

Ref. No: 1845
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Subject: Pretibial Injuries

REQUEST

A pre-tibial injury is a type of wound occurring on the shin or front of the lower leg, specifically the area where the tibia (shinbone) lies. These wounds are frequently caused by trauma, such as a fall or knock, and the thin skin in this region can tear easily, especially in older individuals. They and can range in severity from a skin-tear (pretibial laceration) to a degloving injury or haematoma.

1. Name of the organisation and region
2. Which of the following first presentation/emergency care services does your organisation provide?
 - Type 1 A&E department (Increasingly referred to as an Emergency Department) = A consultant led 24-hour service with full resuscitation facilities and designated accommodation for the reception of accident and emergency patients.
 - Type 2 A&E department = A consultant led single service or Emergency Department (e.g. ophthalmology, dental) with designated accommodation for the reception of patients. Type 3 A&E department = These are now referred to as Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs). These are GP-led, open at least 12 hours a day, every day, offer appointments that can be booked through NHS 111 or through a GP referral, and are equipped to diagnose and deal with many of the most common ailments for which people attend A&E.
 - Type 4 Other non-UTC that continue to operate as MIUs, UCC, WICs
 - Type 5 Ambulatory Emergency Care Service
3. How many patients with pretibial injuries does your first presentation/emergency care service see annually?
4. Does your first presentation/emergency care service have a protocol/policy/pathway/clinic for the conservative (non-surgical) management of people with pretibial wounds? If yes – please specify which

5. **At discharge what follow up care is provided for these patients (e.g. do you refer to: GP; Community Nurse; Community Wound Clinic; bring them back to a trust led clinic (please specify clinic type)**
6. **Are patients routinely assessed for suitability for compression therapy (e.g. ABPI/TBPI) in this pathway/clinic? (yes/no/don't know/refer on to other speciality for compression)**

RESPONSE

1. Mersey West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust .
2. We have 2 Type 1 ED's; and one type 2 at ODGH
3. Pre-tibial lacerations to not have a dedicated EDMS code and would require all ED records to be checked manually
Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.
4. No
5. Some are referred straight to a community dressing clinic, some are reviewed in AED 1-2 times and then referred.
6. The trust is not able to provide this information as it is provided by another provider the service is provided by Merseycare in Sefton or HCRG in West Lancs.