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| 1. Undertake a complete assessment of the veteran’s clinical conditions and determine the appropriate treatment for all clinical conditions including any adjunct therapies (e.g. strapping, orthoses). Examples of (but not limited to) conditions for which MGF should not be prescribed as a condition on its own:  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Pl**antar** fasciitis | Osteoarthritis of the knee | Onychogryphosis/Onychauxis | | Heel spurs | Osteoarthritis of the hip | Where the foot is congenitally wide or narrow but not complicated by a clinical conditions | | Ingrown toenails | Osteoarthritis of the midfoot  (unless this has resulted in a deformity) | Keratomas | | Splay feet (unless severe) | Atrophy of plantar fibro-fatty padding | Veterans with diabetes who are at a low risk of foot ulceration i.e. no identifiable risk factors on foot screening such as peripheral neuropathy, peripheral artery disease, foot deformity, previous foot ulcer. | | | |
| 1. Assess the suitability of the veteran’s own footwear (either ‘stock’ or MGF). Is the existing footwear suitable for the clinical condition? | No | Yes **Do not prescribe MGF** MGF cannot be prescribed if the veteran’s own  footwear is suitable even if a condition exists where  MGF may be prescribed. |
| 1. Is more appropriate ‘stock’ footwear available (advise the veteran on alternative footwear available before considering MGF?) | No | Yes **Do not prescribe MGF**  MGF cannot be prescribed when there is a  significant need for well fitting, suitable footwear  obtainable from non-specialist shoe stores, but the  veteran is unwilling or unable to purchase the  footwear. |
| 1. Can the clinical need be met by corrective orthoses without the additional need for MGF? | No | Yes v **Do not prescribe MGF**  MGF cannot be prescribed simply to accommodate  an orthosis. Orthoses may need to be adapted into  existing footwear. |
| 1. Can the clinical need be met by modifying existing footwear (either ‘stock’ or MGF)? | No | Yes **Do not prescribe MGF**  MGF may not be prescribed where the veteran’s  own footwear can be modified. Modifications  should be considered and attempted prior to  requesting MGF. |
| 1. Can existing MGF be repaired rather than replaced? | No | Yes **Do not prescribe MGF**  MGF cannot be prescribed as a replacement for  existing MGF that is still serviceable. |
| 1. Can the clinical need be met by ready-made (depth/width) MGF? | No | Yes **Ready-made MGF may be prescribed**   see ‘[MGF Register’](https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/health-programs-and-services-our-clients/medical-grade-footwear-providers-and-suppliers) |
| 1. Is custom MGF necessary for the clinical need | No | Yes **Custom MGF may be prescribed** but ready-made   must be considered first. |
| 1. An additional pair of recreational MGF can be prescribed if the client is:    1. already prescribed ready-made and/or custom MGF; and    2. participating in recreational sporting activity that requires specific sole e.g. bowling, golf, tennis, football. | | |