

Diagnosis and treatment of venous insufficiency and arterial disease.

At least 15% of patients with venous insufficiency included ulcers have a reduced ankle brachial pressure index (ABI). There is an agreement to avoid compression when the ABI is below 0,5. Compression can be applied without restriction when the ABI is higher than 0,8. Between 0,5 and 0,8, « modified » compression is discussed. Some authors consider that elastic compression is contraindicated when the systolic arterial pressure is below 80 mmHg.

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