

CRITERIA FOR AMBULATORY MANAGEMENT OF LOWER LIMB CELLULITIS

Clinical Criteria that require addressing same day for AEC If unable Admit:	
Availability of OPAT support	Contact appropriate OPAT team and ensure availability for support. If unavailable consider offering patient re-attendance to AEC for antibiotics
Limb Pain	Will require assessment period to assess efficacy of analgesia given
Transport arrangements to re-attend	Consider arranging hospital transport
Appropriate venous access device	Knowsley require Mid or PICC line. Consider option of re-attendance to AEC for antibiotics

Red Flags - Exclude the following Patients from AEC
<p>Immunocompromised patients</p> <p>Pregnancy</p> <p>ERON CLASS III or IV Cellulitis</p> <p>History of treatment in the same extremity during the preceding month</p> <p>Cellulitis covering more than half a limb</p> <p>Vomiting</p> <p>Unstable diabetes</p> <p>Signs of rapid extension/necrosis</p> <p>Lymphangitis</p> <p>Cellulitis secondary to Human or Animal bites</p> <p>Patients with a history of drug/substance abuse need risk assessment on an individual basis</p>