





## Sports Medicine Secrets: Ankle and Foot Strength, Mobility, and Coordination Deficits

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## Course Objectives

- Overview of the research for the most common movement impairments related to athletic injury
- Visual movement analysis to drive objective examination of movement system impairments
- Targeted exercise prescription and manual therapy for movement system impairments
- Utilize video analysis for lower quarter movement dysfunction
- Integration into high level athletes

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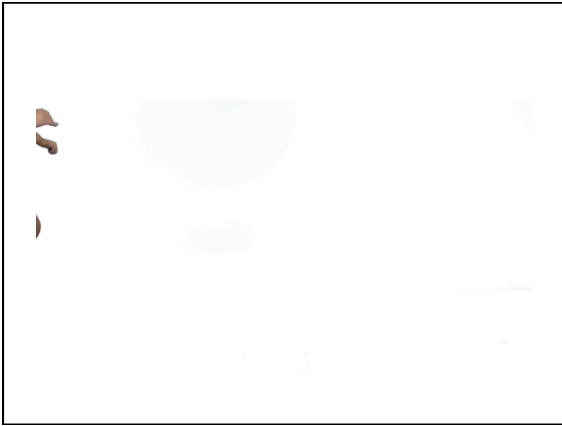
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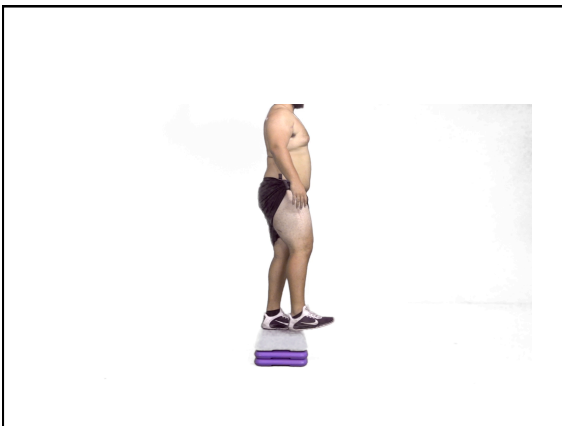
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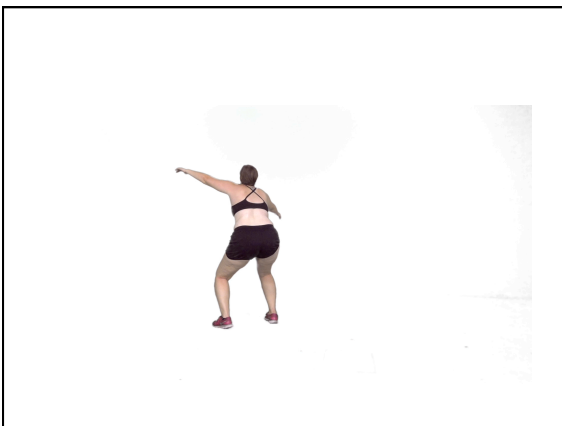
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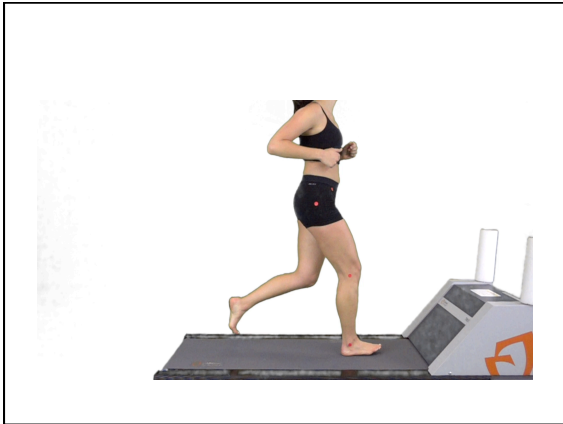
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### Ankle and Foot Impairments

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2. Insufficient big toe extension ROM
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### Insufficient Dorsiflexion




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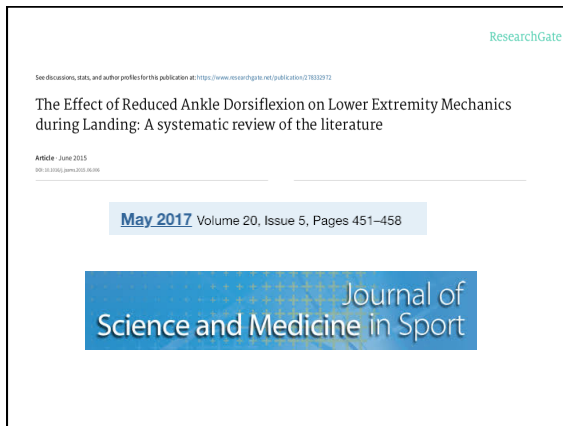
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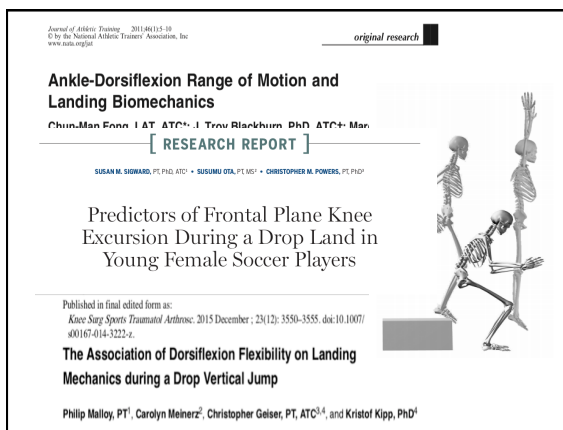
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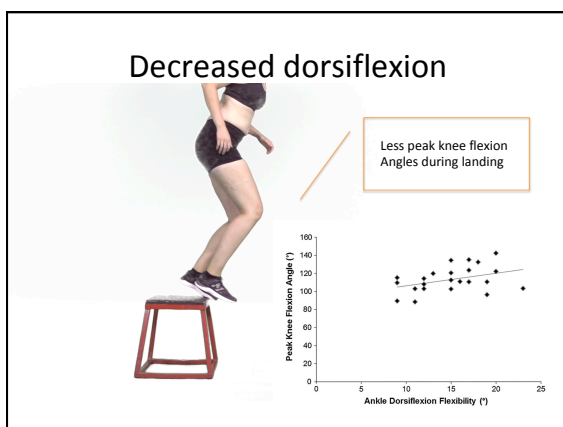
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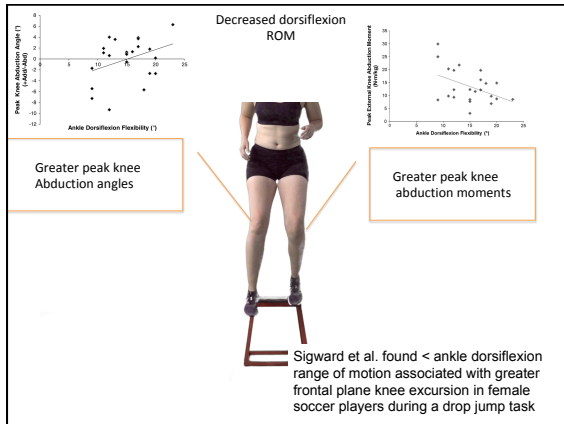
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- Landing mechanisms altered with restricted DF
  - Decreased knee flexion angle
  - Increased Knee valgus angle
  - Increased vertical ground reaction forces

A 3D skeletal model of a person in a landing posture, showing the alignment of the knee and hip. The model is positioned on a force plate, and the knee is shown in a valgus position, indicating a collapse of the knee towards the midline of the body.

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- Greater dorsiflexion ROM
  - Smaller GRF
  - Greater knee-flexion displacement
- Decreased shock absorption, and increased compensation in other planes

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Journal of Sport Rehabilitation, 2012, 21, 144-150  
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### Effect of Limiting Ankle-Dorsiflexion Range of Motion on Lower Extremity Kinematics and Muscle-Activation Patterns During a Squat

Elisabeth Macrum, David Robert Bell,  
Michelle Boling, Michael Lewek, and Darin Padua

- Wedge group
  - decreased DF and knee flexion excursion
  - increased knee valgus angle and medial knee displacement




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Journal of Athletic Training, 2014, 49(6):723-732  
doi: 10.4085/1082-4565.49.6.723  
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**Altered Knee and Ankle Kinematics During Squatting in Those With Limited Weight-Bearing–Lunge Ankle-Dorsiflexion Range of Motion**

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**Normal: > 15 deg**  
**Impaired: < 5 deg**




Figure 1. Nonweight-bearing ankle-dorsiflexion range-of-motion assessment. Figure 2. Weight-bearing lunge test.

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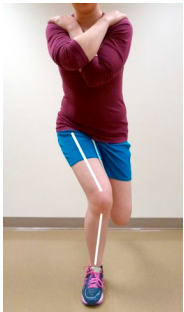
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### Limited DF in weight-bearing lunge

- Over head squat
  - 8 deg less DF displacement
  - 15 deg less knee flexion
- SL squat
  - 6 deg less DF
  - 12 deg less knee flexion
  - 6 deg more knee valgus
- Faults see in restricted WB lunge group only




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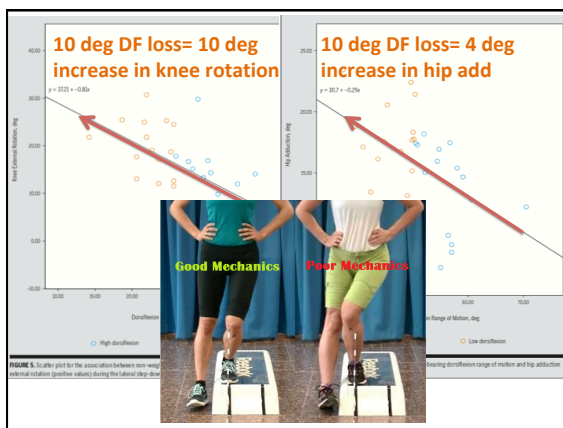
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### With increased DF = decreased hip adduction

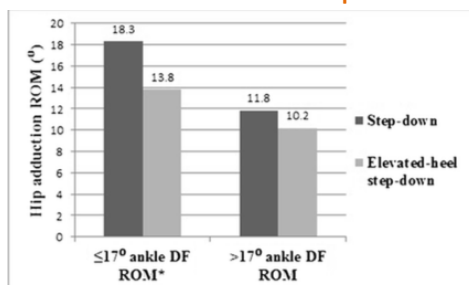


fig. 4. Hip adduction ROM during step-down (SD) and elevated-heel step-down (HSD) in females with reduced ( $\leq 17^\circ$ ) and females with optimal ( $> 17^\circ$ ) ankle DF ROM (\* $p = 0.008$ ).

The Knee 21 (2014) 668–675

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The Knee

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Acute influence of restricted ankle dorsiflexion angle on knee joint mechanics during gait

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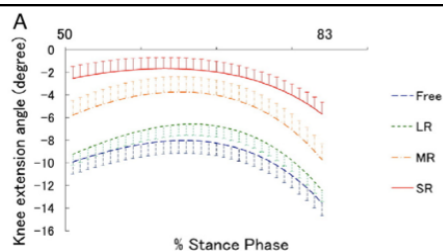
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<sup>d</sup> Division of Biokinesiology & Physical Therapy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 90089-0005, CA, United States

• 4 braced conditions

- Unrestricted
- light (10 deg DF)
- moderate (0)
- severe restriction (-10 deg)

Fig. 1. Custom made ankle brace (Mitsuru P.O. Co., Ltd., Aichi, Japan). The brace was used to limit the ankle DF angle. A 40 mm joint to allow plantar flexion motion were attached to the sole.



- Decreased DF = Decreased knee flexion
  - Knee hyper-extension often seen in those restricted to < 5 deg
- Decreased DF = Increased valgus angle


**IJSPT** ORIGINAL RESEARCH  
**RELIABILITY OF THREE MEASURES OF ANKLE DORSIFLEXION RANGE OF MOTION**  
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 Sam Morton, MS, CSCS, USAW<sup>1</sup>  
 Joan M. Eckerson, PhD, FACSM, FNSCA, CSCS<sup>1</sup>  
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Approx 40 deg WB DF is normal

**Table 1. Weight-Bearing Lunge Dorsiflexion Range of Motion Measurement Averages**

Test	Mean±SD
Tape Measure	9.5 ± 3.1 cm
Digital Inclinometer	38.8 ± 5.2°
Goniometer	43.2 ± 5.8°

Averages were determined using data from each side (right and left) during trial 1




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Manual Therapy 20 (2015) 524–532  
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**Manual Therapy**  
 journal homepage: [www.elsevier.com/math](http://www.elsevier.com/math)

Systematic review  
**Reliability and minimal detectable change of the weight-bearing lunge test: A systematic review**

Cameron J. Powden <sup>a,\*</sup>, Johanna M. Hoch <sup>b</sup>, Matthew C. Hoch <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Health Service Research, College of Health Sciences, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529, USA  
<sup>b</sup> School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, College of Health Sciences, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, USA

- A total of 12 studies met the eligibility criteria
- Good inter and intra clinician reliability

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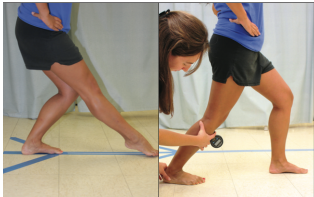
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**IJSPT** ORIGINAL RESEARCH  
**ANKLE DORSIFLEXION RANGE OF MOTION INFLUENCES DYNAMIC BALANCE IN INDIVIDUALS WITH CHRONIC ANKLE INSTABILITY**  
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- > 4 cm difference in anterior reach = 2.5x risk LE injury
- Limited DF correlated to limited anterior reach

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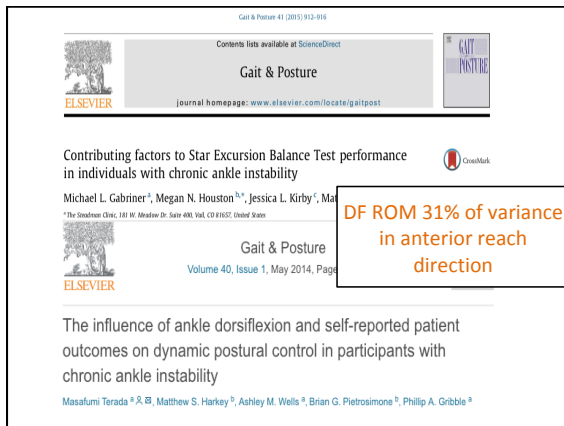
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### Patellar Tendinopathy and Lack of Dorsiflexion

- Volleyball players (Mallares et al., 06)
- Basketball players (Backman et al., 11)
  - 5 deg less DF at baseline
  - < 36 deg DF
  - Increased risk up to 29% of developing Patellar tendinitis within a year
  - Less shock attenuation
- History of 2 or more ankle sprains related to less DF

### Strength Around the Hip and Flexibility of Soft Tissues in Individuals With and Without Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome

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**Gastroc length: 7 vs 18 deg**  
**Soleus length: 15 vs 22 deg**

**TABLE 2.** Muscle strength and muscle length measurements of the 30 subjects of the matched control group, 95% CI, *t* value, and *P* value of paired *t* test statistics between groups.

Measurements	PPPS (mean ± SD)	Control (mean ± SD)	95% CI	<i>t</i> Value	<i>P</i> Value
Hip external rotation strength (% body mass)	22.0 ± 4.3	23.0 ± 4.7	-3.4; 0.8	-1.3	.218
Hip abduction strength (% body mass)	18.0 ± 7.3	21.0 ± 4.0	-6.0; -0.7	-2.6	.016
Iliotibial band/tensor fascia lata complex length (deg)	11.7 ± 10.2	15.0 ± 5.6	-7.2; 0.69	-1.7	.102
Quadriceps length (deg)	134.0 ± 11.3	145.4 ± 10.6	-16.5; -6.3	-4.6	<.001*
Gastrocnemius length (deg)	7.4 ± 6.0	17.6 ± 5.2	-15.1; -4.1	-3.6	<.001*
Soleus length (deg)	14.8 ± 4.8	21.7 ± 4.8	-12.9; -7.5	-7.7	<.001*
			-9.0; -4.8	-6.6	<.001*

\* Significant at  $\alpha \leq .007$

**TABLE 3.** Stepwise discriminant analysis between the groups with and without patellofemoral pain syndrome.

Step	Variables Included	Wilks $\lambda$	F	P Value
1	Gastrocnemius length	0.548	47.1	<.001
2	Hip abduction strength	0.508	27.2	<.001
3	Soleus length	0.471	20.6	<.001

- Arndt et al (04), Witvrouw et al (00), Stergio et al (99)
  - Limited DF (soft tissue restrictions) associated with excessive pronation and tibial IR
  - Lead to increased femoral rotation increasing Patellar femoral stresses.

### **Limited dorsiflexion recap**

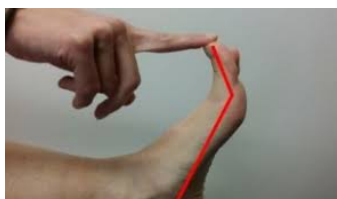
- Decreased DF with functional tests:
  - Increased ground reaction forces, knee adduction and valgus angles, knee abduct moments, and knee rotation
  - Decreased knee flexion angle
- Norm: 40 deg
  - WB lunge better than table
- Chronic ankle instability
  - SEBT ant reach 4 cm, 31% variance
- Patellar tendinopathy
  - 5 deg difference or < 36 deg, 30% greater risk
- PFPS
  - limited gastroc flexibility (11 deg)

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## Insufficient Big Toe Extension Mobility




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### Functional hallux limitus: a review.

Foot Ankle Int. 2016 May;37(5):537-41. doi: 10.1177/1077100715621508. Epub 2015 Dec 9.

Accurate Measurement of First Metatarsophalangeal Range of Motion in Patients With Hallux Limitus

J Am Podiatr Med Assoc. 2006 Sep-Oct;96(5):428-36.

Effects of hallux limitus on plantar foot pressure and foot kinematics during walking.

Van Ghelue  
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Differences in muscle function during walking and running at the same speed

Kotaro Sasaki, Richard R. Neptune\*

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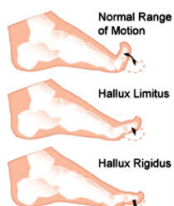
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- Structural hallux rigidus vs Functional hallux limitus
- Normal PROM great toe: 100 deg
  - Gait: Approximately 60 degrees needed
- With limited range:
  - Earlier and greater peak plantar pressure under hallux
  - Increased FHL activity, further restricting extension




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**Foot kinematics and loading of professional athletes in American football-specific tasks**  
 Patrick O. Riley<sup>a,\*</sup>, Richard W. Kent<sup>a</sup>, Tracy A. Dierks<sup>b</sup>, W. Brent Lievers<sup>a</sup>,  
 Rebecca E. Frimenko<sup>a</sup>, Jeff R. Crandall<sup>b</sup>  
<sup>a</sup>Center for Applied Biomechanics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, USA  
<sup>b</sup>Department of Physical Therapy, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN, USA

- Analyzed walking, running, cutting and jumping



Events	Talocrural RoM (°)	Subtalar RoM (°)	MTP RoM (°)
Walk	25.2 (3.1) 25.2/25.8/24.7	15.0 (4.9) 10.0/15.9/18.4	53.7 (8.0) 54.5/50.0/56.6
Run	40.7 (6.6) 36.0/41.3/44.8	14.2 (5.1) 10.5/13.9/18.1	59.5 (16.1) 52.5/51.3/72.2
Reverse	44.4 (7.7) 42.0/43.4/47.8	25.6 (8.9) 25.0/20.9/24.3	23.4 (8.4) 28.6/17.3/24.2
Cut right leg	49.7 (7.8) 45.2/50.9/53.0	21.6 (10.2) 20.6/20.1/24.3	38.1 (10.2) 31.6/46.7/36.0
Cut left leg	45.5 (8.9) 39.9/48.7/47.9	27.0 (11.1) 30.1/17.3/33.7	31.6 (10.2) 28.1/39.2/27.4
Start AP	41.3 (13.2) 46.0/32.8/45.2	22.4 (10.2) 26.7/15.1/25.4	37.3 (14.7) 39.8/41.7/29.0
Start lateral	48.4 (7.2) 44.8/47.2/53.2	24.1 (8.7) 30.7/16.8/25.0	18.5 (6.2) 17.5/21.9/16.5
Jump	67.4 (6.4) 69.4/64.2/68.8	16.8 (5.9) 15.4/13.7/21.4	34.1 (7.1) 35.3/31.3/35.5
Plant AP	33.2 (9.3) 37.6/26.5/38.1	14.9 (6.6) 12.2/11.0/19.6	28.7 (6.2) 25.5/28.1/31.7
Plant lateral	29.8 (8.5) 24.6/30.8/33.2	13.2 (8.4) 9.1/14.1/15.8	21.1 (10.4) 23.0/17.0/23.2
Jump landing	49.4 (9.7) 51.7/46.6/49.9	13.1 (7.5) 14.5/13.8/11.2	39.3 (11.1) 34.7/38.8/44.1
Group median	44.4	16.8	34.5
Class median	47.8/42.0/43.4	21.4/15.4/15.1	34.3/31.6/33.3
p-value	0.43/0.69/0.90	0.26/0.74/0.21	0.95/0.79/1.00

Walk- 54 deg  
Run- 60 deg



PeerJ, 2017 Dec 18;5:e4103. doi: 10.7717/peerj.4103. eCollection 2017.

**Three-dimensional variations in the lower limb caused by the windlass mechanism.**  
 Manfredi-Mároux M.<sup>#1</sup>, Ibarra-Carrón N.<sup>1</sup>, Távora-Vidalón P.<sup>1</sup>, Domínguez-Maldonado G.<sup>1</sup>, Fernández-Sequín LM.<sup>2</sup>, Ramos-Ortega J.<sup>#1</sup>.

- Average of 47 deg for windlass mechanism
  - Similar to Nester et al. (2014), Holstead & Redmond (2006) and Nawoczinski, Baumhauer & Umberger (1999)
- Important for mid foot and hind foot stabilization for push off
  - Delayed windlass mechanism associated with inversion at heel strike and a greater magnitude of rearfoot eversion



*J Am Podiatr Med Assoc*. 2014 Sep-Oct;104(5):468-72. doi: 10.7547/0003-0538-104.5.468.

**An assessment of hallux limitus in university basketball players compared with noncompetitive individuals.**

Trépoiret P.

Accepted: 13 February 2017  
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE WILEY

**Muscle stiffness of posterior lower leg in runners with a history of medial tibial stress syndrome**

J. Saeki<sup>1,2</sup> | M. Nakamura<sup>1</sup> | S. Nakao<sup>1</sup> | K. Fujita<sup>4</sup> | K. Yanase<sup>1</sup> | N. Ichihashi<sup>1</sup>

Basketball players: 21 deg limited verses controls

Runners with history of MTSS had increased stiffness in FHL

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### **Insufficient Big Toe Extension** **Mobility Recap**

- Hallux limitus vs rigidus
- Norms:
  - PROM >100 deg, Gait and Running >60
- Increased peak plantar pressures
- Windlass mechanism at least 47 deg
  - Otherwise increased rearfoot eversion magnitude
- Common loss of mobility in basketball players
- Associated with increased stiffness in FHL
  - Medial tibial stress syndrome??

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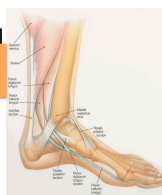
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## Excessive Pronation




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Review

**The relationship between foot posture and lower limb kinematics during walking: A systematic review**

Andrew K. Buldt<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, George S. Murley<sup>a,b</sup>, Paul Butterworth<sup>a,b</sup>, Pazit Levinger<sup>c</sup>, Hylton B. Menz<sup>b</sup>, Karl B. Landorf<sup>a,b</sup>

- Planus foot posture associated with increased rearfoot eversion at stance phase of gait
- Most significant differences found after heel off

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Increased unilateral foot pronation affects lower limbs and pelvic biomechanics during walking

Renan A. Resende<sup>a,\*</sup>, Kevin J. Deluzio<sup>b</sup>, Renata N. Kirkwood<sup>c</sup>, Elizabeth A. Hassan<sup>d</sup>, Sérgio T. Fonseca<sup>a</sup>

- Effects of increased unilateral foot pronation on biomechanics of lower limb and pelvis during gait

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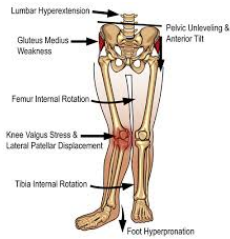
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- Increased foot pronation
  - increased tibial internal rotation angles
  - reduced knee and hip internal rotation moments
  - increased pelvic ipsilateral drop



Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc (2014) 22:2301–2307  
DOI 10.1007/s00167-014-2943-3

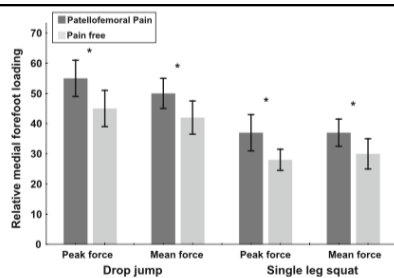
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### Increased medial foot loading during drop jump in subjects with patellofemoral pain

Michael S. Rathleff · Camilla Richter ·  
Christoffer Brushøj · Jesper Bencke ·  
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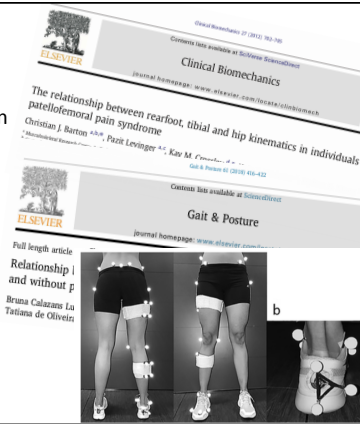
Figure 1. Drop jump sequence



- Greater medial orientated loading pattern of forefoot vs controls without PFPS
- PFPS:
  - 22% higher medial peak force in jump landing
  - 32% higher in SL squat

- PFPS:

- Greater peak rearfoot eversion
- Greater peak tibial IR: 16% of its variance
- Greater hip adduction ROM: 33% of its variance



### Biomechanical Factors Associated With Achilles Tendinopathy and Medial Tibial Stress Syndrome in Runners

James Becker,<sup>\*</sup> PhD, Stanley James,<sup>†</sup> MD, Robert Wayner,<sup>‡</sup> DPT, Louis Osternig,<sup>§</sup> PhD, ATC, and Li-Shan Chou,<sup>||</sup> PhD  
Investigation performed at the Motion Analysis Laboratory, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, USA

#### EVERSION:

- Excursion ?
- Velocity ?
- Duration ?



- No difference in total amount of eversion
- Greater rearfoot eversion at heel off (-6 vs 1 deg)
- Longer duration of eversion (86% vs 59% stance)

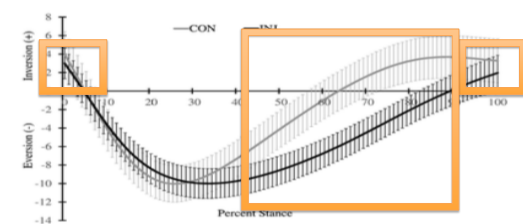


Figure 1. Mean inversion/eversion curves for the pooled



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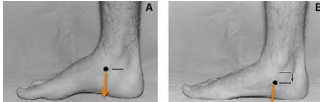
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REVIEW

### Risk factors associated with medial tibial stress syndrome in runners: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Open Access Journal of Sports Medicine  
12 November 2018  
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- Systematic review and meta-analysis (21 studies)
- Medial Tibial Stress Syndrome
  - Greater Navicular drop one of the top predictors
  - Navicular drop > 10 mm, 2x more likely




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[ RESEARCH REPORT ]

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BRYSON LESNIAK, MD<sup>4</sup> • SEAN CUNNINGHAM, ATC, LAT<sup>5</sup>

### The Association of Foot Arch Posture and Prior History of Shoulder or Elbow Surgery in Elite-Level Baseball Pitchers

- Longitudinal Arch Angle (typical 130-150)
- Pes Planus- < 130
- Pes Cavus- > 150



FIGURE 3. Pes planus foot arch posture as measured by the longitudinal arch angle. Typical foot arch posture as measured by the longitudinal arch angle. Pes cavus foot arch posture as measured by the longitudinal arch angle.

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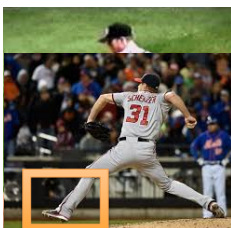
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- Stance foot
  - odds ratio for having pitching-arm surgery with either type of abnormal arch posture of the stance foot was 3.4x
  - pes planus posture was 3.7
  - pes cavus posture was 3.2
- Lunge Foot
  - either type of abnormal arch posture was 2.9x
  - pes cavus posture was 3.4
  - pes planus posture was 2.4




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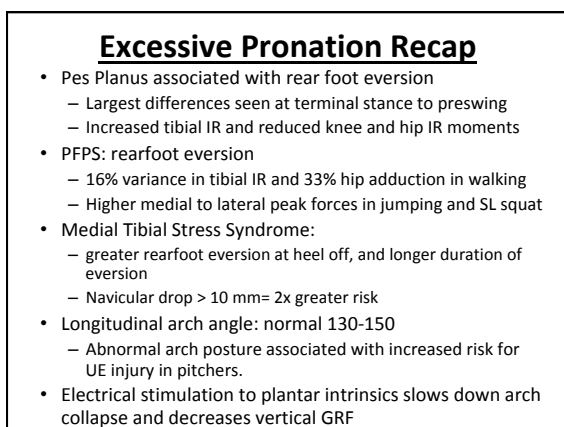
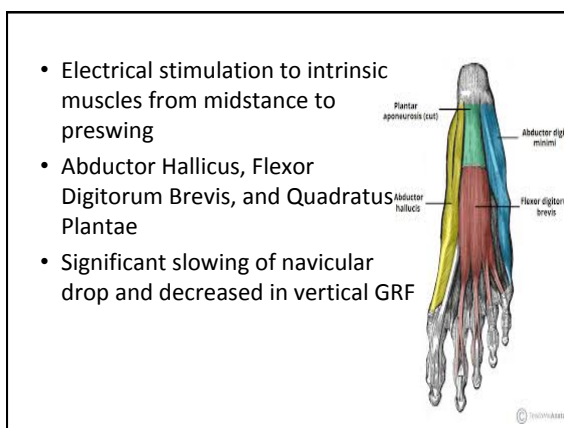
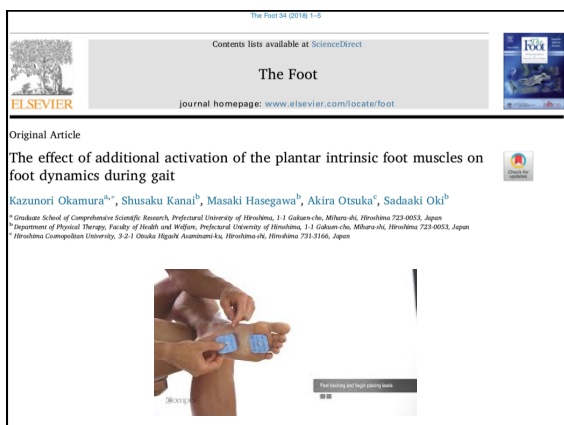
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## Excessive Supination

Pes Cavus

HIGH ARCHES



Foot posture is associated with kinematics of the foot during gait:  
A comparison of normal, planus and cavus feet

Andrew K. Buldt<sup>a,b,c</sup>, Pazit Levinger<sup>c</sup>, George S. Murley<sup>a,b</sup>, Hylton B. Menz<sup>b</sup>,  
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<sup>c</sup>Institute of Sport, Exercise & Active Living, College of Sport and Exercise Science Victoria University, Footscray, VIC 3001, Australia  
<sup>d</sup>School of Health Sciences, University of Salford, UK

- Higher peak plantar pressure in lateral heel
- Decreased midfoot ROM at initial contact and midstance
  - Less deformation of medial longitudinal arch




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*Gait Posture*, 2004, Jun;19(3):283-9

**High-arched runners exhibit increased leg stiffness compared to low-arched runners.**

*Williams DS 3rd<sup>1</sup>, Davis IM, Scholz JP, Hamill J, Buchanan TS.*

- Measured leg stiffness in high arched vs low arched runners
- Looked at ability of lower extremity to attenuate excessive forces generated during stance phase of running




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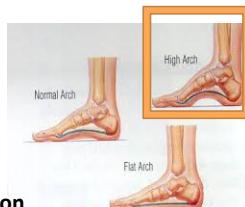
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- Pes cavus conditions
  - Decreased knee flexion excursion during stance
  - Increased vertical loading rates
  - Significantly earlier onset of vastus lateralis
  - **Higher leg stiffness**
  - **Decreased shock absorption**




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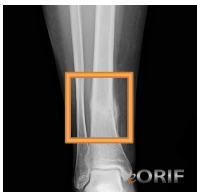
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**Biomechanical Factors Associated with Tibial Stress Fracture in Female Runners**

CLARE E. MILNER; REED FERBER; CHRISTINE D. POLLARD; JOSEPH HAMILL; IRENE S. DAVIS

- Group with history of tibial stress fracture
  - Significantly greater instantaneous and average vertical loading rates and tibial shock
  - Magnitude of tibial shock successfully predicted 70% of cases




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CLINICAL RESEARCH

**Is Pes Cavus Alignment Associated With Lisfranc Injuries of the Foot?**

Jeremy D. Podolnick MD, Daniel S. Donovan MD, Nicholas DeBellis MD, Alejandro Pino MD

- Measured Talonavicular and talo-first metatarsal angles in WB radigraphs




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- Patients:
  - Higher talo-first angle (5.7 deg)
  - Greater talonavicular angle (6.17 deg)
  - Less talar uncovering (6.7 deg)
- Cavus midfoot alignment was more prevalent among patients with Lisfranc injuries




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### Increased Medial Longitudinal Arch Mobility, Lower Extremity Kinematics, and Ground Reaction Forces in High-Arched Runners

D. S. Blaise Williams III, PhD, MPT\*; Robin N. Tierney, DPT†; Robert J. Butler, PhD, DPT‡

- Screened arches for height and mobility in runners
  - normal height but rigid
  - Compared to
  - highest arches but mobile



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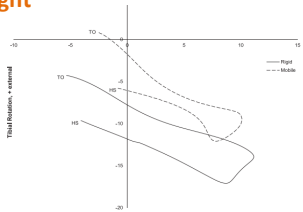
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- Mobile arches (even though higher)
  - Decreased tibial IR excursion
  - Decreased peak vertical GRF values
  - Decreased vertical loading rates
- **Mobility of arch more important than height**




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You can't just look at arch height, you have to assess the accessory mobility of the foot




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### Increased Pes Cavus Recap

- Decreased deformation of medial longitudinal arch: increases pressures
- Less knee flexion excursion, increased vertical loading rates, increased tibial shock
- Increased lower leg stiffness/decreased shock absorption
- Associated with tibial stress fractures and Lisfranc sprains
- High mobile arch associated with better loading/shock absorption than rigid, normal height arch

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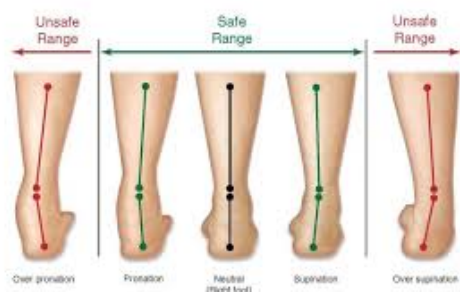
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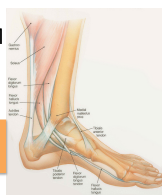
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## Insufficient Plantar Flexor Strength



### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Muscle Strength and Flexibility Characteristics of People Displaying Excessive Medial Knee Displacement

David R. Bell, MEd, ATC, Darin A. Padua, PhD, ATC, Michael A. Clark, DPT, MS, PES, CES

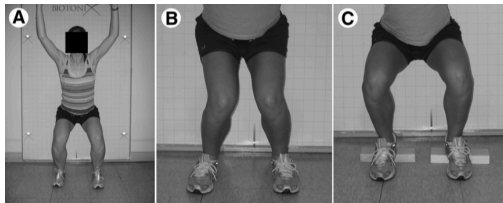


Fig 1. (A) Control subject during the overhead squat task. The mid-patella stays over the foot during the squat. (B) MKD subject during the overhead squat. The mid-patella is medial to great toe. (C) MKD subject performing the overhead squat on the heel lift (2 x 4 wooden block). MKD is corrected and mid-patella stays over the foot during the squat.

- Significant decrease in plantar flexors
  - 17% weaker gastrocnemius
- Medial gastroc acts as dynamic knee stabilizer against knee valgus (Lloyd and Buchanan, 01)

Table 2: Normalized Peak Isometric Strength Values Between Groups

Variables	Control	Medial Knee Displacement	P	Effect Size Partial $\eta^2$	Observed Power
Hip extension	16.4 $\pm$ 3.6 (14.9–18.0)	19.5 $\pm$ 3.3 (17.9–21.2)	.01*	.17	.74
Hip abduction	16.9 $\pm$ 4.7 (15.2–18.7)	18.5 $\pm$ 2.2 (16.7–20.3)	.21	.05	.24
Hip adduction	16.4 $\pm$ 3.0 (15.1–17.7)	18.2 $\pm$ 2.6 (16.8–19.5)	.06	.09	.46
Hip internal rotation	5.9 $\pm$ 1.7 (5.3–6.7)	5.9 $\pm$ 1.3 (5.2–6.6)	.88	.001	.05
Hip external rotation	12.5 $\pm$ 2.2 (11.6–13.5)	14.1 $\pm$ 1.9 (13.1–15.1)	.03*	.13	.59
Ankle dorsiflexion	16.7 $\pm$ 2.0 (15.8–17.5)	17.1 $\pm$ 1.7 (16.3–18.0)	.50	.01	.10
Ankle plantarflexion	15.8 $\pm$ 3.0 (14.5–17.1)	13.1 $\pm$ 2.6 (11.8–14.4)	.007*	.19	.80

NOTE: Values are normalized using Janic method and are mean  $\pm$  SD (95% CI).  
\*Significantly different between groups.



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### High-Intensity Running and Plantar-Flexor Fatigability and Plantar-Pressure Distribution in Adolescent Runners

- Had subjects perform high intensity running to exhaustion
- Loading increased under the medial arch in plantar flexor fatigue state
  - 9.5% mean area
  - 7.2% relative load




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### Eccentric Plantar-Flexor Torque Deficits in Participants With Functional Ankle Instability

Jason Fox, MS, LAT, ATC; Carrie L. Docherty, PhD, LAT, ATC;  
John Schrader, HSD, LAT, ATC; Trent Applegate, HSD, MPH



- Significant deficit in plantar flexor torque identified in subjects with ankle instability

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### Lower Extremity Muscle Strength After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury and Reconstruction

Abbey C. Thomas, PhD, ATC\*; Mark Villwock, MS†; Edward M. Wojtys, MD‡;  
Riann M. Palmieri-Smith, PhD, ATC†



- Significant PF weakness post injury and continued post rehabilitation in ACLR

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CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

**Achilles Pain, Stiffness, and Muscle Power Deficits: Midportion Achilles Tendinopathy Revision 2018**

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**Decreased plantar flexor torque associated with Achilles tendinopathy**

has been associated with decreased plantar flexion strength.

Because this study found that subjects with low plantar flexion strength reported that subjecting the heel to a concentric heel raise works, it seems that Achilles tendinopathy is associated with decreased plantar flexion torque.

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J Sci Med Sport. 2009 Nov;12(6):594-602. doi: 10.1016/j.jsams.2008.12.628. Epub 2009 Feb 20.

**Raising the standards of the calf-raise test: a systematic review.**

Hébert-Losier K<sup>1</sup>, Newsham-West RJ, Schneiders AG, Sullivan SJ.

- Large inconsistency in evaluation purpose, test parameters, outcome measurements, reliability and validity
- Parameters most often used
  - Knee extended position
  - 1 repetition per 2 seconds
  - Number of repetitions
- Overall mean
  - Norms 25.3**
  - Pathology 17.6



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Brazilian Journal of Physical Therapy

**Reference values for the bilateral heel-rise test**

Table 4 Data for the total number of plantar flexions in the bilateral HRT, stratified by gender and age group, expressed as 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentiles



Age Group	Gender	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th
20-29 year old	M	85	100	125	150	175
	F	57	75	100	125	150

M, male; F, female; P10, 10th percentile; P25, 25th percentile; P50, 50th percentile; P75, 75th percentile; P90, 90th percentile.

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### **Insufficient Plantar Flexor Strength**

#### **Recap**

- Correlation to gastrocnemius weakness and medial knee displacement during squats: 17%
- Increased medial arch loading during running once fatigued
- Associated to ankle instability, ACLR, Achilles tendinopathy
- Heel raise norms
  - Single limb: 25 reps
  - Double limb: M (85-160), F (57-124)

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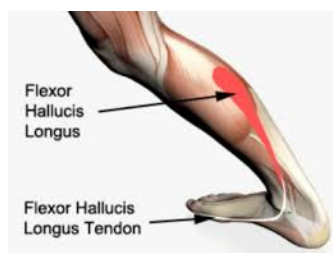
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### **Insufficient Great Toe Flexor Strength**




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# Forces acting in the forefoot during normal gait – an estimate


H.A.C. Jacob


**Table 2**

Forces, in % body weight, acting in the forefoot during the 'push-off' force peak, based on  $F_1 = 23.8\%$  body weight and  $G_1 = 5.0\%$  body weight, and as per Figs. 3 and 4

Object	Symbol	% BW/angle
First ray	Flex.hall.long	$F_{hl}$ 52.4
	Flex.hall.brev. (*abd.hall.)	$F_{hb}$ 35.5
Peron.long.	$F_{pl}$	57.8
	$F_{pl}(\text{resultant})$	37.1
IP joint resultant	$R_1/\theta_1$	58.1/24°
MP joint resultant	$R_2/\theta_2$	86.4/4°
Metatarsal head resultant	$R_3/\theta_3$	119.2/48°
TM joint resultant	$R_4/\theta_4$	146.8/37°

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**Fatigue of the plantar intrinsic foot muscles increases navicular drop**

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- Navicular drop measured pre/post fatiguing exercise of flexor intrinsics
- Performed 75 repetitions of isotonic contractions

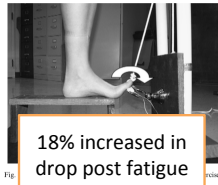


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**Original Article**

**Correlation between toe flexor strength and ankle dorsiflexion ROM during the countermovement jump**

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- High correlation between flexor strength and jump height
- 58.5 % total variation

**Abstract.** [Purpose] This study assessed the relationships between peak toe flexor muscle strength, ankle dorsiflexion range of motion, and countermovement jump height. [Subjects and Methods] Eighteen healthy volunteers participated in the study. Each participant completed tests for peak toe flexor muscle strength, ankle dorsiflexion range of motion, and countermovement jump height. [Results] The results showed (1) a moderate correlation be-

## Toe Flexors Strength and Passive Extension Range of Motion of the First Metatarsophalangeal Joint in Individuals With Plantar Fasciitis

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Michael T. Gross, PT, PhD<sup>2</sup>

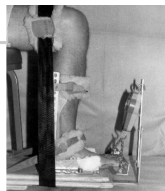
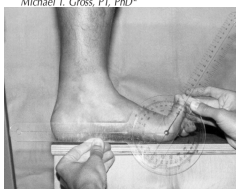


FIGURE 4. Apparatus used for measurement of toe flexor strength. The subject's distal tibia, leg, and foot are stabilized by restraining straps. Each subject was asked to pull down with their toes on an aluminum bar that was attached to an electronic, strain gauge scale that measured force in N.

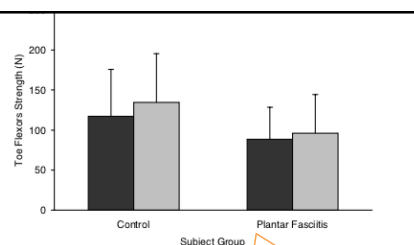


FIGURE 7. Mean toe flexors strength (black bar)

- Subjects with unilateral plantar fasciitis demonstrated weaker toe flexors than the control subjects.

## Insufficient Great Toe Flexor Strength

### Recap

- High peak forces on big toe flexors at push off
- Fatigue associated with increased navicular drop
- High correlation between flexor strength and jump height
- Weakness correlated to plantar fasciitis

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#### Ankle Stability and Movement Coordination Impairments: Ankle Ligament Sprains

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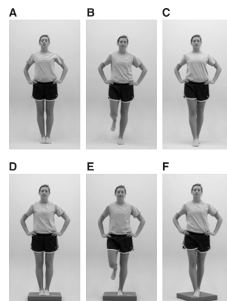
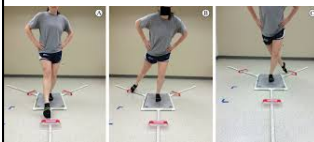
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  - BESS > 13 errors
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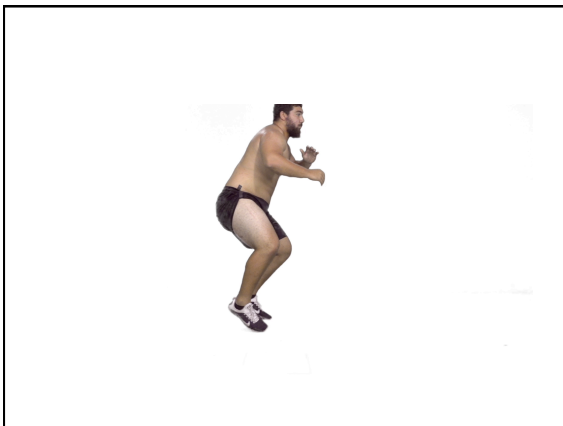
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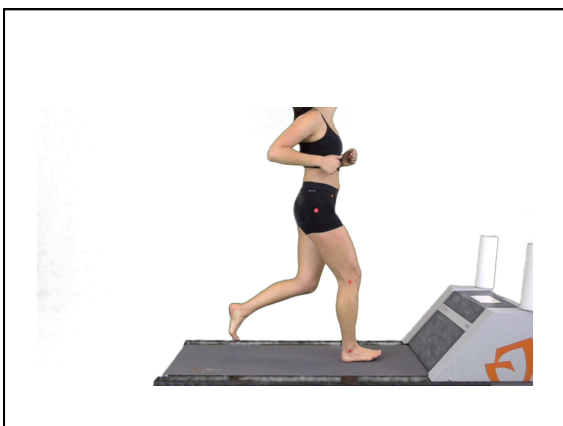
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### To improve dorsiflexion




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Immediate combined effect of gastrocnemius stretching and sustained talocrural joint mobilization in individuals with limited ankle dorsiflexion: A randomized controlled trial

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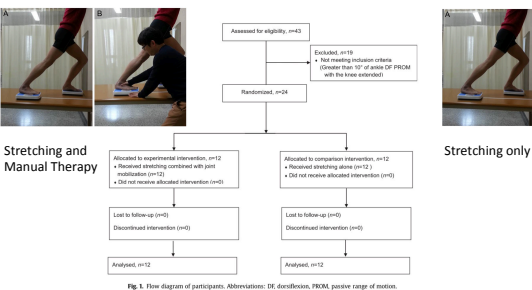
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24 male subjects

- <10 deg dorsiflexion knee straight
- >10 deg dorsiflexion knee bent
- >5 deg difference



Stretching and  
Manual Therapy

Stretching only

Fig. 1. Flow diagram of participants. Abbreviations: DF, dorsiflexion; PROM, passive range of motion.

Measure/group	Pre-intervention <sup>a</sup>	Post-intervention <sup>a</sup>	Within-group change <sup>b</sup>	Between-group change <sup>b</sup>
Time to heel-off (3 stance phase)				
Stretching combined with joint mobilization	46.57 ± 8.05	48.56 ± 7.73	2.09 (1.00, 3.09)	3.82 (1.35, 6.30)
Stretching alone	48.91 ± 7.43	48.08 ± 7.08	-0.83 (-2.08, 0.42)	
Ankle DF before heel-off (°)				
Stretching combined with joint mobilization	8.56 ± 2.47	9.80 ± 3.36	1.24 (0.15, 2.32)	1.50 (0.33, 2.67)
Stretching alone	8.19 ± 2.07	7.59 ± 2.33	-0.60 (-1.50, 0.30)	
Ankle DF PROM (°)				
Stretching combined with joint mobilization	5.11 ± 2.76	8.83 ± 2.58	3.72 (2.34, 5.11)	1.47 (-0.36, 3.30)
Stretching alone	5.11 ± 3.01	7.36 ± 3.11	2.25 (0.40, 4.11)	
Posterior talo glide (°)				
Stretching combined with joint mobilization	15.14 ± 5.61	19.47 ± 5.40	4.33 (2.72, 5.94)	4.61 (2.72, 6.50)
Stretching alone	15.66 ± 3.70	14.78 ± 3.28	-0.88 (-1.88, 0.12)	
Displacement of the MTJ (mm)				
Stretching combined with joint mobilization	11.91 ± 2.27	13.82 ± 1.60	1.91 (1.21, 2.55)	0.18 (-1.42, 1.79)
Stretching alone	11.67 ± 3.05	13.39 ± 3.64	1.72 (0.15, 3.31)	

<sup>a</sup> p < 0.05.

Abbreviations: DF, dorsiflexion; MTJ, myotendinous junction; PROM, passive range of motion.

<sup>b</sup> Values are means ± SD.

<sup>c</sup> Values are means (95% CI).



Both groups:  
improved in dorsiflexion  
ROM

Manual therapy and  
stretch group:

- Increased-Time to heel-off
- Increased- Ankle dorsiflexion before heel off
- Increased-Talocrural posterior glide

# CHANGES IN KINETIC, KINEMATIC, AND TEMPORAL PARAMETERS OF WALKING IN PEOPLE WITH LIMITED ANKLE DORSIFLEXION: PRE-POST APPLICATION OF MODIFIED MOBILIZATION WITH MOVEMENT USING TALUS GLIDE TAPING

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J Manipulative Physiol Ther  
2014;37:320-325

## MWM taping for Dorsiflexion

1. Place foot on chair (40cm height)
2. Position ankle in closed-packed dorsiflexion
3. Apply tape to plantar surface of the calcaneus from lateral to medial side



**Fig 1.** Modified movement with mobilization using talus glide taping. Arrow indicates inferior and posterior force directions. (Color version of figure is available online.)

**Table 2.** Mean Values of Recorded Variables

Variables	Mean ± SD			F	P
	Before	Immediately	5-min walking		
Ankle dorsiflexion (°)	5.89 ± 2.17	6.11 ± 1.81	12.11 ± 1.78	45.405	<.001 <sup>a,b</sup>
Stance time (s)	0.63 ± 0.05	0.63 ± 0.05	0.62 ± 0.06	0.522	.603
Time to heel off (s)	0.38 ± 0.04	0.39 ± 0.05	0.42 ± 0.06	5.720	.013 <sup>b</sup>
Maximum force of hindfoot (kg/BW)	0.58 ± 0.12	0.58 ± 0.12	0.64 ± 0.10	3.779	.045 <sup>a</sup>
Maximum force of forefoot (kg/BW)	0.93 ± 0.12	0.93 ± 0.11	0.90 ± 0.09	1.695	.215
Force-time integral of hindfoot (kg/s)	7.77 ± 2.54	7.80 ± 2.36	8.70 ± 2.76	3.958	.040 <sup>a</sup>
Force-time integral of forefoot (kg/s)	16.63 ± 4.63	16.18 ± 5.06	15.21 ± 4.80	5.811	.013 <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Significant difference between before and 5-minute walking ( $P < .05$ ).

<sup>b</sup> Significant difference between immediately and 5-minute walking ( $P < .05$ ).

- Five minutes of walking with modified MWM using talus gliding taping was effective in improving passive ankle dorsiflexion ROM.



### Improved time to heel off and dynamic plantar loading

- Time to heel off comprises about two-thirds of the stance phase during normal gait




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### Increasing flexibility without power loss...




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ROLLER MASSAGER IMPROVES RANGE OF MOTION OF PLANTAR FLEXOR MUSCLES WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT DECREASES IN FORCE PARAMETERS

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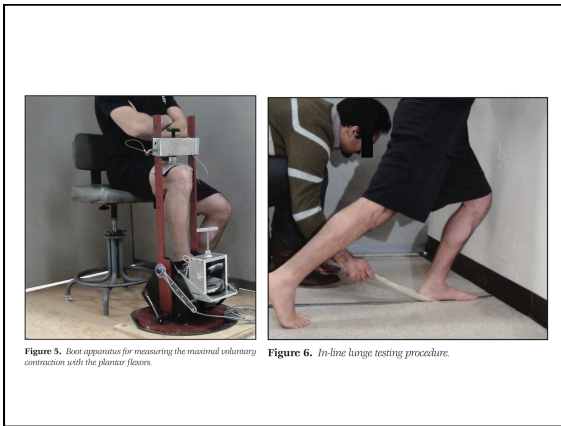
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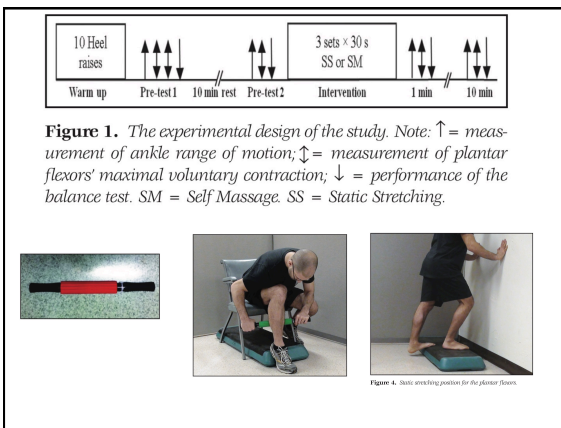
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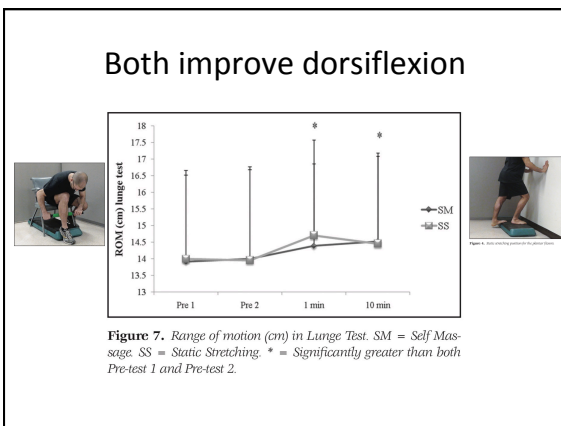
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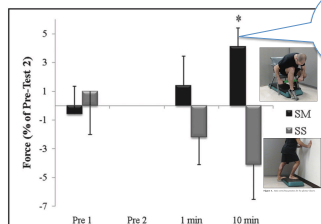
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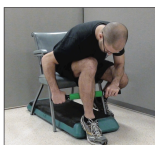
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## Plantar flexion force production



**Figure 8.** Relative changes in plantar flexion force as a % of pre-test 2. SM = Self Massage. SS = Static Stretching. \* = SM is significantly greater than SS.

## Clinical pearl:



- Dorsiflexion range of motion improved with roller and self stretch
- The use of a roller massage prior to an activity that relies on maximum strength and power may be advantageous

## Two-Week Joint Mobilization Intervention Improves Self-Reported Function, Range of Motion, and Dynamic Balance in Those With Chronic Ankle Instability

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J Orthop Res 30:1798–1804, 2012



### Dosage

- 2, 2-min sets of Maitland Grade II talocrural joint traction




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### Dosage

- 4, 2-min sets of Maitland Grade III talocrural joint mobilization with 1 min of rest between sets




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### Dosage

- Total treatment 12 min (4 min of traction and 8 min of joint mobilization)
- Large-amplitude, 1-s rhythmic oscillations from the joint's mid-range to End range with translation taken to tissue resistance




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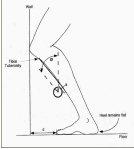

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Dependent Variable	Baseline	Pre-Intervention	Post-Intervention	1-Week Follow-up	MDC
Function	13.11	78.27 ± 12.62	87.30 ± 11.07 <sup>a,b</sup>	86.80 ± 11.06 <sup>a,b</sup>	3.96
Dorsiflexion range of motion	14.72	58.59 ± 11.08	73.69 ± 17.65 <sup>a,b</sup>	74.21 ± 18.54 <sup>a,b</sup>	7.90
Star excursion balance test		10.83 ± 3.86	12.18 ± 3.65 <sup>a,b</sup>	12.29 ± 3.58 <sup>a,b</sup>	0.25
		76.18 ± 5.76	78.30 ± 5.69 <sup>a,b</sup>	78.71 ± 4.97 <sup>a,b</sup>	1.50
		91.86 ± 10.33	96.23 ± 10.85 <sup>a,b</sup>	97.47 ± 11.20 <sup>a,b</sup>	3.36
		87.15 ± 12.60	91.92 ± 11.15 <sup>a,b</sup>	93.09 ± 12.96 <sup>a,b</sup>	4.28

\*Significant increase compared to baseline ( $p \leq 0.05$ ). <sup>a</sup>Significant increase compared to pre-intervention ( $p \leq 0.05$ ).


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### Increasing first MTP dorsiflexion

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## The Effect of Sesamoid Mobilization, Flexor Hallucis Strengthening, and Gait Training on Reducing Pain and Restoring Function in Individuals With Hallux Limitus: A Clinical Trial

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J Orthop Sports Phys Ther 2004;34:368-376.

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### Intervention protocol

- Hot whirl pool 102 deg F- 15 min
- Ultrasound 3-MHz 50% pulsed at 1.0 W/cm<sup>2</sup> for 8 min to first MTP
- Gastrocnemius stretch (3x30 sec holds)
- Supine hamstring stretch (3x30 sec holds)
- Passive ROM for toe extension
- Dorsal glides and distraction for first MTP
- Pre-mod e-stim at first MTP region

Improve soft tissue extensibility

Improve lower quarter sagittal plane mobility

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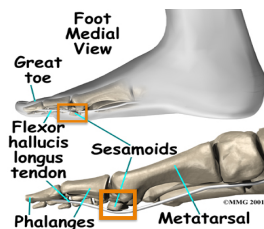
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### Sesamoid Joint Mobilization




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### Sesamoid Joint Mobilization

- Grade III
- Distal glides
- No > 20 deg of MTP movement
- 1 minute each, 2 full glides per second



FIGURE 2. Joint mobilization for the sesamoid.

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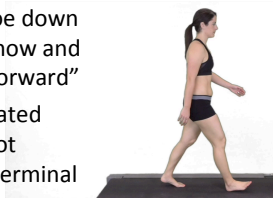
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### Gait training cue:

- 50 feet
- “Push your big toe down into the ground now and propel yourself forward”
- “Push” was repeated each time the foot passed through terminal stance




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## Results

TABLE 2. Descriptive data (mean  $\pm$  SD) and statistical analysis for all 3 dependent variables; first metatarsophalangeal joint extension passive range of motion (MPJ PROM), flexor hallucis strength (FH strength), and pain level.

Dependent Variables	Control Group (n = 10)	Experimental Group (n = 10)	p*	
MPJ PROM (°)				ROM increased
Pretest	39.7 $\pm$ 18.7	41.2 $\pm$ 10.3	>.05	
Posttest	54.1 $\pm$ 12.7	83.9 $\pm$ 6.4	<.001	42.7 deg
Change	14.4 $\pm$ 8.0	42.7 $\pm$ 9.8		
FH strength (kg)				Strength increased
Pretest	2.7 $\pm$ 1.6	1.9 $\pm$ 0.9	>.05	
Posttest	3.4 $\pm$ 1.6	5.4 $\pm$ 1.5	<.001	3.5 kg
Change	0.7 $\pm$ 0.4	3.5 $\pm$ 1.0		
Pain level*				Pain level decreased
Pretest	6.8 $\pm$ 1.6	6.8 $\pm$ 1.5	>.05	
Posttest	4.2 $\pm$ 1.0	0.4 $\pm$ 0.5	<.001	6.4
Change	2.6 $\pm$ 1.1	6.4 $\pm$ 1.3		

\* Difference between groups.

\* Indicates a significant change from pretest to posttest ( $P < .001$ ).

\* Measured on a 0 to 10 verbal analog scale (0 = no pain, 10 = most severe pain you can imagine).

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## Strength training for plantar fasciitis and the intrinsic foot musculature: A systematic review

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- There is limited external validity for short foot exercise
- Toe flexion of all interphalangeal and metatarsophalangeal joints against resistance contribute to improved intrinsic foot musculature functional performance




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- Minimal running shoes have also shown hypertrophic changes in intrinsic foot muscles in asymptomatic populations




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- Despite no plantar fascia thickness changes being observed through high-load plantar fascia resistance training there are indications that it may aid in a quicker reduction of pain and improvements in function




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Review


Effect of foot posture, foot orthoses and footwear on lower limb muscle activity during walking and running: A systematic review

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- 38 articles looking at foot posture, foot orthosis and footwear on lower limb EMG activity




- Pronated foot:
  - higher EMG activity in invertors (Tibialis ant and post, FHL) and lower in evertors (peroneus longus)
- With orthoses:
  - increased peroneus longus amplitude

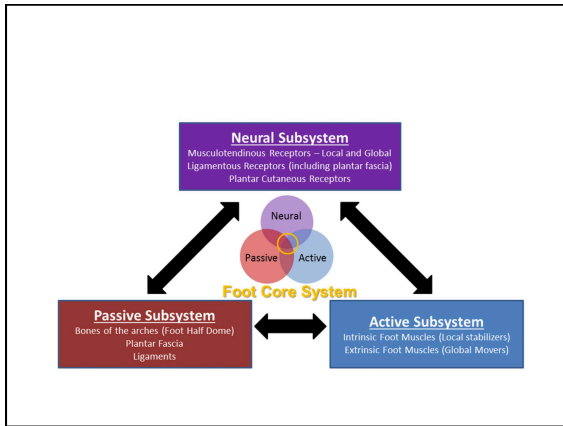



The foot core system: a new paradigm for understanding intrinsic foot muscle function

Patrick O McKeon,<sup>1</sup> Jay Hertel,<sup>2</sup> Dennis Bramble,<sup>3</sup> Irene Davis<sup>4</sup>

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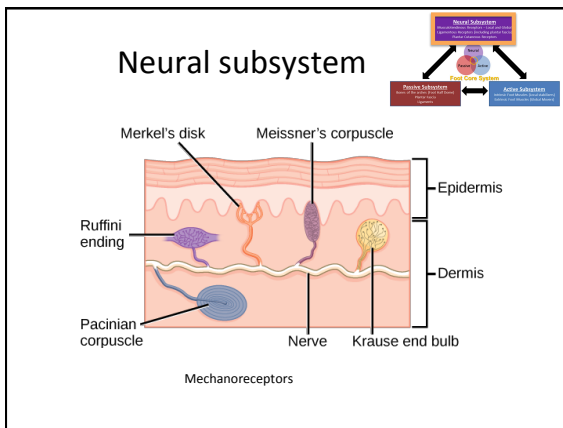
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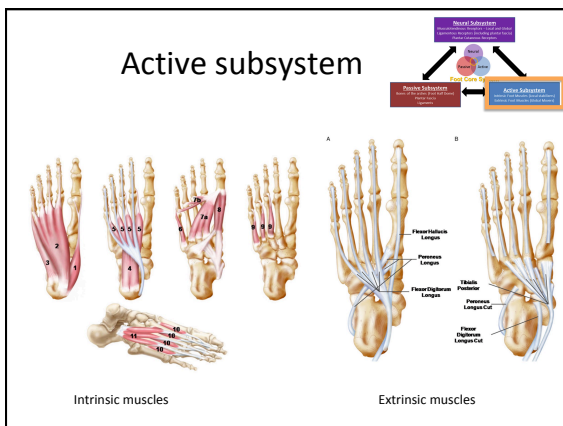
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## Intrinsic foot muscle test




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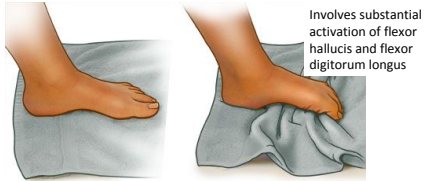
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## Foot Core Training

- Traditionally towel curls and marble pick up



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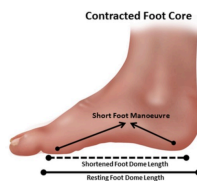
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## Short foot



"Emphasis should be placed on the patient learning to sense subtalar neutral with the calcaneus and the metatarsal heads on the ground and the toes neither flexed nor extended"

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Doming progression- Sitting



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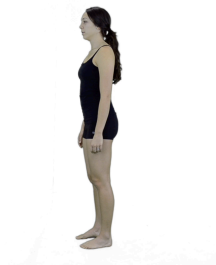
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Bipedal-->Unipedal



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Bilateral → Single leg hops




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Hop off step




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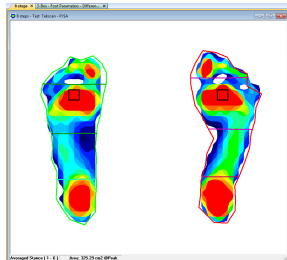
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## Supporting the rigid foot...

- Can reduce foot pressure...




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## Effect of Neutral-Cushioned Running Shoes on Plantar Pressure Loading and Comfort in Athletes With Cavus Feet

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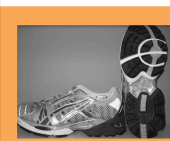
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Asics Nimbus 6



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Control: Dunlop volley

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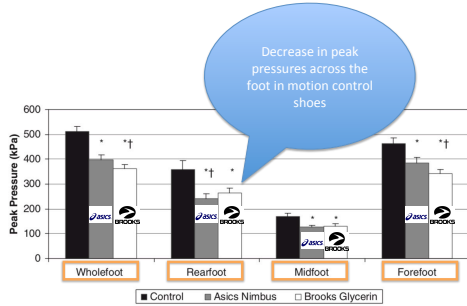
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### Reduction in Peak pressure for motion control shoes




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### Mobilizing the rigid foot

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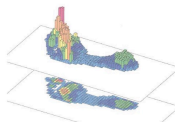
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### The Effects of Range-of-Motion Therapy on the Plantar Pressures of Patients with Diabetes Mellitus

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Roy H. Lidtke, DPM, CPed†  
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## Alphabets/PROM MTP

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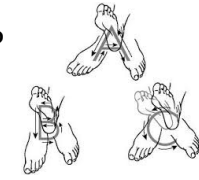
Draw the alphabet using the hallux, bilaterally

### Stretching Exercises (5 sets each)

1. Passive dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
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3. Seated passive dorsiflexion and plantarflexion with application of partial body weight at the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
4. Active dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the ankles, holding each direction for 10 sec
5. Active supination and pronation of the subtalar joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
6. Standing gastrocnemius stretch, holding for 10 sec
7. Standing soleal stretch, holding for 10 sec

### Cool-down

Soft-tissue manipulation, 30 sec at the forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, and posterior aspect of the distal one-third of the leg, bilaterally




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## Weightbearing MTP Flexion/Extension

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## Intervention

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7. Standing soleal stretch, holding for 10 sec

### Cool-down

Soft-tissue manipulation, 30 sec at the forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, and posterior aspect of the distal one-third of the leg, bilaterally




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## Active supination/pronation

Table 1. Outline of the Exercise Program

### Warm-up

Draw the alphabet using the hallux, bilaterally

### Stretching Exercises (5 sets each)

1. Passive dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
2. Active dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
3. Seated passive dorsiflexion and plantarflexion with application of partial body weight at the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
4. Active dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the ankles, holding each direction for 10 sec
5. Active supination and pronation of the subtalar joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
6. Standing gastrocnemius stretch, holding for 10 sec
7. Standing soleal stretch, holding for 10 sec

### Cool-down

Soft-tissue manipulation, 30 sec at the forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, and posterior aspect of the distal one-third of the leg, bilaterally



## Calf and Soleus Stretch

Table 1. Outline of the Exercise Program

### Warm-up

Draw the alphabet using the hallux, bilaterally

### Stretching Exercises (5 sets each)

1. Passive dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
2. Active dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
3. Seated passive dorsiflexion and plantarflexion with application of partial body weight at the metatarsophalangeal joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
4. Active dorsiflexion and plantarflexion of the ankles, holding each direction for 10 sec
5. Active supination and pronation of the subtalar joints, holding each direction for 10 sec
6. Standing gastrocnemius stretch, holding for 10 sec
7. Standing soleal stretch, holding for 10 sec

### Cool-down

Soft-tissue manipulation, 30 sec at the forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, and posterior aspect of the distal one-third of the leg, bilaterally



## @1mos: Decreased peak plantar pressures

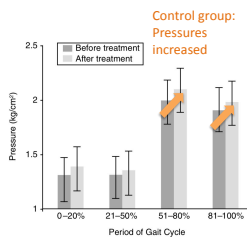


Figure 10. Dominant foot plantar pressures in the control group. Note the increase in pressure after 1 month, with the greatest pressures during the propulsive phases of the gait cycle.

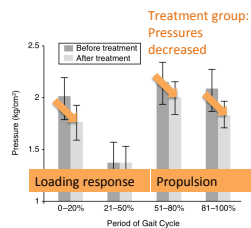


Figure 11. Dominant foot plantar pressures in the treatment group. The greatest changes occurred at the initial loading response and during the propulsive phases of the gait cycle. This may be due to the fact that the exercises focused on the ankle and first metatarsophalangeal joints, which may be more active during these periods.

### Ankle and Foot Interventions:

1. Insufficient dorsiflexion ROM
2. Insufficient big toe extension ROM
3. Excessive pronation (planus)
4. Excessive supination (cavus)
5. Insufficient plantar flexor strength
6. Insufficient big toe flexor strength
7. Postural/ balance control deficits

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### Tendon loading and strengthening

#### Not All Tendons Are Created Equal: Implications for Differing Treatment Approaches

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### Tendinopathy

- Develops predominantly from:
  - Excessive compression
  - Tensile load (muscle from muscle contraction or lengthening)
  - Movement strategies




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Not All Tendons Are Created Equal: Implications for Differing Treatment Approaches

## EdUReP

The EdUReP Model for Non-surgical Management of Tendinopathy

**Educational interventions**  
**Unloading**  
**Reloading**  
**Prevention strategies**

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## Dosing the tendon reload process?

[ CLINICAL COMMENTARY ]

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A Proposed Return-to-Sport Program for Patients With Midportion Achilles Tendinopathy: Rationale and Implementation

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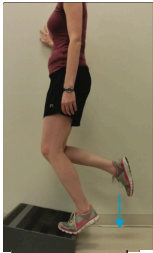
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### Most common eccentric protocol:

- 3 sets of 15
- Twice per day
- Knee extended
- Knee slightly flexed



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## Dosage:

- Do exercise even if painful (stop if pain becomes disabling) and perform until it becomes pain free
- Once pain free, progressively add loads in either a backpack or in your hands until the exercise is again painful

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## Progressive tendon loading program

TABLE 1	A PROGRESSIVE TENDON-LOADING "TRAINING" PROGRAM*
<b>Phase 1: Week 1-4</b>	<p><b>Target Activity:</b> Any and all activities, affecting performance of the target tendon.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Establish and understand value of the target tendon in the pain monitoring model.</p> <p><b>Standard Targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Phase 2: Week 5-8</b></p> <p><b>Target Activity:</b> Any and all activities, affecting performance of the target tendon.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Establish and understand value of the target tendon in the pain monitoring model.</p> <p><b>Standard Targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Phase 3: Week 9-12</b></p> <p><b>Target Activity:</b> Any and all activities, affecting performance of the target tendon.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Establish and understand value of the target tendon in the pain monitoring model.</p> <p><b>Standard Targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> <li>• The target tendon is used in the target activity.</li> </ul>

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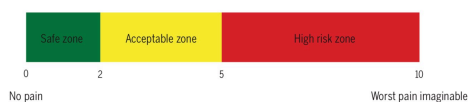
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## Pain Monitoring Model

### Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NPRS)



1. The pain is allowed to reach 5 on the NPRS during the activity.
2. The pain after completion of the activity is allowed to reach 5 on the NPRS.
3. The pain the morning after the activity should not exceed a 5 on the NPRS.
4. Pain and stiffness is not allowed to increase from week to week.

FIGURE 10. Pain-monitoring model.<sup>54,66,71</sup>

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## Acute Phase 1: Weeks 1 to 2

### Patient Status

*Pain and difficulty with all activities, difficulty performing 10 one-legged heel rises*

### Goals

Start to exercise and understanding nature of the injury and how to use the pain-monitoring model

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## Treatment Program

- Perform exercises every day:
  - Pain monitoring model information and advice on exercise activity
  - Circulation exercises (moving foot up/down)
  - Two-legged heel rises standing on the floor (3×10-15 repetitions)
  - One-legged heel rises standing on the floor (3×10 repetitions)
  - Sitting heel rises (3×10 repetitions)
  - Eccentric heel rises standing on the floor (3×10 repetitions)

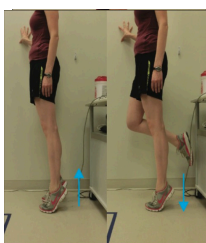


FIGURE 6. Eccentric heel rise standing on the floor.

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## Phase 2: Weeks 2-5

- If pain at the distal insertion of the tendon, continue standing on the floor
- **Patient Status**
  - Pain with exercise, morning stiffness, pain when performing heel rises
- **Goals**
  - Start strengthening

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## Treatment Program

- Perform exercises every day:
  - Two legged heel rises standing on *edge of a step* (3x15 repetitions)
  - One legged heel rises standing on *edge of a step* (3x15 repetitions)
  - Sitting heel rises (3x15 repetitions)
  - Eccentric heel rises standing on *edge of a step* (3x15 repetitions)
  - **Quick rebounding heel rises** (3x20 repetitions)

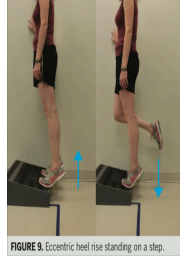


FIGURE 9. Eccentric heel rise standing on a step.

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## **Phase 3: weeks 3 to 12 (or longer)**

If pain at the distal insertion of the tendon, continue standing on the floor

### **Patient Status**

- Tolerates the phase 2 exercise program well
- No pain at the distal tendon insertion
- Possibly decreased or increased morning stiffness

### **Goals**

- Heavier strength training
- Increase or start running and/or jumping activity

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## Treatment Program

Perform exercises every day and with heavier load **2 to 3 times per week:**

- One-legged heel rises **standing on edge of step with added weight** (3×15 repetitions)
- Sitting heel rises (3×15 repetitions)
- Eccentric heel rises standing on edge of step with added weight (3×15 repetitions)
- Quick rebounding heel rises (3×20 repetitions)
- Plyometrics training

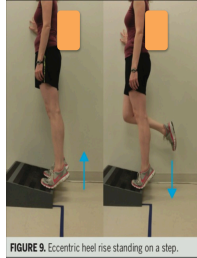


FIGURE 9. Eccentric heel rise standing on a step.

## **Phase 4: 3 to 6 months**

If pain at the distal insertion of the tendon, continue standing on the floor

### **Patient Status**

Minimal symptoms, not morning stiffness every day, can participate in sports without difficulty

### **Goals**

Maintenance exercise, no symptoms

## Treatment Program

- Perform exercises **2 to 3 times per week:**
  - One-legged heel rises **standing on edge of step with added weight** (3×15 repetitions)
  - Eccentric heel rises standing on edge of step with added weight (3×15 repetitions)
  - Quick rebounding heel rises (3×20 repetitions)

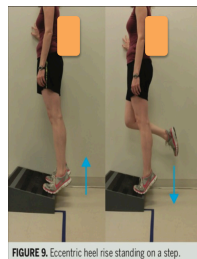


FIGURE 9. Eccentric heel rise standing on a step.

## Clinical Pearl

- Gradual reloading of tendons
- Mix of concentrics and eccentrics- limited range of movement
- Add velocity to the resistance training

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## High-load strength training improves outcome in patients with plantar fasciitis: A randomized controlled trial with 12-month follow-up

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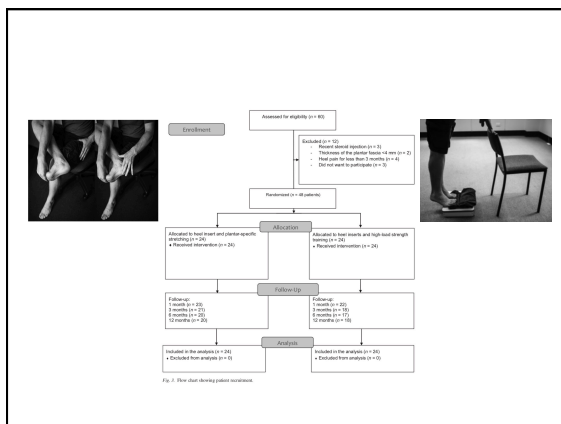
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### Why high load?

- The plantar fascia is made up of collagen type 1 fibers (Stecco et al., 2013)
- Large tensile forces have been associated with improvements in symptoms in other conditions involving degenerative changes, as seen in plantar fasciitis

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### High load strength training



Fig. 2. Unilateral heel raises were performed with a towel under the toes to increase dorsal flexion of the toes during heel raises.

"From a theoretical perspective, this was achieved using the windlass mechanism in combination with loading of the Achilles tendon."

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### Set up:

1. Unilateral heel raises with towel under toes (windlass mechanism)
2. Exercise on stairway or similar location
3. Towel was customized to ensure maximum toe dorsiflexion at the top of heel rise

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### Cues:

- 3 seconds up
- 2 second hold at the top
- 3 seconds down
- 12 repetition maximum for 3 sets




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### Dosage

Weeks	Resistance	Repetitions
0-2	12 rep max	3 sets
2-4	Add load with back pack 10RM	4 sets
4	8RM	5 sets

Every second day for 3 months

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### Foot Function Index

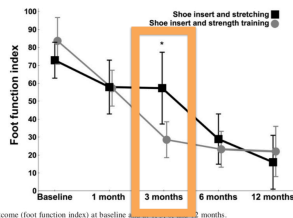


Fig. 4. Primary outcome (foot function index) at baseline and 1, 3, 6 and 12 months.

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- At 3 months, Significant 29 point decrease in Foot Function Index (FFI)
- No significant difference compared to stretch at 1, 6 and 12 months

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### Clinical pearl:

- High load strength training
- Yields quicker recovery at 3 months
- Efficient to perform
- Only required every 2<sup>nd</sup> day

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**Lecture**

Efficacy of a progressive resistance exercise program to increase toe flexor strength in older people

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- Resistance program focused on improving big toe flexor strength (supervised vs home)
- Monitored toe flexor strength, compliance, foot health and single leg balance

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### Only supervised group

- Significant increase in hallux strength (36%)
  - 1.7% Body weight increase
  - 12% decrease in fall risk
- Significance increase in Single limb balance (eyes open and closed)




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