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Differential Diagnosis of Chronic Venous Ulcers

Peripheral arterial disease (alone or combined with chronic venous insufficiency)

Arteriovenous shunting (congenital malformation or acquired fistula)

Peripheral neuropathies:

Primary sensory neuropathy

Diabetes mellitus

Malignancies:

Basal cell carcinoma

Squamous cell carcinoma

Blood dyscrasias:

Hemoglobinopathies (sickle cell)

Leukemia

Thalassemia

Polycythemia rubra vera

Tropical ulcer

Insect bites

Chronic infectious diseases:

Osteomyelitis

Tuberculosis

Leprosy

Syphilis

Vasculitides:

Systemic lupus erythematosus

Scleroderma

Rheumatoid arthritis

Metabolic diseases:

Gout

Myxedema

Morbid obesity