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Logan Hospital - Emergency Department

Date: 25/08/2026

Time of presentation: 19:10

Patient: Samir Patel, 55 years, male

General practice: Dr Claire Evans, Waterford West Medical Centre

Presenting problem

Redness spreading beyond the marked skin edge.

History

Mr Patel has a background of type 2 diabetes, peripheral neuropathy and hypertension. He works as a driver and has reduced foot sensation. No known drug allergies.

On 21/08/2026 he sustained a shin abrasion after contact with a garden edge; this was cleaned at home and no medical review was sought at the time.

On 23/08/2026 he attended his GP with increasing redness and pain. An 8 cm area of erythema was documented on the lower leg with no systemic symptoms, and a clinical impression of non-purulent cellulitis was made. The skin edge was marked and oral cephalexin 500 mg four times daily was commenced for an intended 5 days. Safety-netting at that time was to attend ED if the redness spread beyond the marked edge or if fever developed.

He has presented this evening because the redness has spread beyond that marked edge.

Examination

Afebrile.

No abscess identified on bedside assessment.

Investigations

Inflammatory markers - final result: elevated.

Assessment

Cellulitis progressing on initial oral therapy.

Treatment

Intravenous antibiotic dose given in the emergency department.

Medication changes

Nil changes to regular medications at this attendance. Cephalexin 500 mg four times daily remains active as previously prescribed. Regular gliclazide MR 60 mg once daily, metformin 1000 mg twice daily and telmisartan 40 mg once daily continued unchanged.

Follow-up

The safety-netting action to escalate if redness spread or systemic symptoms developed was completed today by attendance at Logan Hospital.

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