Briefing Summary for Practices:

Surrey Heartlands Locally Commissioned Services 2024

SHLCS-A11-2024-LEG ULCER & DRESSINGS	LEG ULCER & DRESSINGS
KEY ELEMENTS	➢ LCS details the specialised services to be provided outside of GMS contract ➢ Historically Leg Ulcers and dressings may have been included within other LCS specifications – this is a clear stand-alone LCS for Leg Ulcers only ➢ A multifactorial risk assessment, and differential diagnosis of all patients is reqd. ➢ The assessment is detailed and explicit - see spec for details ➢ Evidence-based wound care management must always be recorded by adding full assessment into patient notes ➢ It must be sufficient to establish a cause and outcome-based treatment pathway. ➢ If not established, Doppler studies are essential
OF SPECIAL NOTE	➢ The treatment of this group of patients requires a specialist level of knowledge and skill; ensure training is undertaken and recorded ➢ Non-healing wounds require specific attention – see spec. ➢ Links to lifestyle – how additional information is provided in practice needs planning ➢ Other dressings are covered under section C minor surgery ➢ Providers should, wherever possible, manage all ambulatory patients during their normal service hours. ➢ Housebound patients will be managed through community contracts.
RISKS	➢ Inclusion and exclusion criteria exist – see spec. ➢ Practices should claim/charge for consumables using FP10s for any items not on ONPUS ➢ Infection control measures must always be implemented
PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS	➢ Ensure correct codes are used ➢ Formulary dressings should be used unless specialist TVN advice is documented.
PRICING:	➢ First assessment per procedure **£43.75** ➢ Ambulatory venous leg ulcers – one leg per procedure **£22.15** (inc. training) ➢ Ambulatory venous leg ulcers - two legs per procedure **£29.50** (inc. training)