



# Foot and Ankle Examination and Common Conditions

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# Relevant to you!

Foot and Ankle  
Examination  
(Face to Face)  
How to perform  
Lots of Pictures!

Common Conditions as  
we go

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- Slides & Proforma all on website.
- 45 mins then stop for questions
- Interactive

# Overview

## ● Exposure

- Look Standing
  - Walk
  - Walk to Wall
  - Lie or sit

## ● Feel

## ● Move

## ● Special Tests

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## FOOT AND ANKLE EXAMINATION

### EXPOSURE

Both shoes and socks off.

### LOOK

General: Walking aids, SHOE/INSOLES <sup>1</sup>

If high arched should look at hands for intrinsic wasting.

Front skin, muscle, deformity. (look at knee, hindfoot, midfoot, forefoot), PEEKABOO HEEL.

Side

Behind Calf wasting. TA ? ~~basiloid~~ ~~obv~~ valgus is 5-10. Too many toes (normal 4 and 5)

Nb: HSMN get AL wasting. Polio get posterior wasting.

### WALK

### WALK TO WALL!

If planus: Single and double heel rise

If ~~cavus~~: Coleman Block

Screening: Stand on tiptoes, stand on heels, inside, outside.

### LIE DOWN (OR SIT)

LOOK Plantar aspect foot

FEEL Ankle Start lateral and work way round posterior, medial, anterior

(Fibula, sinus tarsi, ~~peronei~~, TA, ~~tib~~ post, MM, ~~ankle~~ joint)

Hindfoot, FIRST CORRECT HINDFOOT TO TALAR NEUTRAL AND COMMENT OF POSITION OF MIDFOOT/FOREFOOT.

midfoot 5<sup>th</sup> MT, talus, navicular, sustentaculum

forefoot.

MOVE Active first. (ankle plantar and dorsi, eversion, inversion, DF and PF toes)

Ankle : Correct hindfoot, hold talar neck. (10-20DF, 50PF)

Subtalar Still grasping hindfoot, holding talus. This time rocking. Feel when talus starts to move (30 ~~inv~~, 10 e)

Midfoot Rotations

TMTJ

MTP relative to MT. 90 degrees DF, 60 PF

IP

### SPECIAL

Tendons: TA: Bring ankle ~~uk~~

TP: PF to get rid of tib ant. Invert AGAINST MAX. EVERSION

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PL 1<sup>st</sup> MT down

~~Mortons~~ Mulders click.

~~Ligamen~~ Lateral: AP drawer in PF

Medial valgus stress.



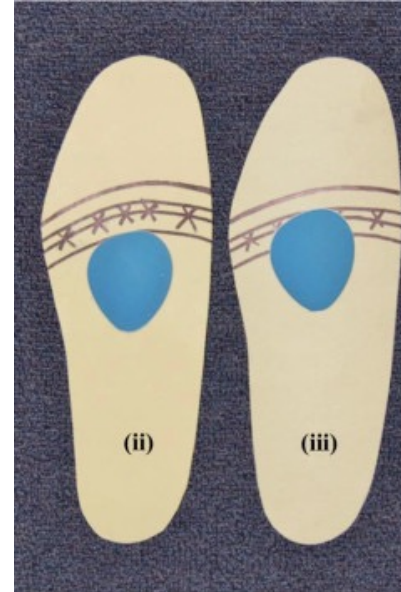
# Exposure

- Both Shoes and Socks Off
- Expose to Knees



# Look (standing, walking, wall, sitting)

- Shoes
- Insoles
- Knees
- Skin/soft tissues
- Muscle
- Bony deformity







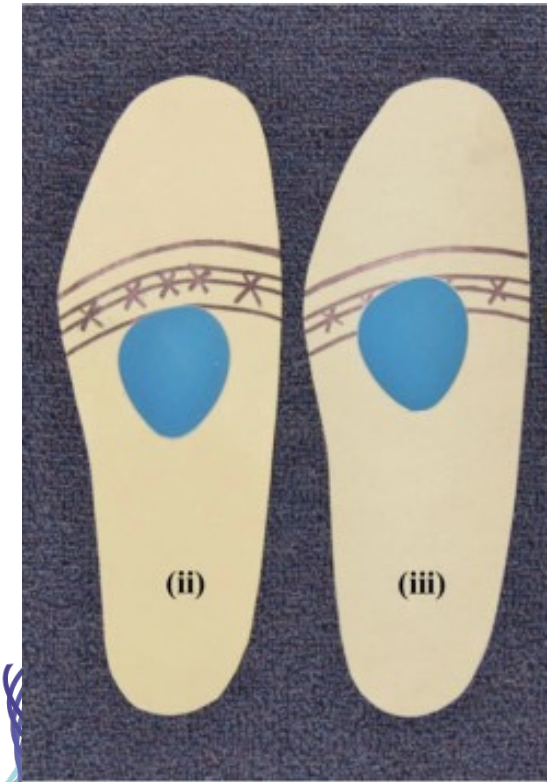
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# Conservative Treatment

- Footwear modification
- Bunion pads
- Toe separators
- Bunion splints – darco
- Insoles: Flat feet, metatarsalgia.



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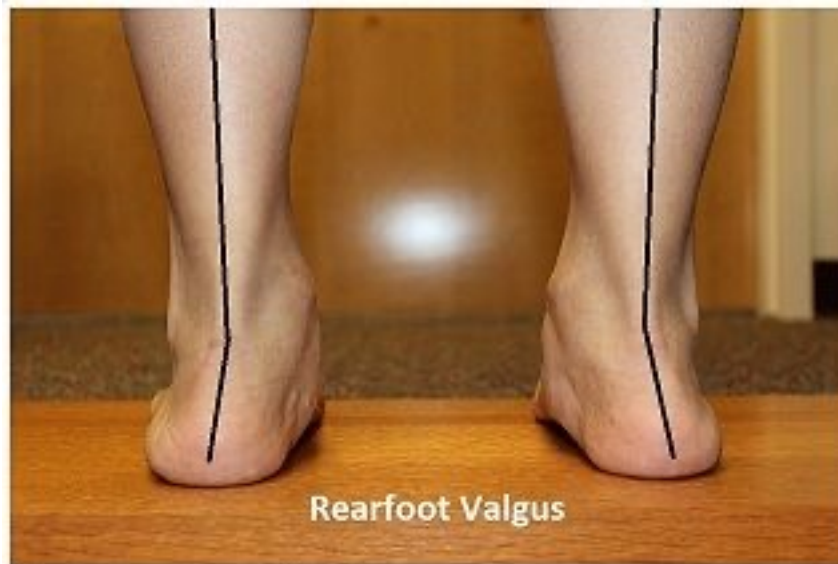
Generally not;  
Length of recovery.  
Potential for stiffness.  
Generally advise against  
high heels after.



Pain: **eminence**, joint, toe crowding,  
shoe limitation



Lesser toe: MTS and Hammering



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# Rx – Non insertional.



Rest/Activity  
Modification.

Analgesia: NSAID, cold  
compress

Self Physio: If tight.  
ECCENTRIC. 12 weeks \*.

Orthotics – change  
trainers

**refer**

Formal Physio –  
kinesiotape, deep  
frictional massage?

**Shock wave**

Injections

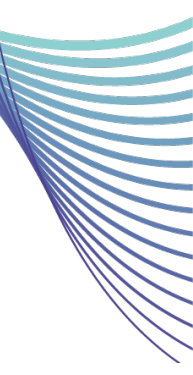
Night splints?

Gastroc  
release  
  
Tendon  
Debridement  
+/- FHL  
transfer

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# Rx –Insertional.

Rest/Activity  
Modification.  
BOOT 6  
weeks.

Analgesia:  
NSAID, cold  
compress

Self Physio:  
Eccentric. LESS  
EFFECTIVE (90  
vs 30%)

Orthotics -  
heel lift.



Formal Physio  
Shock wave –  
LESS but still  
EFFECTIVE  
Injections?

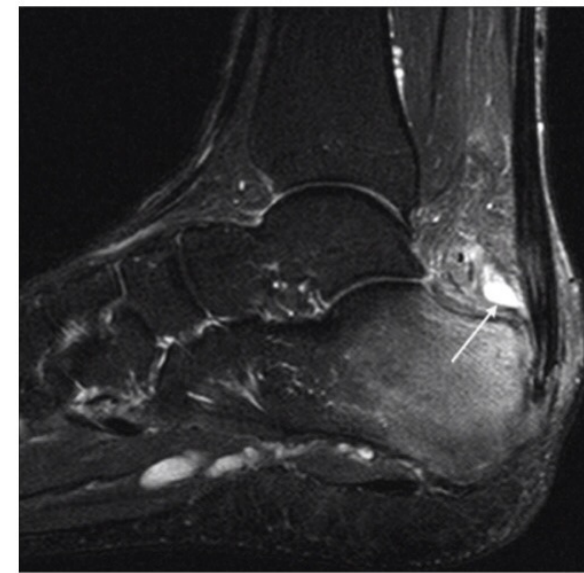


Gastroc  
release  
  
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debridement.

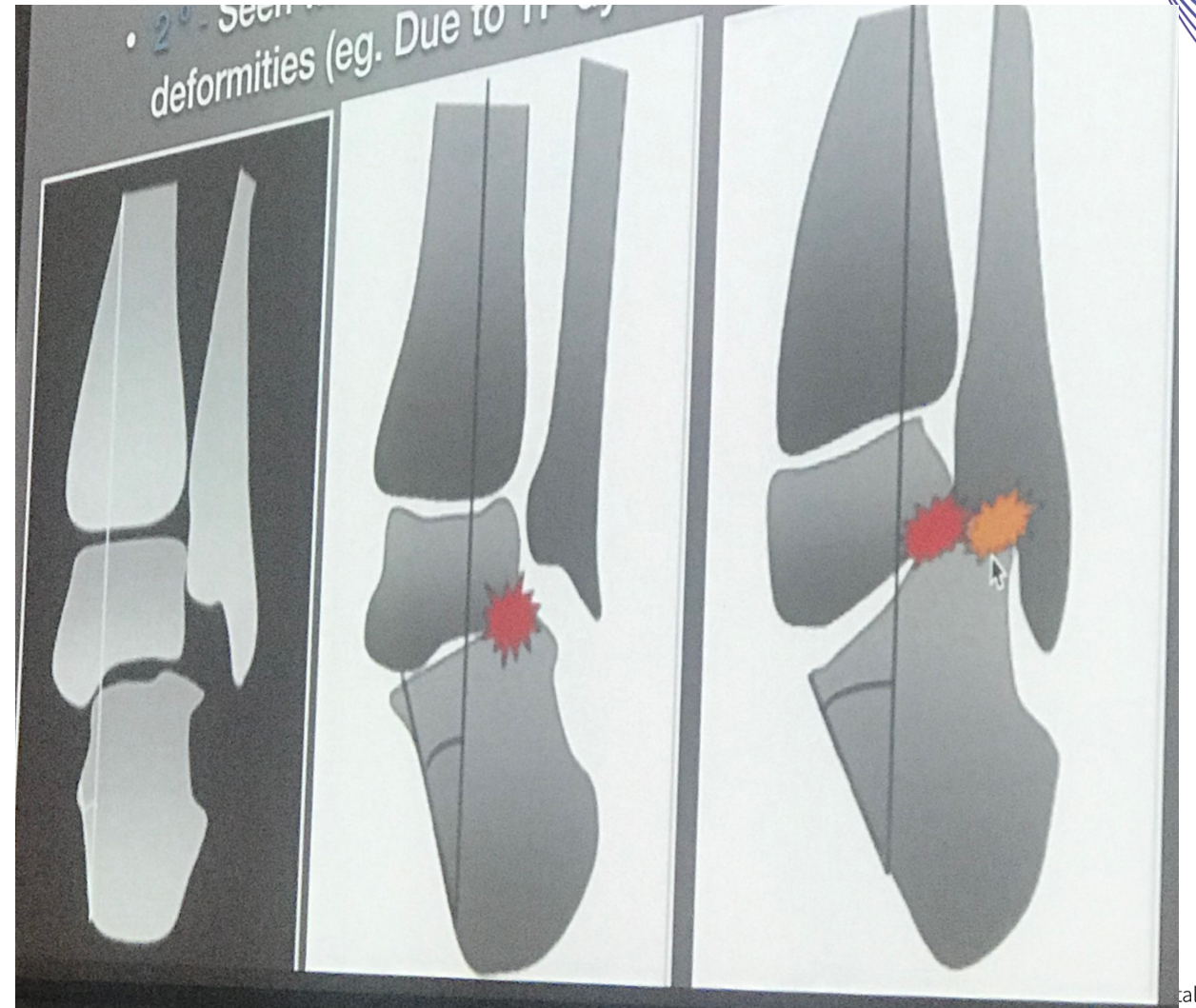


DEBRIDEMENT  
WITH  
SPEEDBRIDGE  
REINSERTION.

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# Walk

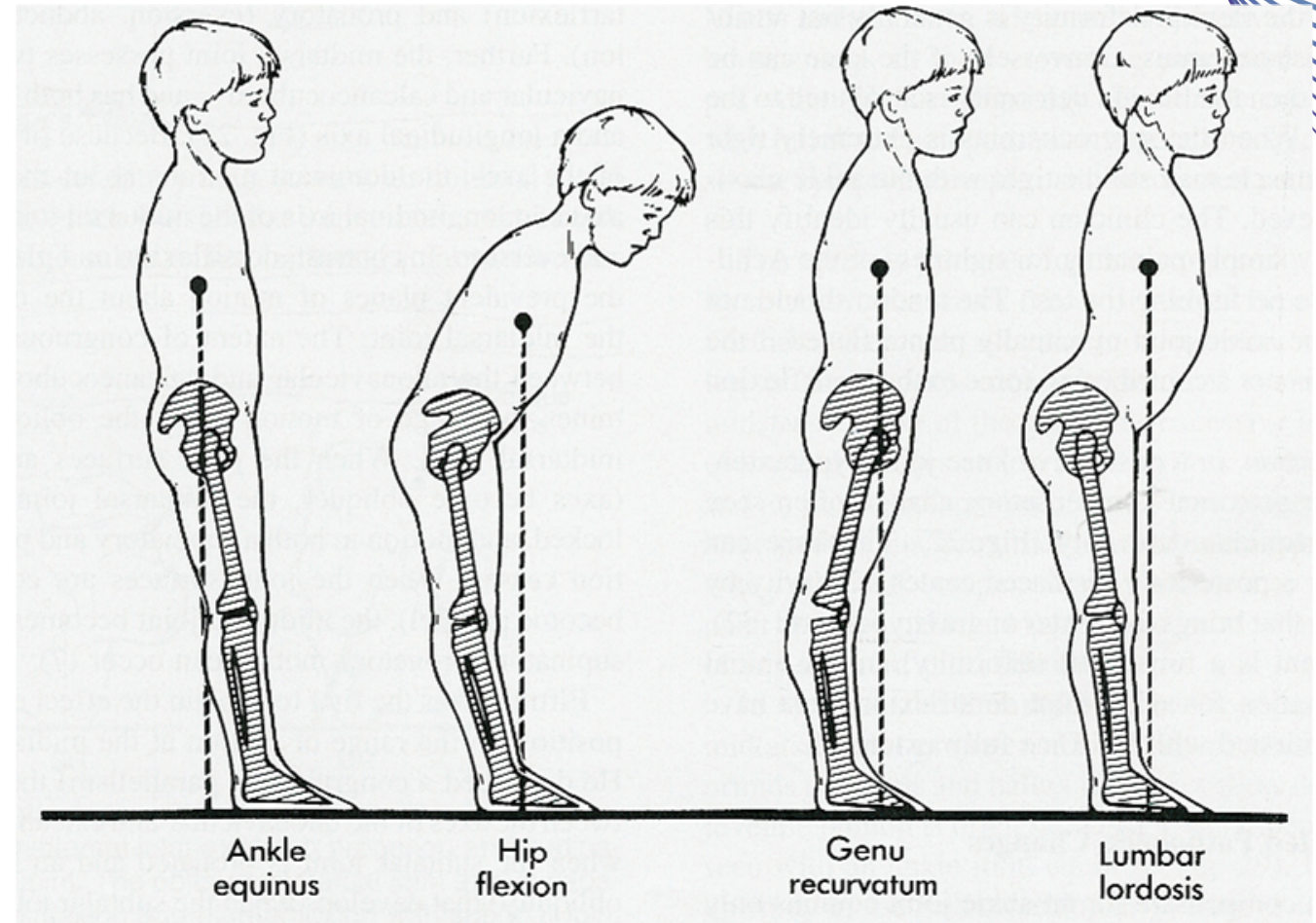
- Flat foot – increasing valgus
- High arch foot – contact on outer border foot
- ER gait: ankle arthritis
- Antalgic gait – Plantar fasciitis
- High steppage gait – foot drop
- Screening



**C** High-steppage gait



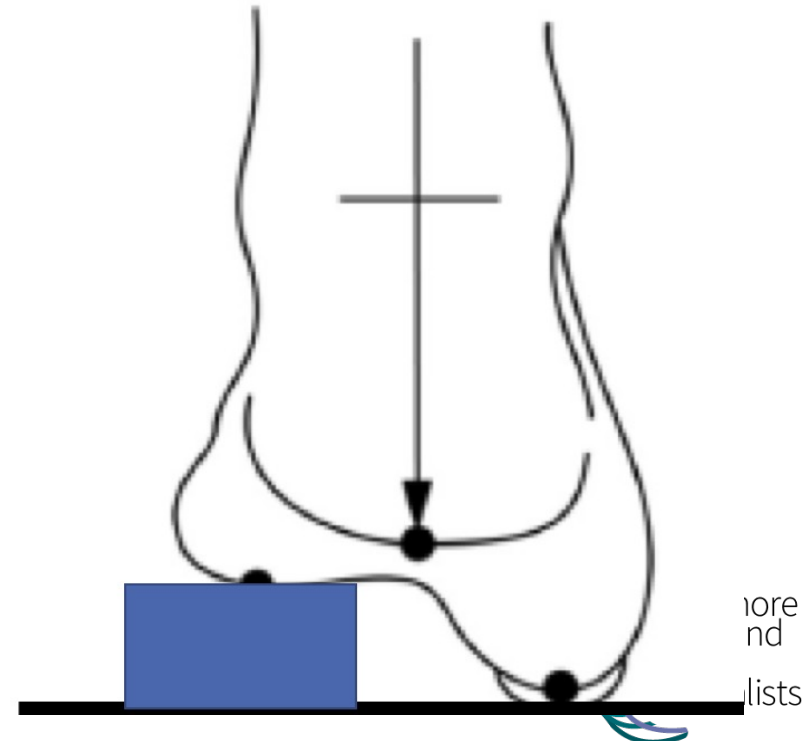
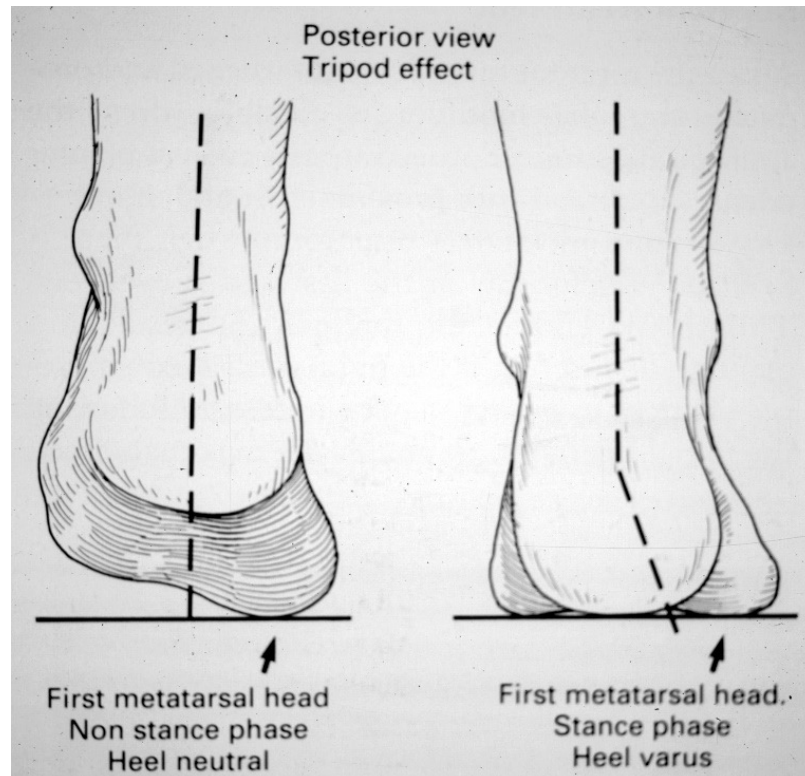






# Walk to Wall

- SLHR if flat
- Coleman Block Test if high arch



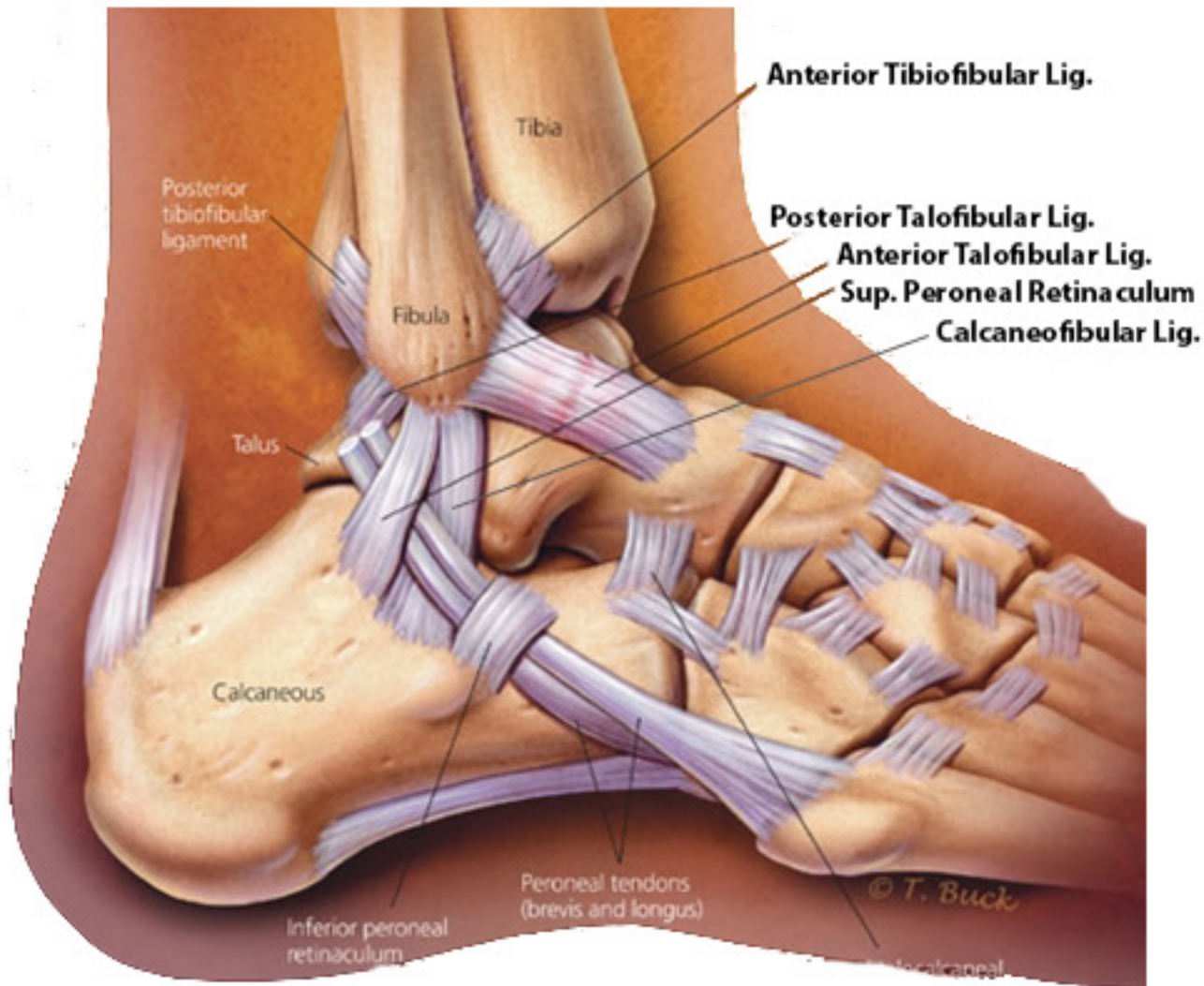
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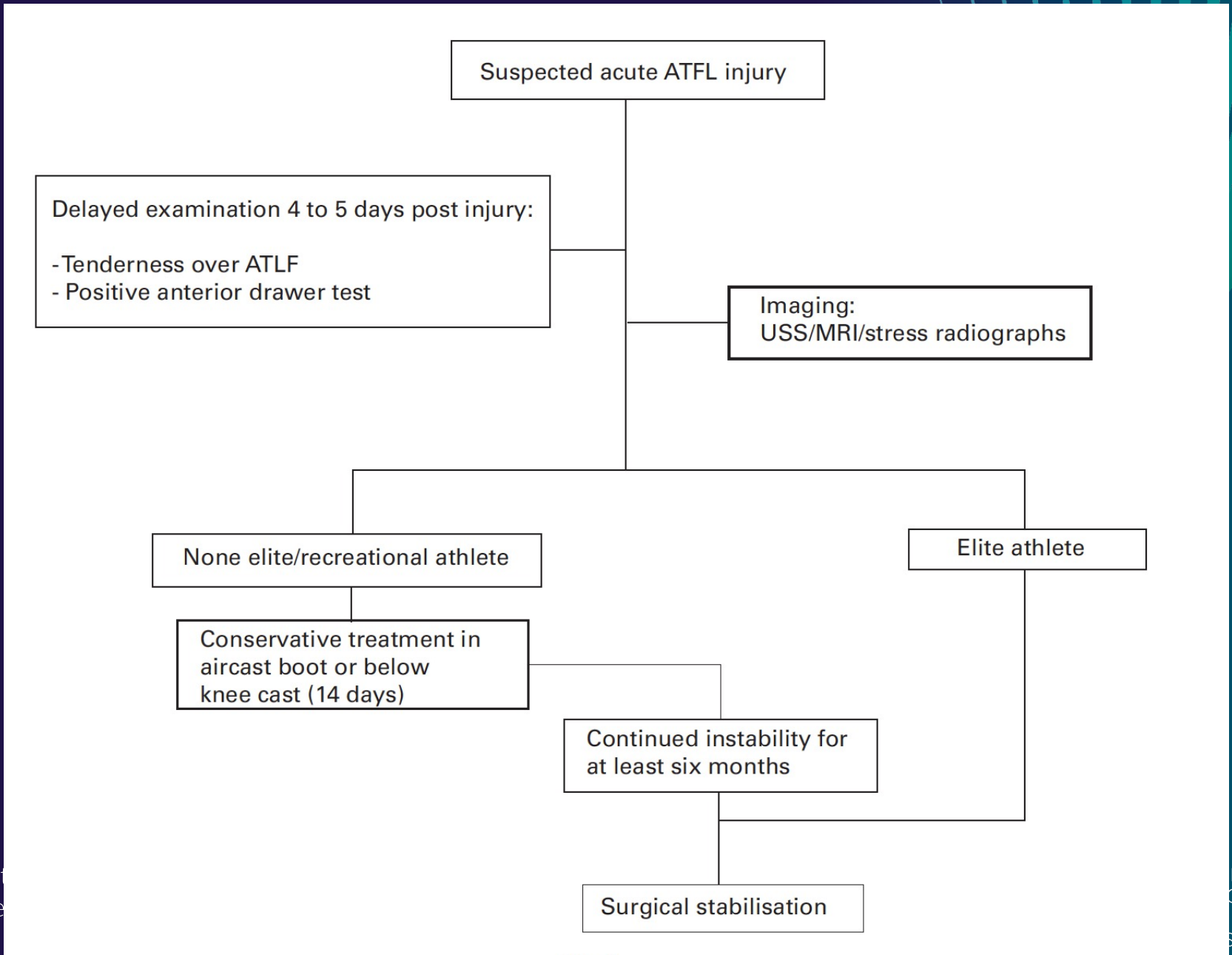
# Feel :Lateral, Anterior, Medial, Posterior, Sole

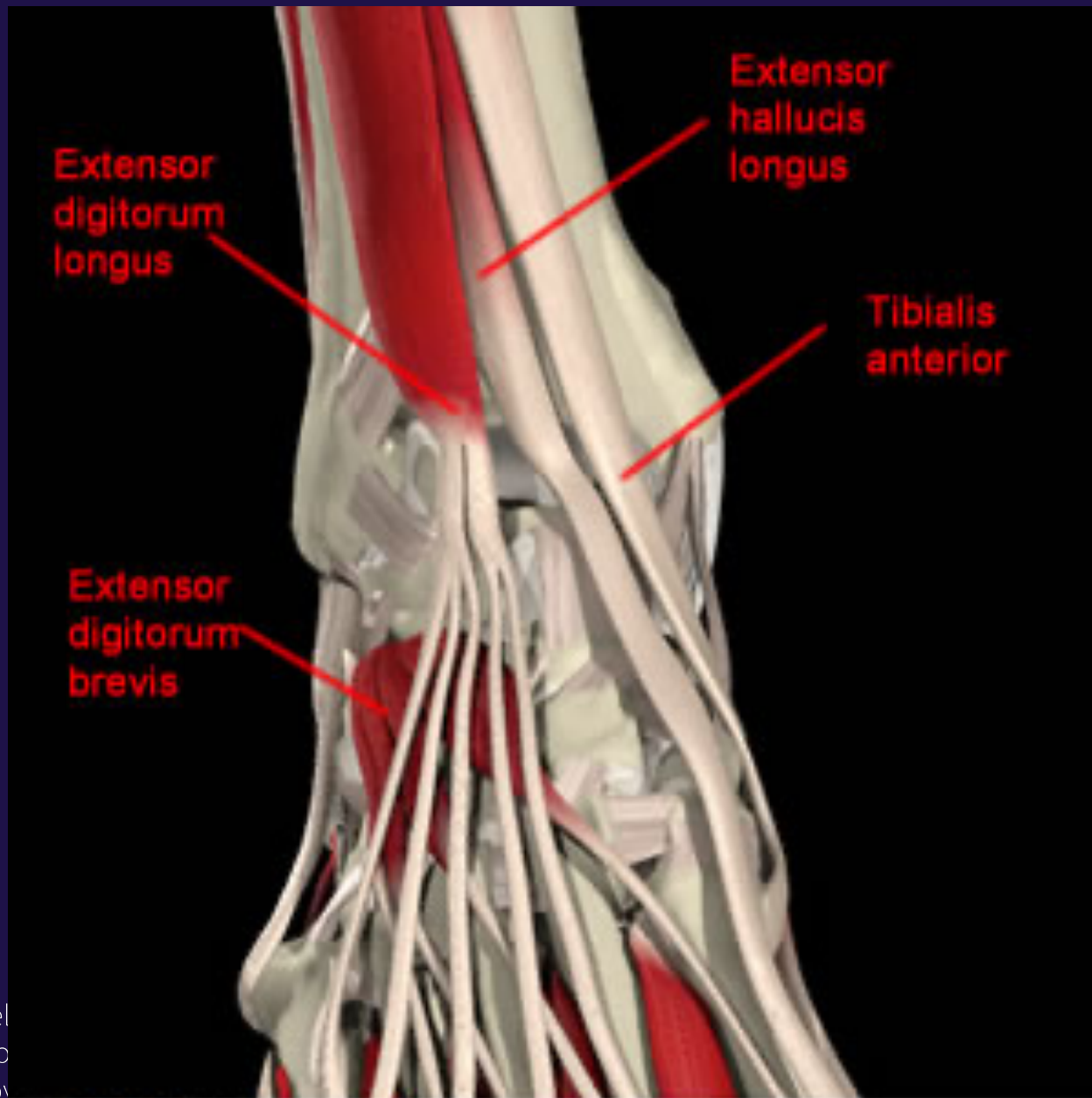


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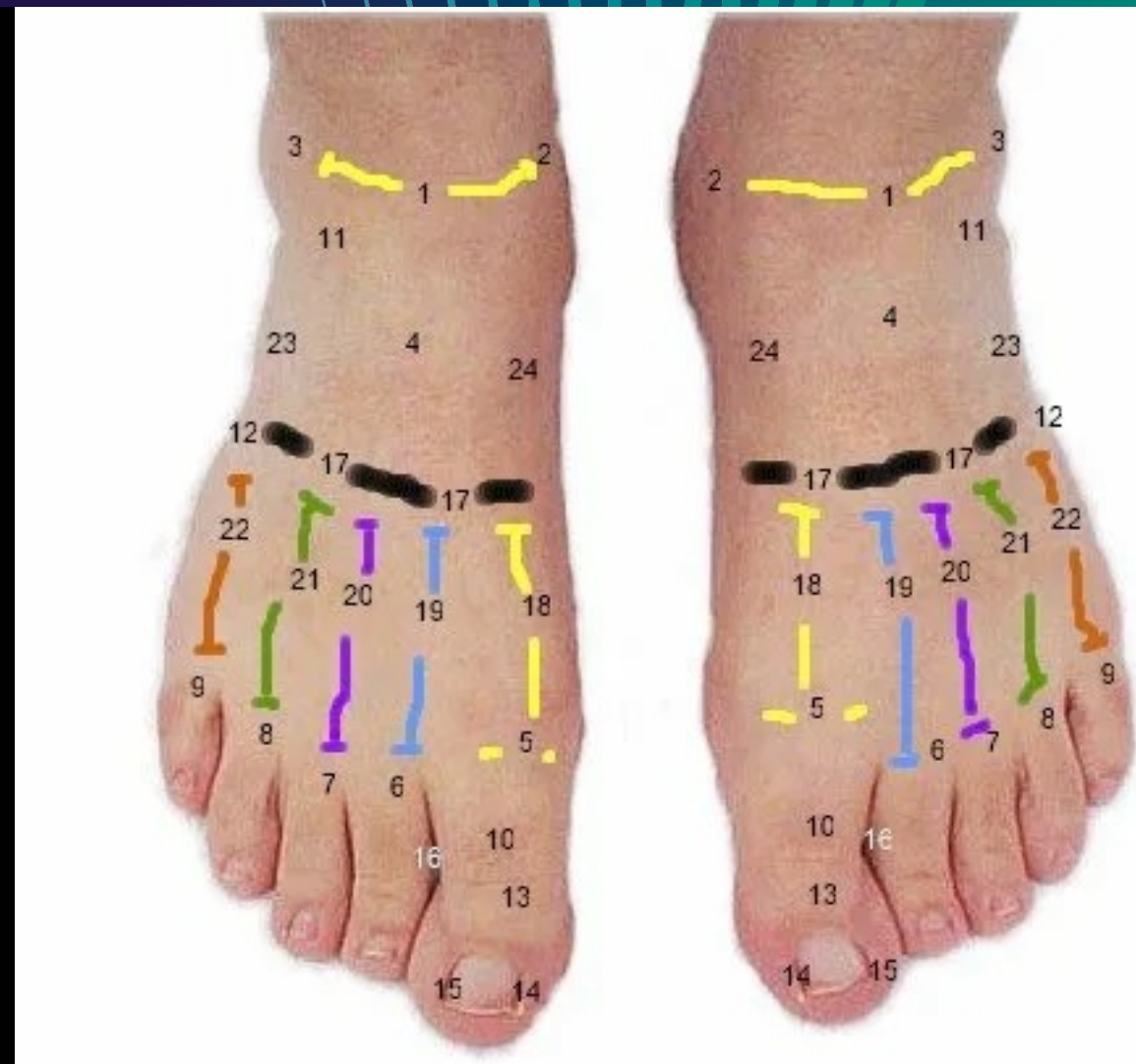
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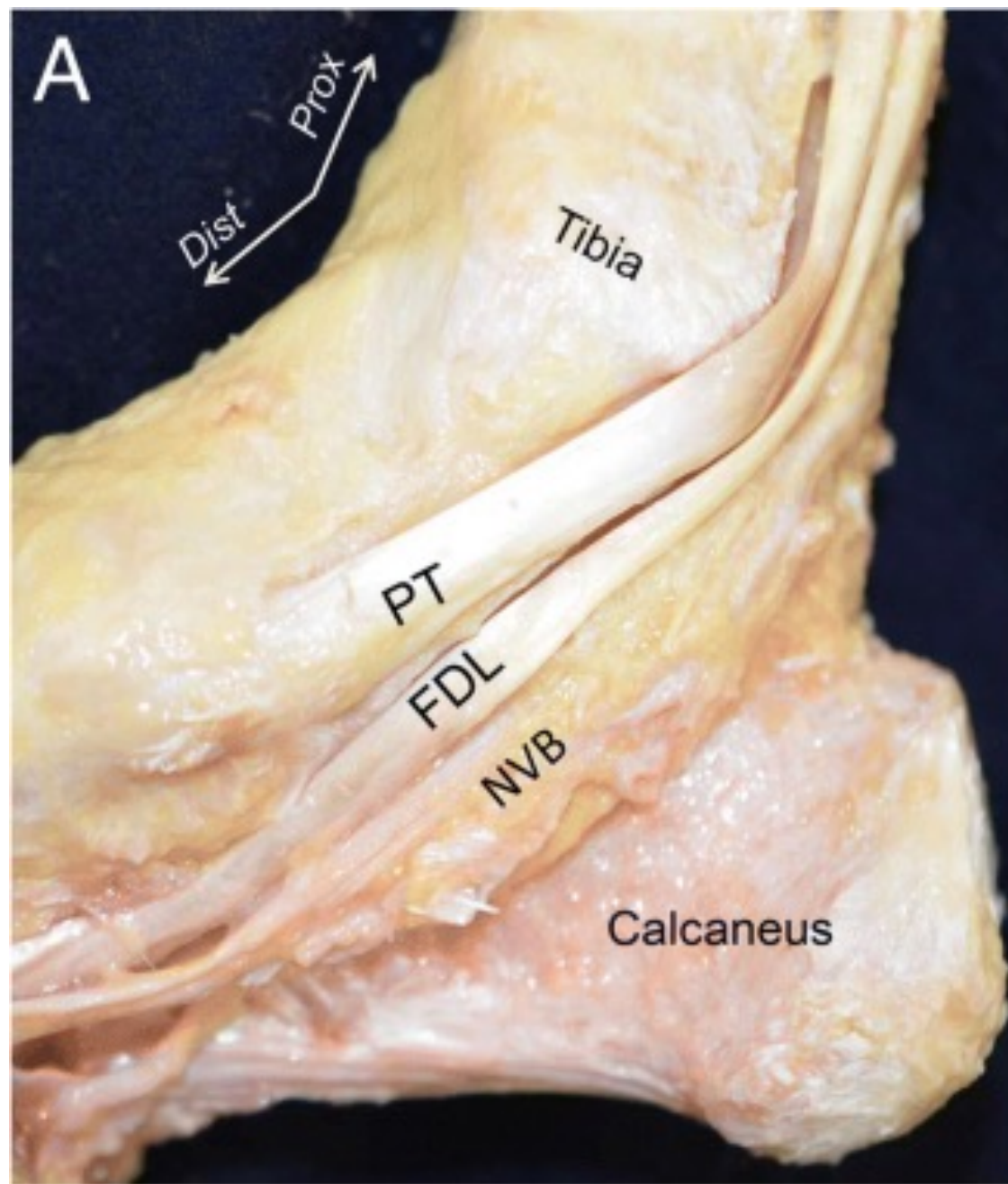
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### Sensitivity of tests for acute achilles tendon rupture

Gap	0.73
Ankle of declination	0.88
Calf squeeze	0.96

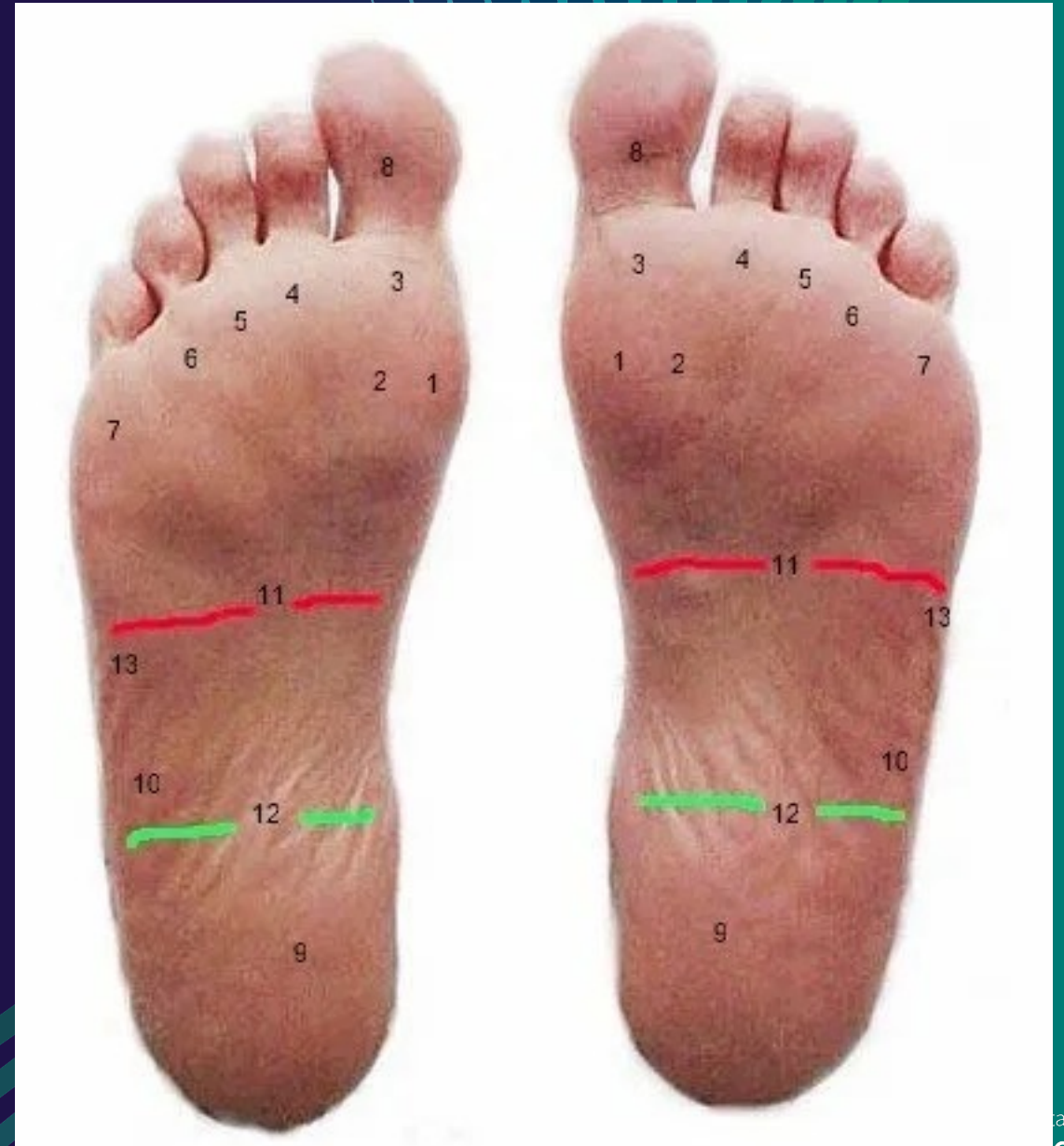
Simmonds' triad of tests 100% sensitive

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### Rx PF

Rest (self limiting),  
cushioned shoes, avoid  
barefoot.

Analgesia & Ice

Self Physio (Achilles. And  
PF)

Insoles



Physio  
Shockwave  
Injection  
Nightsplints



Gastrocnemius Release  
Plantar Fascia Release



SURGICAL PROCEDURE	EPONYMOUS	ANATOMIC LEVEL
Proximal GT	Silfverskiöld	5
Deep GSR	Baumann	4
Distal GT	Strayer	3
Superficial GSR	Vulpinus Baker	2
TAL	Hoke White Paley	1

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# Move – Ankle, Hindfoot, Midfoot, Forefoot



# RX - OP



Indications: Refractory to Conservative.



Arthroscopy

Debridement,  
Microfracture, Cheilectomy



Arthrodesis

Arthroscopic or Open  
3:1 fusion to replacement



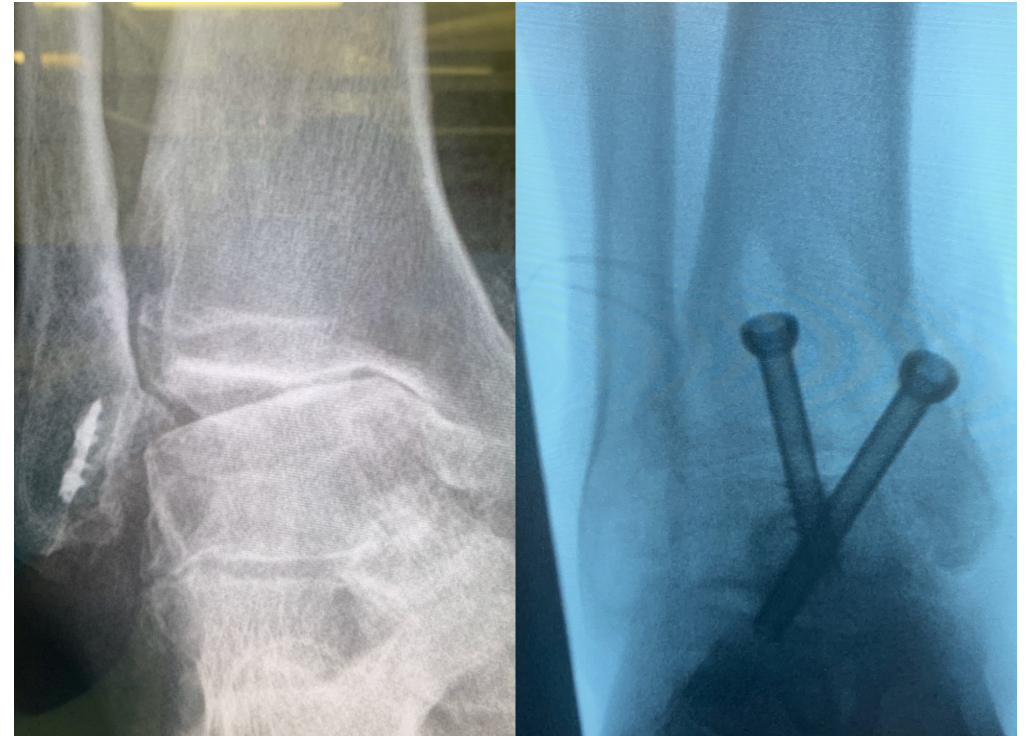
Arthroplasty

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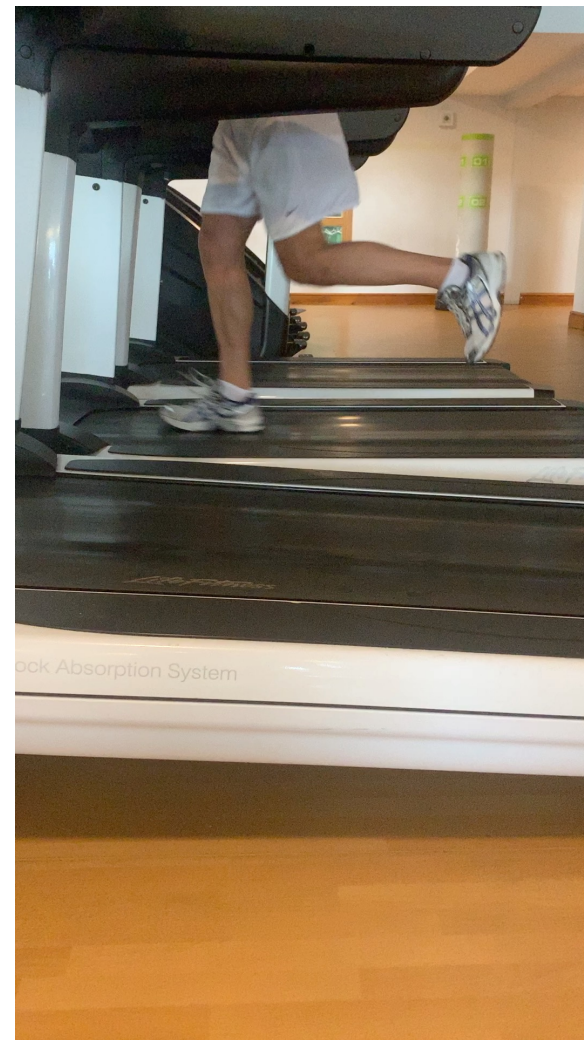


# Arthrodesis – Arthroscopic or Open

- If Successful will stop ankle pain for long term
- If isolated can have near normal gait pattern (forum)
- BUT
- Puts pressure on adjacent joints that can wear out
  - STJ, TNJ, Knee, hip
  - When STJ,TNJ then altered gait
- Post op
  - 4/4/4

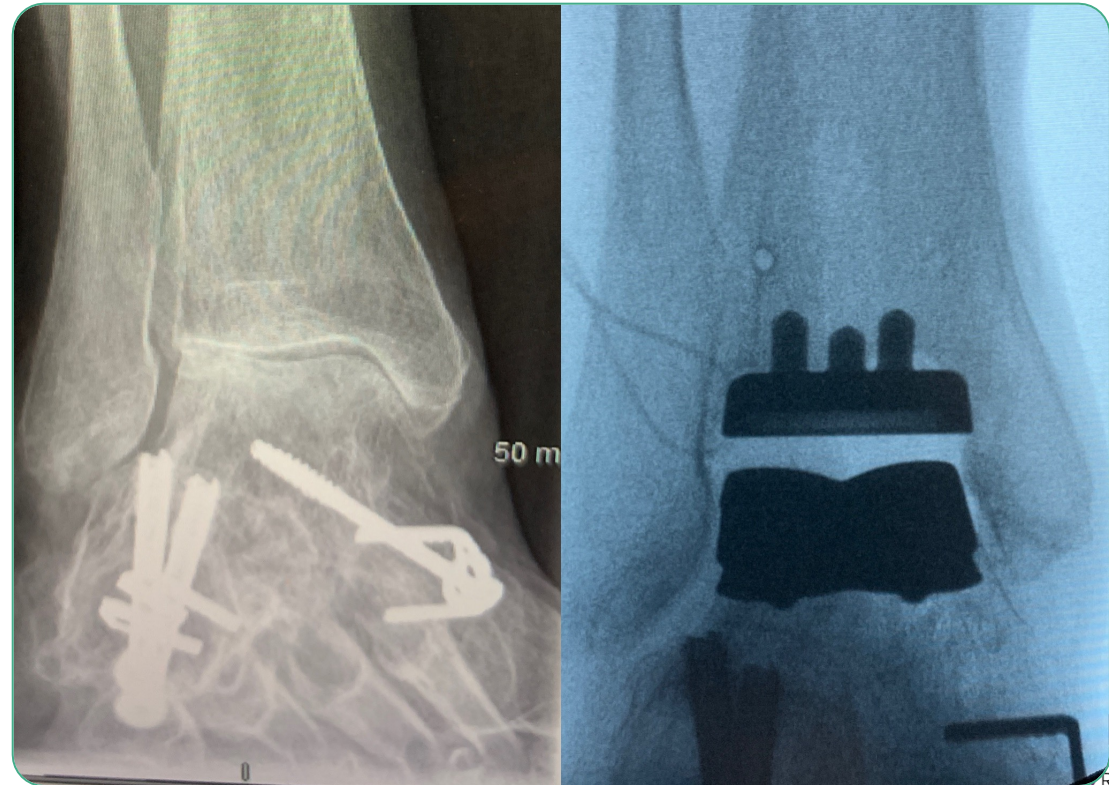




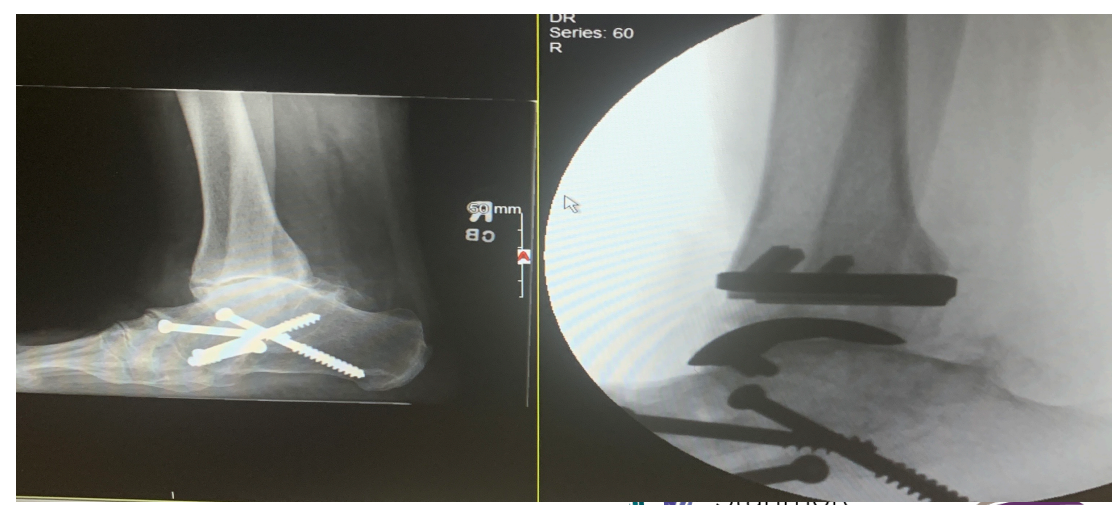
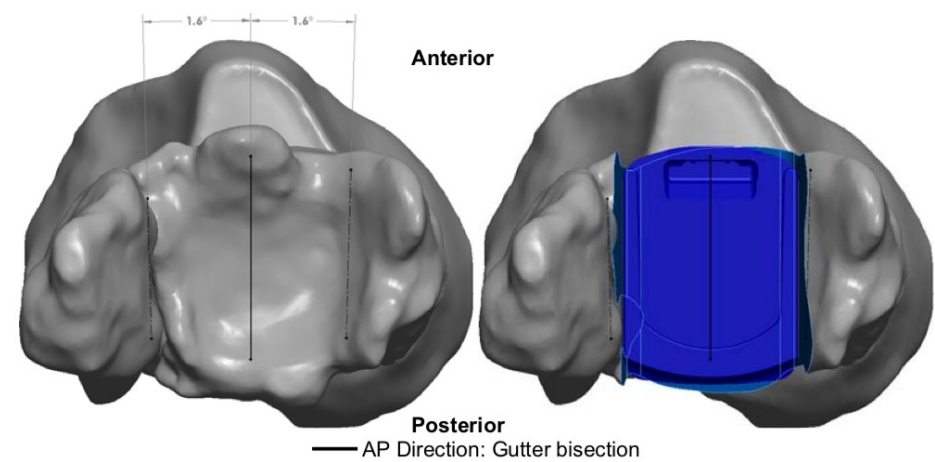
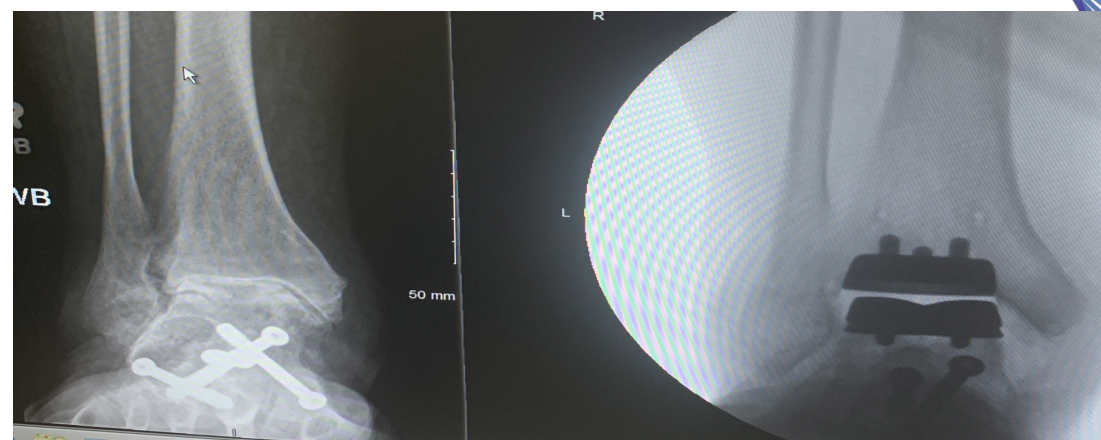
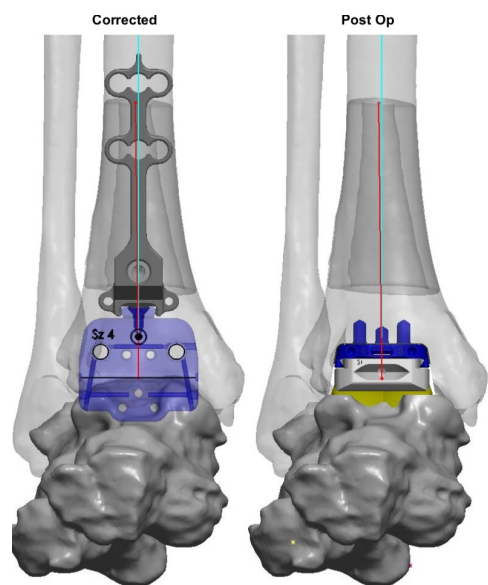


# Arthroplasty

- Metal tibia, metal talus, Polyethylene insert
- Allows more physiological movement
- Theoretically protective to adjacent joints with more normal gait.
- Wear at approx. 1-2% per year.
  - 10 years 80—90%
- Post op
  - 6 weeks plaster
  - 2/52 then 4/52.









# Contraindications

Active  
Infection

AVN/Marked  
Osteoporosis

Severe  
deformity

Neurological  
dysfuction.

Obesity.

Age



	Primary procedures	
	No.	%
Total ankle primaries	890	
Patient physical status		
P1 - Fit and healthy	103	12%
P2 - Mild disease not incapacitating	622	70%
P3 - Incapacitating systemic disease	165	19%
P4 and P5	0	0%
Indication for surgery		
Osteoarthritis	811	91%
Rheumatoid arthritis	50	6%
Other inflammatory arthropathy	21	2%
Other	15	2%
Tibia-hindfoot alignment		
Physiological neutral	370	42%
5-15° Varus	229	26%
16 - 30° Varus	65	7%
>30° Varus	7	1%
5-15° Valgus	139	16%
16-30° Valgus	39	4%
>30° Valgus	1	<1%
Not available	40	4%
Pre-operative range of movement ankle dorsiflexion		
5-20°	355	40%
Neutral	411	46%
Fixed equinus	95	11%
Not available	29	3%
Pre-operative range of movement ankle plantarflexion		
5-15°	480	54%
16-45°	353	40%
Not available	57	6%

	Primary procedures	
	No.	%
Total ankle primaries	890	
Total ankle primaries with patient data	859	97%
Female age	328	38%
Average	66.94	
SD	11.56	
Interquartile range	60.86-74.33	
Male age	531	62%
Average	69.44	
SD	9.08	
Interquartile range	63.52-75.89	
Female age groups		
<45 years	14	4%
45-54 years	34	10%
55-64 years	71	22%
65-74 years	135	41%
75-84 years	63	19%
>85 years	11	3%
Male age groups		
45-54 years	37	7%
55-64 years	124	23%
65-74 years	210	40%
75-84 years	145	27%
>85 years	15	3%





# Special Tests

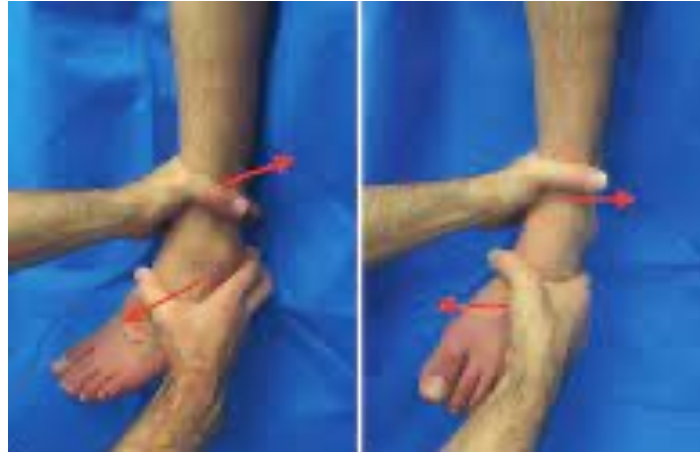
## ● Mulders Click

- Morton's Neuroma
  - Often secondary
  - Injections
  - Excision



# Ligaments

- ATFL
- CFL
- SYNDESMOSIS



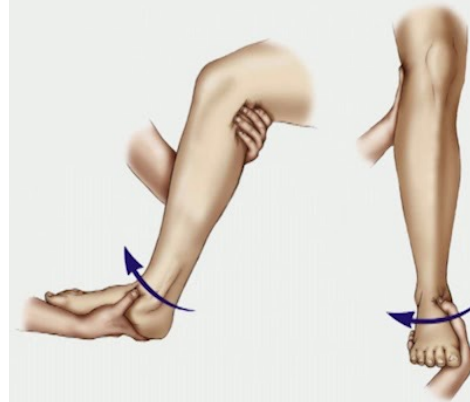
## Evaluation: Physical Exam

### Palpation

- Direct syndesmosis tenderness

### Special Tests

- External Rotation Test
- Squeeze Test





# Tendons







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