**Referral Guidelines**

**Referrals:** All referrals to be faxed to **5173 8027** or emailed to [hrfc@lrh.com.au](mailto:hrfc@lrh.com.au) for triage and processing.

To discuss patient call **5173 5479.**

**Clinic Overview:**

Gippsland High Risk Foot Clinic (GHRFC) is a multidisciplinary clinic that includes Podiatry, Endocrinology, Vascular, Infectious Diseases, Wound Care Clinicians, Diabetes Nurse Educators, Dietitians and Nursing. We provide specialist assessment and treatment of foot and ankle ulcers, Charcot Arthropathy including those at high risk of amputation/surgical intervention.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* Non-healing foot/ankle wound (>4 weeks with no reduction in size or depth).
* Acute foot infection (cellulitis/osteomyelitis).
* Active Charcot foot (red, hot swollen foot with/without structural deformity).
* Please ensure person is medically appropriate and referral is congruent with person’s goals of care.

**Exclusions:**

* Wounds above the ankle (Consider referral to LRH or LCHS Chronic Wound Clinic if >4 weeks).
* Fungal and viral infections of foot.
* Endocrinology/Diabetes without foot pathology.
* Palliative or end-of-life care.

**Alternative referral options:** LRH or LCHS Chronic wound clinic or Vascular Surgeon referral.

**Referral information required:**

* Referral reason including:
  + Location, duration and aetiology of wound
  + Dressing regime and offloading used for treatment
  + Vascular assessment findings including Doppler and/or toe pressures if known
* Medical history
* Current medications including recent antibiotics
* Allergies
* Relevant pathology and radiology results (XR, CT, MRI, arterial duplex u/s, wound swab)
* Recent blood test results (FBE, Hba1C, UEC, lipid profile)
* Other health professionals involved in wound management
* **Please ask patient to bring in all medications and blood sugar monitoring levels.**

**Clinic information:**

**Latrobe Regional Health Latrobe Community Health Services**

*Hospital in the Home (HITH) department (Fri)*  *Moe Site (Thurs, 9am – 5pm)*

10 Village Ave, Traralgon VIC 3844 42-44 Fowler St, Moe, VIC 3825

Tel: (03) 5173 8111 Tel: 1800 242 696

**Latrobe Community Health Services**

*Morwell Site (Wed, 9am - 5pm)*

81-87 Buckley St, Morwell, VIC 3840

Tel: 1800 242 696