

Bilateral red leg management pathway

Bilateral both leg "cellulitis" - it is extremely rare to have a primary bilateral infectious origin

Most do not require prolonged courses of intravenous or even oral antibiotics

In the absence of significantly raised CRP/WCC overt skin infection cellulitis is unlikely

The commonest causes for bilateral swollen red legs are

- Venous / varicose eczema
- Early lipodermatosclerosis
- Peripheral Oedema induced secondary skin changes



If symptoms of presumed cellulitis not improving with 48 Hrs of antibiotics, consider alternative diagnosis as above

