

Lower Extremity — Medical Knowledge				
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands pathophysiology of acquired and congenital conditions of the lower extremity (e.g., venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, lymphatic disease, cancer, trauma) Understands the anatomy of the lower extremity Understands classification systems for bone and soft tissue loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands principles of non-operative treatment for lower extremity conditions (e.g., venous hypertension, neuropathic ulcers, and lymphedema) and the contraindications to limb salvage Understands the principles of surgical approaches and timing for congenital and acquired conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands indications for treatment of lower extremity conditions (e.g., musculoskeletal injury, arterial insufficiency, exposed prostheses, tumor resection, and compartment syndrome) Understands the surgical principles of routine procedures (e.g., debridement, skin grafting, pedicled musculoskeletal, and fasciocutaneous flaps) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands the effect of procedures on quality of life and the role of adjunctive modalities (e.g., prostheses, rehabilitation) Understands the surgical principles of complex procedures (e.g., perforator flaps, microvascular reconstruction for lower limb salvage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands the principles of nerve and tendon transfers of the lower extremity, and microsurgical treatment of lymphedema
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Lower Extremity — Patient Care				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs history and physical examination and orders diagnostic and imaging studies • Assists with procedures (e.g., making incisions, skin closure, applying splints and dressings) • Provides routine post-operative care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains risks and benefits of procedures and obtains consent; interprets diagnostic studies • Performs routine procedures (e.g., skin grafts) with assistance • Recognizes complications (e.g., vascular compromise, compartment syndrome) and enlists help; prescribes post-operative rehabilitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulates a treatment plan with assistance • Performs routine procedures independently; performs complex procedure (e.g., regional flaps, microvascular tissue transfer) with assistance • Manages complications with assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independently formulates a treatment plan, including for patients with comorbidities, ischemia, and failed prior surgery • Performs complex procedures independently • Independently manages complications and secondary deformities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps lead a multidisciplinary limb salvage program
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