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<b>Subject:</b>	Referral criteria for varicose vein
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**Requested:**

Please may I request the criteria for outpatients with varicose vein complaints to be accepted for referral to the vascular surgery outpatient clinic. If the criteria vary by location, it relates to referral requests being made by Aberystwyth GP surgeries

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) patients are seen in outpatient clinics across the UHB. Clinics are delivered by Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) Consultants as part of the vascular network.

For information, I have included at attachment 1, the SBUHB Varicose Vein Referral Guidelines, which were updated in 2021 and remain current. The referral criteria set out in attachment 1 is applicable to all referrals for varicose veins received for patients from UHB and SBUHB.