## Noninvasive tests for lower extremity arterial disease

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Value	Interpretation	
Ankle brachial index (ABI)		
> 1.3	Abnormally high; renders ABI test invalid	
≥ 1.0	Normal	
≤ 0.9	LEAD (lower extremity arterial disease)	
≤ 0.6–0.8	Borderline perfusion, moderate occlusion	
≤ 0.5	Severe ischemia; wound healing unlikely unless revascularization occurs	
Toe brachial pressure index (TBPI)		
> 0.7	Normal, indicating no arterial disease	
0.64-0.7	Borderline perfusion	
< 0.64	Abnormal, indicating arterial disease	6
Transcutaneous par	rtial pressure of oxygen (TcPo <sub>2</sub> )	
60 mm Hg	Normal	
> 40 mm Hg	Likely to heal	
< 40 mm Hg	Hypoxia, impaired wound healing	
Venous refill times		
< 5 seconds	Venous insufficiency	
5–20 seconds	Normal	
> 20 seconds	Arterial insufficiency	

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