

Post-Operative Limb Assessment

Parameters	Nursing Action	Adequate/Normal	Inadequate Arterial Supply
Colour	Observe	Pink	Pale or white, cyanotic, purple/black
Temperature	Touch	Warm	Cool or hot
Movement	Check both active and passive motion.	No pain	Signs of pain
Sensation	Ensure the client is not able to visualize whether they are being touched	Adequate sensation	No sensation, or sensation different that usual
Capillary refill	Check distal to injury	1-2 Seconds	>2seconds
Pulses	Palpate pulses distal to the injury	Present and strong	Not present or weak
Edema	Observe and touch	Little to no swelling	Excess swelling