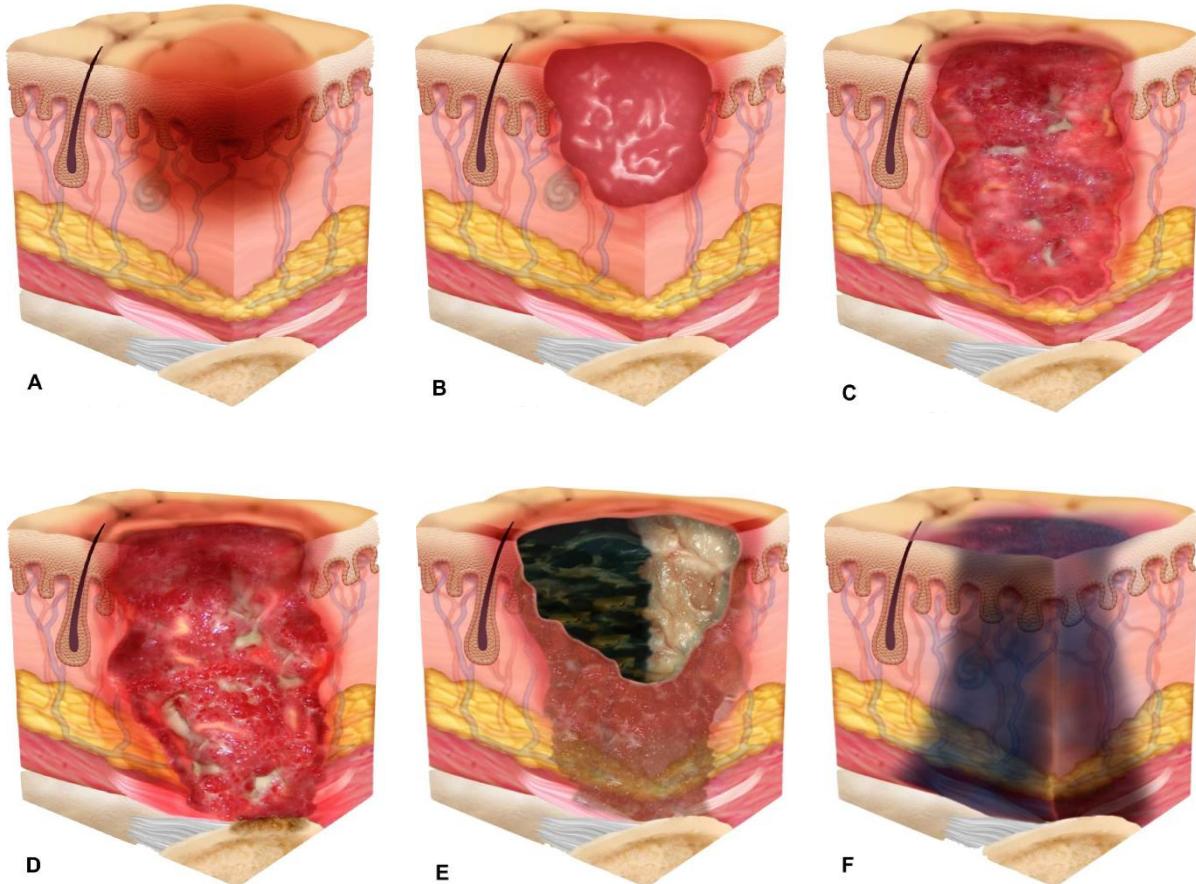


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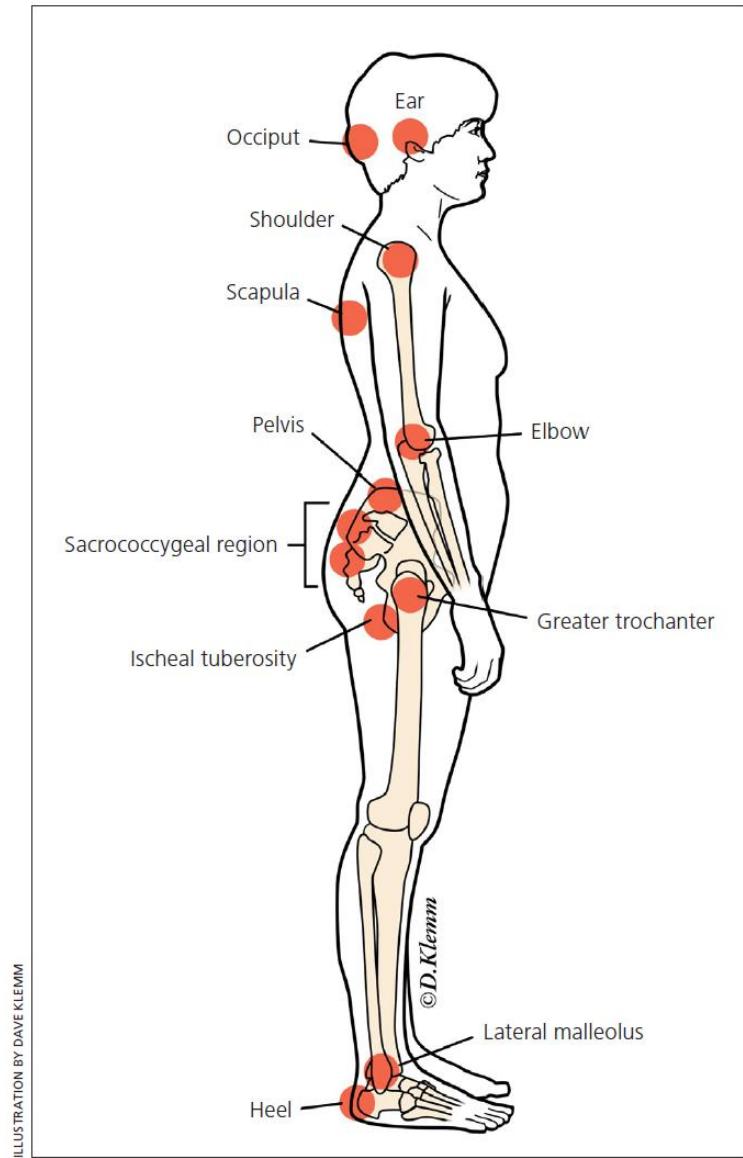
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# Lesioni o ulcere da pressione: Considerazioni dermatologiche

- **Fondo / Bordi / Corte peri-lesionale:**
  - **Infezioni**
    - Batteri
    - Funghi
    - Virus / Parassiti
  - **Dermatite da contatto**
    - Allergica
    - Tossico-irritativa
  - **Dermatite da incontinenza**
  - **Tumori (ulcera di Marjolin)**



# Fattori di rischio

**Table 1. Risk Factors for Pressure Ulcers**

## Intrinsic

### Limited mobility

Spinal cord injury  
Cerebrovascular accident  
Progressive neurologic disorders (Parkinson disease, Alzheimer disease, multiple sclerosis)

Pain

Fractures

Postsurgical procedures

Coma or sedation

Arthropathies

### Poor nutrition

Anorexia

Dehydration

Poor dentition

Dietary restriction

Weak sense of smell or taste

Poverty or lack of access to food

## Intrinsic (continued)

### Comorbidities

Diabetes mellitus  
Depression or psychosis  
Vasculitis or other collagen vascular disorders  
Peripheral vascular disease  
Decreased pain sensation  
Immunodeficiency or use of corticosteroid therapy  
Congestive heart failure  
Malignancies  
End-stage renal disease  
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
Dementia

## Intrinsic (continued)

### Aging skin

Loss of elasticity  
Decreased cutaneous blood flow  
Changes in dermal pH  
Flattening of rete ridges  
Loss of subcutaneous fat  
Decreased dermal-epidermal blood flow

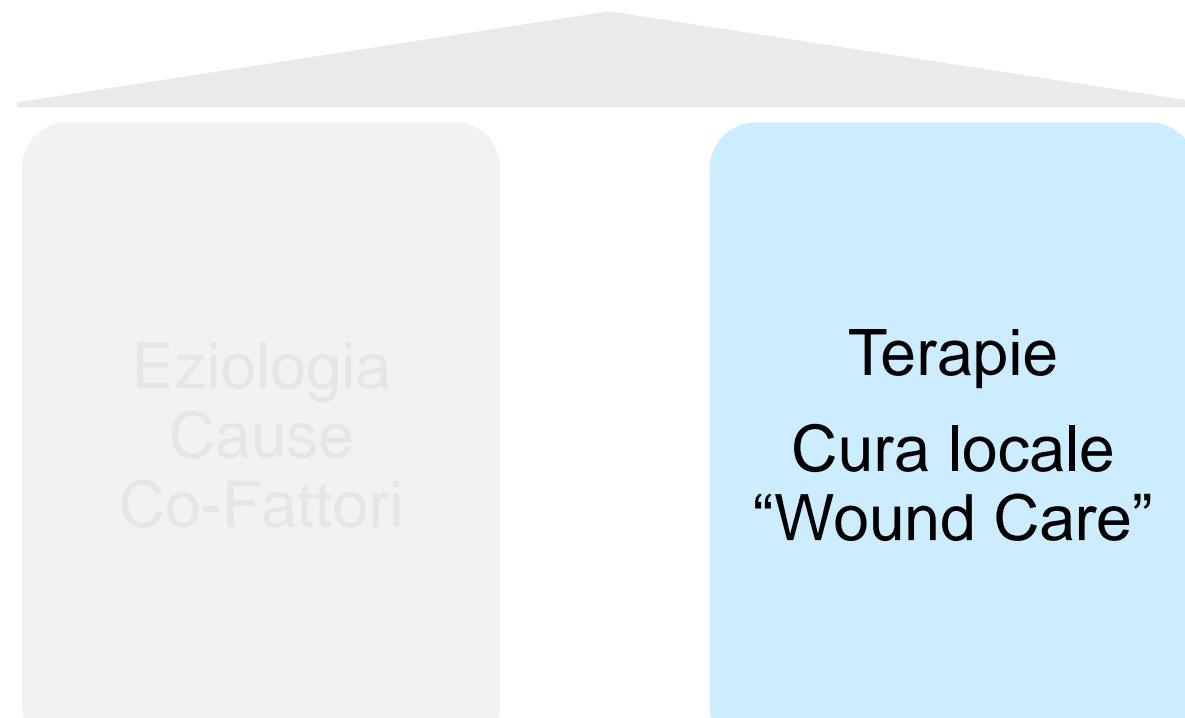
## Extrinsic

Pressure from any hard surface (e.g., bed, wheelchair, stretcher)  
Friction from patient's inability to move well in bed  
Shear from involuntary muscle movements  
Moisture  
Bowel or bladder incontinence  
Excessive perspiration  
Wound drainage

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# Ulcera da pressione

- Primo: **diagnosi**
- Secondo: **terapia**



Presa a carico ulcere da pressione

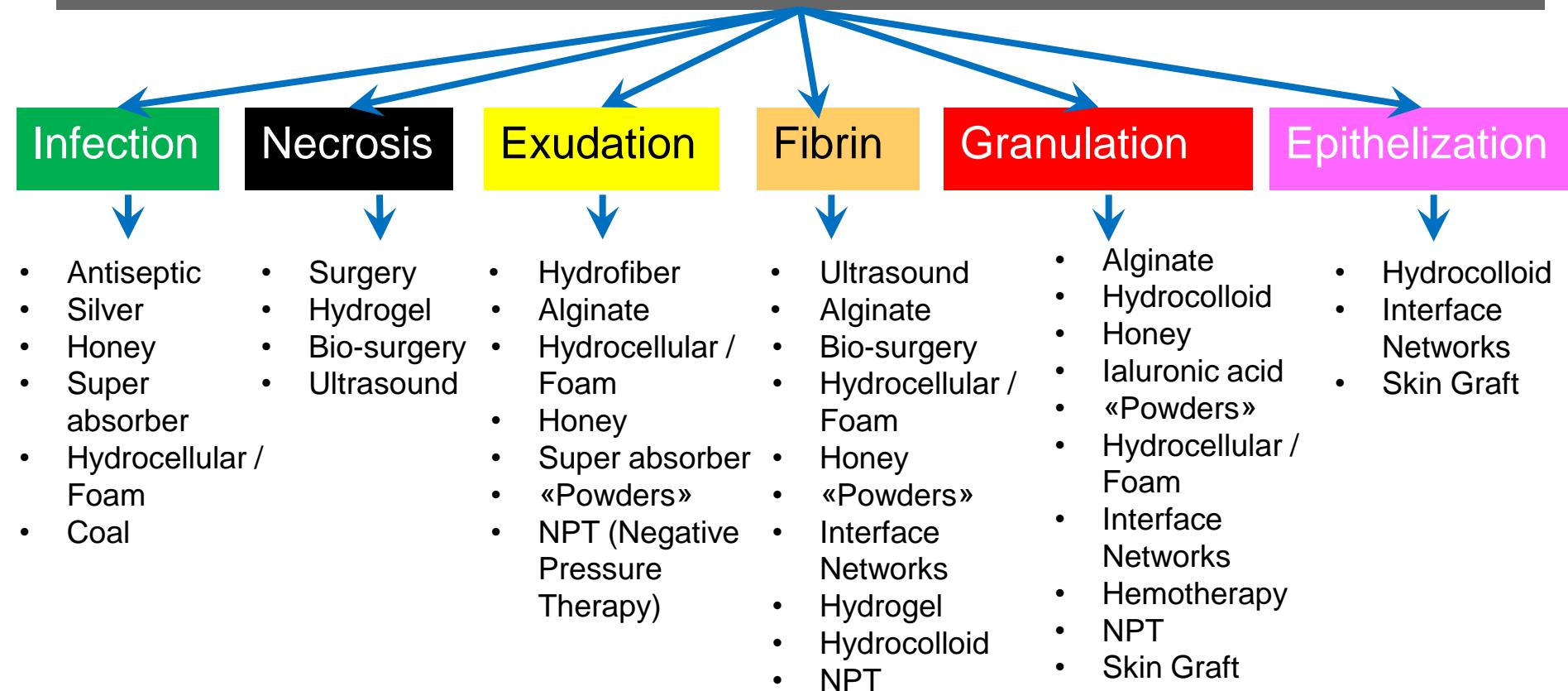
# Ulcere da pressione

- **Scaricare la pressione zone d'appoggio (Off-loading):**
- **Débridement / Pressione negativa**
- **Cura dei fattori di rischio (nutritivi o metabolici)**
- **Cura Infezione parti molli-Osteomielite / Amputazione**

# Wound Care (Advanced Therapies)

## Prevention:

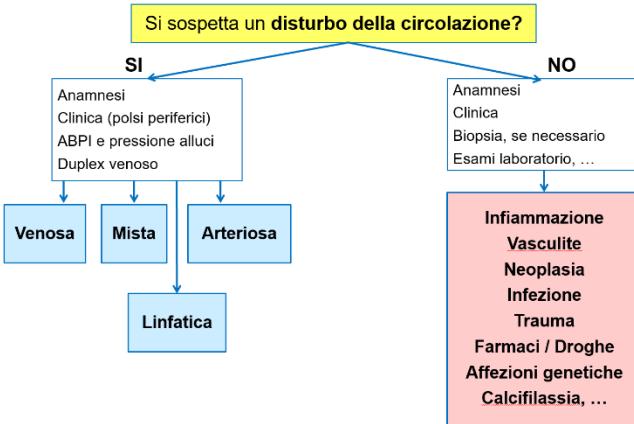
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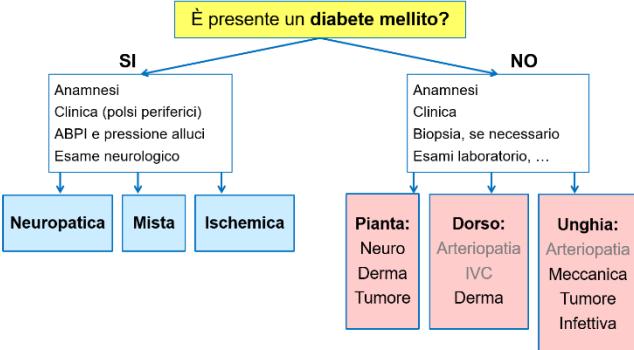
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# Conclusioni: Presa a carico delle ulcere croniche

## Ulcera gamba: Algoritmo Diagnostico



## Ulcera piede: Algoritmo Diagnostico



## Wound Care (Advanced Therapies)

**Prevention:**  
Risk factors, Off-loading plantar lesions, Compression, Skin Care, Adapted shoes



Figure 1. Venous, Arterial, Neuropathic Diabetic, and Pressure Ulcers.

Feature	Ulcer Type			
	Venous	Arterial	Neuropathic	Diabetic
Underlying condition	Varicose veins, previous deep-vein thrombosis, obesity, pregnancy, recurrent phlebitis	Diabetes, hypertension, smoking, previous vascular disease	Diabetes, trauma, prolonged pressure	Limited mobility
Ulcer location	Area between the lower calf and the medial malleolus	Pressure points, toes and feet, lateral malleolus and tibial areas	Plantar aspect of foot, tip of the toe, lateral to fifth metatarsal	Bony prominences, heel
Ulcer characteristic	Shallow and flat margins, moderate-to-heavy exudate, slough at base with granulation tissue	Punched out and deep, irregular shape, unhealthy wound bed, presence of necrotic tissue, minimal exudate unless infected	Deep, surrounded by callus, insensate	Deep, often macerated
Condition of leg or foot				
Treatment	Compression therapy, leg elevation, surgical management	Revascularization, anti-platelet medications, management of risk factors	Off-loading of pressure, topical growth factors	Off-loading of pressure; reduction of excessive moisture, shear, and friction; adequate nutrition



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