

Rutherford Classification

Peripheral artery disease of the legs · categories 0 to 6 (grades 0 to III)

0 **Asymptomatic**
(grade 0)

1 **Mild claudication**
(grade I)

2 **Moderate claudication**
(grade I)

3 **Severe claudication**
(grade I)

4 **Ischemic rest pain**
(grade II)

5 **Minor tissue loss**
(small ulcer, grade III)

6 **Major tissue loss**
(gangrene, grade III)

0 - 3
Stable disease or claudication

4 - 6
Critical limb ischemia: risk to the limb

Fontaine
1-3 = IIa/IIb · 4 = III 5-6 = IV

Even a small ulcer (category 5) is already critical ischemia