



AAST Acute Care Surgery Didactic Curriculum

Emergency (Non-Trauma) Extremity Vascular Surgery

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Highlights:

- Non-traumatic acute limb ischemia (ALI) is one of the most common vascular emergencies and is associated with high rate of major amputation
- Rutherford classification is used to stratify severity of ALI but can also be used to guide treatment options
- Single center study found no difference in outcomes in patients transferred for management of ALI but large database studies have shown poorer outcomes in transferred patients
- Surgeons in rural settings (or resource limited areas) need to be familiar with management options for ALI