

**Yale School of Medicine
Third Year Surgery Clerkship
Supervised Physical Exam: The Peripheral Vascular Exam**

Please complete this form in its entirety and upload it to your Yale Box folder, before the last day of the clerkship.

Student name (last, first): _____ Date of completion:

Supervisor name: _____ Supervisor's signature:

- student **introduces** themselves to patient
- student completes **hand hygiene**
- student ensures patient is **appropriately draped** throughout the exam, adjusting as necessary
- student elicits from the patient if any **painful** extremities
- student exposes the limbs for **visual inspection** and correctly identifies:
 - swelling, pitting edema, atrophy, a/symmetry, prominent vessels, varicosities
 - rashes, pallor, discoloration, pigmentation changes, hair/nail patterns, ecchymosis
 - ulcers scars, incisions.
- student **notes the temperature** of the extremities
- student **palpates pulses** in the upper and lower extremities.
- student **characterizes the amplitude** of arterial pulses (either quantitative or qualitative eg bounding, increased, brisk, diminished, absent, a/symmetric)
- as applicable, able to use a **Doppler** for diminished or absent pulses, evaluate the **ankle-brachial index**, perform an **Allen test**, or auscultates for **carotid bruits**