

Foot and Ankle Orthopedic Disorders (non-live)

Goals and Objectives

Course Description

"Foot and Ankle Orthopedic Disorders" is an online recorded video of a previously presented live CE webinar for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants that examines common orthopedic ankle and foot disorder. This course includes a review of current literature relating to pathogenesis, clinical presentation, and rehabilitation considerations for pathologies of the foot and ankle.

Course Rationale

The purpose of this course is to provide participants with contemporary information on orthopedic foot and ankle disorders with comparative analysis of pathogenesis and clinical presentation to understand rehabilitation considerations and maximize outcomes based on current research.

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Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. List and identify common anatomical structures of the foot and ankle.
2. Identify normal and abnormal foot and ankle arthrokinematics.
3. Recognize and define common pathologies involving the joints, bones, ligaments, tendons, and fascia of the foot and ankle.
4. Distinguish the mechanism of injury and pathogenesis of common foot and ankle disorders.
5. Define foot and ankle fracture classifications.
6. Identify the clinical presentation of common foot and ankle disorders.
7. Differentiate provocative tests utilized to assess disorders of the foot and ankle.
8. List management strategies for disorders of the foot and ankle.
9. Compare and contrast foot and ankle patient reported outcome measures.
10. Identify balance tools for assessment of foot and ankle disorders.

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Course Outline and Schedule

Topic	Time
Anatomy and Arthrokinematics	0:00-0:20
Lateral Ankle Sprain	0:21-0:30
Medial Ankle Sprain	0:31-0:35
Syndesmosis Sprain	0:36-0:40
Chronic Ankle Instability	0:41-0:50
Interactive Discussion of Clinical Applications	0:51-1:00
Traumatic Foot and Ankle Fractures	1:01-1:10
Stress Fractures	1:11-1:20
Osteochondral Lesion of Talus	1:21-1:25
Ankle Impingement Syndrome	1:26-1:35
Achille's Tendinopathy	1:36-1:45
Sever's Disease	1:46-1:50
Interactive Discussion of Clinical Applications	1:51-2:00
Achille's Rupture	2:00-2:05
Peroneal Tendinopathy	2:06-2:15
Plantar Fasciitis	2:16-2:25
Turf Toe	2:26-2:30
Assessment Tools	2:30-2:50
Interactive Discussion of Clinical Applications	2:51-3:00

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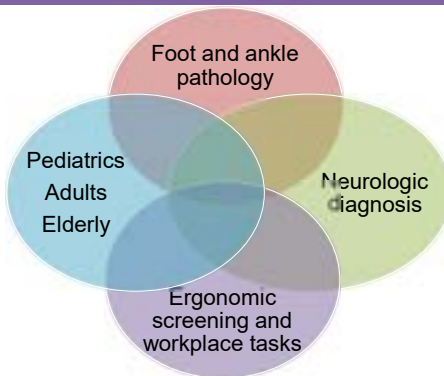


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Foot and Ankle Function

- The foot and ankle is critical for locomotion, balance, and weight bearing when performing functional and recreational activities



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Regions of the Foot

Hindfoot	Talocrural and Subtalar	Tibia, Fibula, Talus, Calcaneus
Midfoot	Transverse tarsal, talonavicular, calcaneocuboid, TMT	Navicular, Cuboid, 3 Cuneiforms, Metatarsals
Forefoot	Tarsometatarsal, MTP, PIP, DIP	Metatarsals, Phalanges, Sesamoids

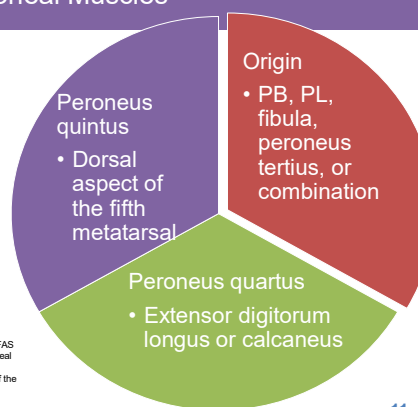
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Accessory Peroneal Muscles

- Located in lateral retromalleolar groove



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Arthrokinematics

- Dorsiflexion
 - The superior surface of the body of the talus is wider anteriorly
- Inversion and eversion motion
 - The medial malleolus is shorter than the lateral
- Acquired flat foot with aging
 - "Pull-off" vs. "push-off" gait pattern

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Weight Bearing Lunge Test

- While keeping heel on floor, flex hip and knee to dorsiflex ankle and lunge forward toward the wall

Tape measure	• Great toe to wall
Inclinometer	• Anterior tibia
Goniometer	• Lateral ankle
Smartphone	• Anterior tibia

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Soft Tissue Injury Management

- ICE RICE PRICE POLICE
- PEACE & LOVE
 - Encompasses continuum of care and addresses psychosocial contributors to healing

PEACE

- Protection
- Elevation
- Avoid Anti-Inflammatories
- Compression
- Education

LOVE

- Load
- Optimism
- Vascularization
- Exercise

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Ankle Sprain

- Lateral sprains are the most common followed by high then medial sprains
- May present with concurrent injuries of the foot and ankle

Grade 1

- Stretching or microscopic tearing

Grade 2

- Partial tearing with laxity

Grade 3

- Complete tear

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Ankle Ligaments

- Lateral complex
 - Anterior talofibular
 - Calcaneofibular
 - Posterior talofibular
- Deltoid ligament
 - Posterior tibiotalar
 - Tibiocalcaneal
 - Tibionavicular
 - Anterior tibiotalar
- Distal tibiofibular syndesmosis
 - Anterior-inferior, posterior-inferior, transverse tibiofibular ligaments
 - Interosseous membrane and ligament
 - Inferior transverse ligament

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Lateral Ankle Sprain (LAS)

- Mechanism of injury to the lateral ligamentous complex is combined foot plantarflexion, supination and adduction

Ligament Extensible Strength

Posterior talofibular (PTFL)

Calcaneofibular (CFL)

Anterior talofibular (ATFL)

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LAS Clinical Presentation

- Lateral perimalleolar swelling, ecchymosis, increased symptoms with passive plantarflexion with inversion
- Pain or tenderness with palpation of ligaments
- Tenderness of peroneus longus and/or brevis
- Assess Weight Bearing Lunge Test, single-limb balance and hopping, and dynamic balance mindful of safety

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ATFL and CF Provocative Tests

- Medial Talar Tilt Test**
Ankle neutral with inversion force at talus and calcaneus
- Anterior Drawer Test**
Neutral ankle; anterior force to posterior aspect calcaneus
- Anterolateral Drawer Test**
10*-15* PF; anterior force to posterior aspect calcaneus and lateral talus palpation
- Reverse Anterolateral Drawer Test**
Hook lying with 10*-15* PF; posterior force to anterior aspect tibia and lateral talus palpation

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Medial Ankle Sprain

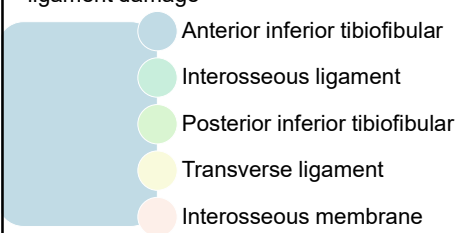
- Mechanism of injury to the deltoid complex is combined pronation, abduction, and dorsiflexion of the foot
- Differential diagnosis includes Maisonneuve fracture
 - Medial ankle sprain and proximal fibula fracture

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Syndesmosis Sprain

- Mechanism of injury is forced dorsiflexion and external rotation of the planted foot
- Classified as stable or unstable based on extent of ligament damage

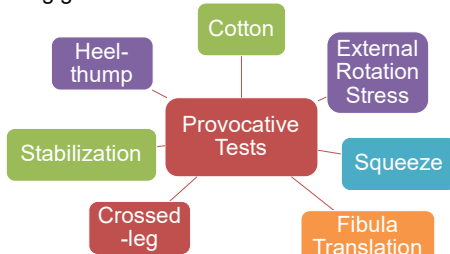


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Syndesmosis Sprain Clinical Presentation

- Anterolateral ankle and distal leg pain exacerbated with weight bearing and ambulation on uneven surfaces
- Heel raised during gait with short stance on involved side



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Ankle Sprain Neuropathy

- Monitor for initial or delayed neurologic symptoms and CRPS Type 1

Deep peroneal
Distal first intermetatarsal space Percuss extensor hallucis brevis

Superficial peroneal
Distal lateral leg/ankle/dorsum of foot
Pressure proximal to distal tip of fibula with active dorsiflexion/eversion
Percuss with passive plantarflexion and inversion

Sural
Lateral foot/ankle
Pressure posterior to lateral malleolus Passive plantarflexion/inversion

Tibial
Medial ankle or plantar surface
Palpate tarsal tunnel Passive ankle/toe dorsiflexion with foot eversion

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Ankle Sprain Management

- Surgery may be indicated based on severity of sprain
- Mulligan mobilization with movement
 - Lateral sprain - inferior tibiofibular, talocrural, cubometatarsal joints

Can/may use	• Cryotherapy and diathermy
Should use	• Manual therapy pain free range
Should NOT use	• Ultrasound
Conflicting evidence	• Acupuncture and electrotherapy

Nguyen, A., et al. (2021). Effects of Mulligan mobilization with movement in subacute lateral ankle sprains: a pragmatic randomized trial. *Journal of Manual & Manipulative Therapy*, 29(6), 341-352.
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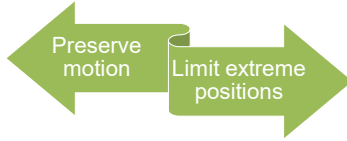
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Ankle Sprain Functional Support

- External stabilizing support combined with exercise facilitates return to work and sport



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Ankle Sprain Functional Support Outcomes

LAS Intervention	Outcome
Dynamic tape	Improved asymmetrical loading
Kinesiotape	Single-leg dynamic balance improved Dynamic postural control similar to sham
Bracing	No consensus on flexible vs. rigid

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Ankle Sprain Functional Therapy

- Core and bilateral lower extremity strengthening
- Proprioception training, reaction time
- Dynamic balance
 - Consider sensorimotor connectivity deficits in the elderly
- Hop stabilization program

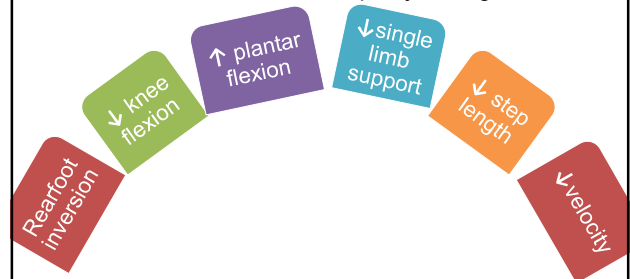
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Ankle Sprain Gait Analysis

- Talar inversion secondary to altered soft tissue mechanical stiffness can increase ankle complex joint degeneration



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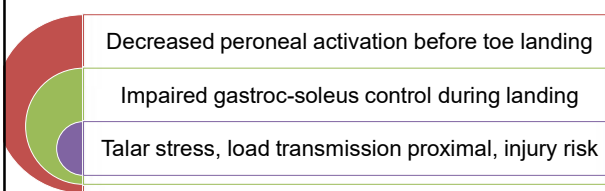
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Ankle Sprain Altered Gait Kinematics

- Altered mechanics when landing may contribute to recurrent ankle sprain, anterior cruciate injury, and ankle/knee osteoarthritis



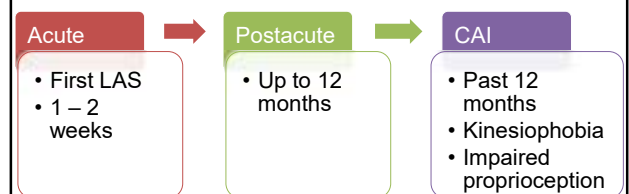
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Chronic Ankle Instability (CAI)

- History of at least 1 significant ankle sprain, episodes of “giving way” and/or recurrent sprain and/or “feelings of instability”, diminished function measured by validated tool



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CAI Evaluation

- Include comprehensive examination for multiple ankle pathologies with the addition of specific assessments for coping skills and comfort with movement

Pain Self-Efficacy Questionnaire

11-item Tampa Scale of Kinesiophobia

Fear-Avoidance Beliefs Questionnaire

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CAI Classification

Functional Ankle Instability (FAI)

- Anatomic stability
- Sensorimotor and proprioceptive training

Mechanical Ankle Instability (MAI)

- Structural pathology
- Stabilization and surgery

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Contributors to CAI

- Bilateral impaired proprioception/dynamic postural control**
 - Kinesthesia and joint position sense diminished
- Inversion and eversion weakness**
 - Delayed peroneal reaction time
- Decreased dorsiflexion range of motion**
 - Gastroc-soleus tightness and/or talus hypomobility
- Altered postural control**
 - Decreased gluteus medius activation and increased trunk activation

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CAI Rehabilitation Outcomes

Cohort	Intervention	Outcome
Female athletes with FAI	Wobble board progression, kinesiotape, combined	Improved balance, stability, and instability scores
Male football players with FAI	Virtual reality, resistance band, combined	Improved balance and subjective sense of instability
Healthy vs. Individuals with CAI	Functional performance tests	Side-hop, multiple-hop, foot-lift better identified CAI

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Sensory Targeted Ankle Rehabilitation Strategies (STARS)

Sensorimotor Freedom Motor Action

Plantar massage

Ankle joint mobilization

Triceps surae stretching

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Traumatic Foot and Ankle Fractures

- Weber Classification**

Type A
Distal to ankle joint
Palpate fifth metatarsal and calcaneocuboid joint

Type B
At level of ankle joint
Palpate distal fibula and tibia

Type C
Proximal to ankle joint
Palpate proximal fibula

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Ottawa Ankle Rules (OAR)

- Determine potential presence of fracture and need for radiographic imaging

Ankle X-ray

Malleolar zone pain

Tender posterior edge tibia or tip medial malleolus
Tender posterior edge fibula or tip lateral malleolus
Unable to bear weight 4 steps

Foot X-ray

Midfoot pain

Tender navicular
Tender base of fifth metatarsal
Unable to bear weight 4 steps

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Pilon Fracture

- High energy axial loading forces talus into tibial articular surface resulting in distal tibia fracture
- Nondisplaced fractures managed with immobilization and weight bearing limitation
- Complex fractures require surgical intervention

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Calcaneus Fractures

- Typically, displaced and intra-articular resulting from axial loading
- Plantar ecchymosis and Calcaneus Squeeze Test
- Conservative or surgical management based on severity
- Monitor for peroneal impingement, compartment syndrome and CRPS
- Incorporate toe exercises

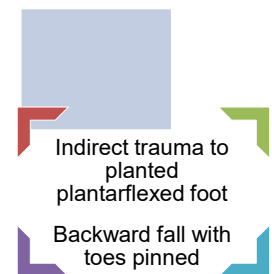
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Lisfranc Complex Injury

- Fracture-dislocation or pure ligamentous injury of the first and second tarsometatarsal joints



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Lisfranc Complex Injury Rehabilitation

- Medial plantar ecchymosis
- Midfoot pain exacerbated with push-off
- Dorsal midfoot pain with Tarsometatarsal Squeeze Test
- Conservative or surgical management based on severity
- Monitor for compartment syndrome

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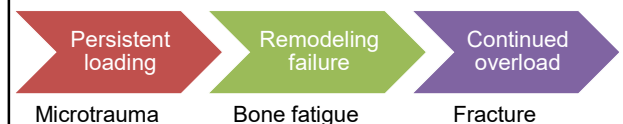
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Stress Fractures

- Combination of excessive muscular force and repetitive loading resulting in fracture
- Second and fifth metatarsal are most common



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Fifth Metatarsal Fracture Clinical Presentation

- Lateral forefoot pain exacerbated with weight bearing, tenderness and swelling
- Inspect for varus hindfoot and metatarsal callus
- Pain and weakness with eversion
- Interview regarding activity patterns and comorbidities

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Female Athlete Triad

- Very active females may present with a combination of conditions increasing risk of stress fractures

Menstrual dysfunction

- Excessive exercise or activity
- Amenorrhea, oligomenorrhea
- Low estrogen levels

Low energy availability

- Insufficient food intake or eating disorder
- Decreased Calcium and Vitamin D

Low bone mineral density

- Osteoporosis

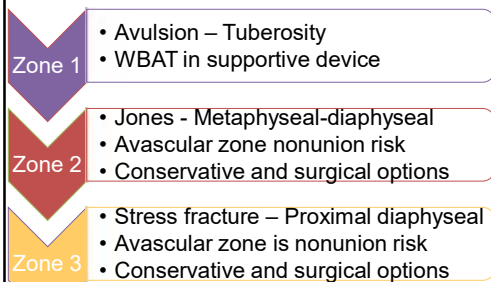
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Fifth Metatarsal Fracture Rehabilitation

- DVT prophylaxis



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Osteochondral Lesion of Talus (OLT)

- Talus subchondral bone and cartilage damage following traumatic ankle injury
- Deep ankle pain with weight bearing and catching sensation
- Pain with palpation of ankle mortise

Osteonecrosis

- Talar dome microfractures
- Subchondral synovial infiltration

Osteochondritis dissecans

- Fibrous cartilage attachment loosens

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OLT Rehabilitation

- Ankle joint off-loading
- Flexibility, strength, balance for biomechanical correction
- Platelet rich plasma or hyaluronic acid injections
- Surgery if conservative treatment unsuccessful

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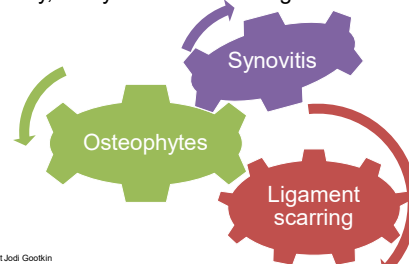
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Ankle Impingement Syndrome

- Soft tissue or osseous abnormalities of the ankle creating pain and restriction of the talocrural joint
- Anterior or posterior impingement
- Typically, delayed onset following traumatic ankle injury



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Anterior Ankle Impingement Clinical Presentation

- Anterior ankle pain with activities in terminal dorsiflexion
- Pain with passive dorsiflexion and eversion
- Lateral ankle instability with history of sprain



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Posterior Ankle Impingement Clinical Presentation

- Soft tissue encroachment at tibiotalar and talocalcaneal articulations with end range of motion plantarflexion activities
- Posterior Ankle Impingement Test

Talus Stieda process or os trigonum

Hypertrophic capsule or osteophytes

Ligament scarring

Flexor hallucis longus tendinopathy

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Ankle Impingement Syndrome Rehabilitation

- Avoid provocative activity
- Joint mobilization
- Footwear and training patient education
- Proprioceptive training and strengthening
- Cortisone injection
- Surgery may be necessary

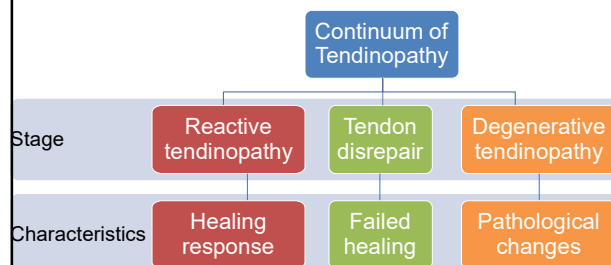
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Tendon Pathology

- Tendonitis vs. tendinosis vs. tendinopathy



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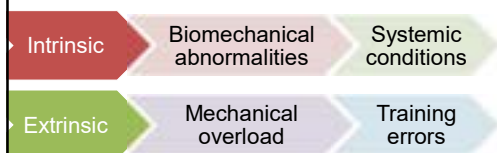
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Achilles Tendinopathy

- Posterior ankle pain
 - Insertional - Between tendon and calcaneus
 - Midportion - In tendon body



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Achilles Tendinopathy Clinical Presentation

- Palpable localized tendon thickening or swelling and pain
 - Achilles Tendon Palpation Test
 - Arc Sign
- Ankle plantar flexion endurance
- Single-limb Hop Tests

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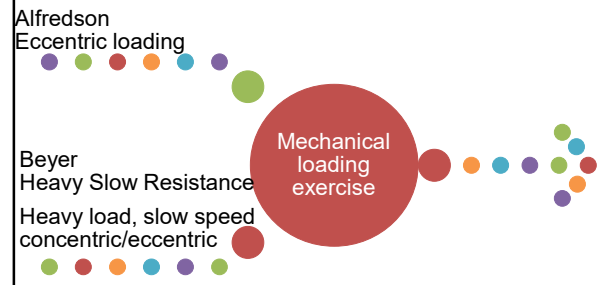
Midportion Achilles Tendinopathy Rehabilitation

- Iontophoresis
- Dry needling
- Joint mobilization
- Orthotic
- Rigid taping
- Isometric exercise
- Gastrocnemius and soleus stretching
- Body weight resistance exercise
- Modifiable risk factor education

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Midportion Achilles Tendinopathy Exercise



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Sever's Disease

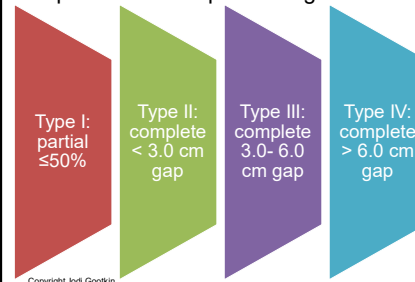
- Repetitive stress on calcaneal growth plate causing calcaneal apophysitis in children
- Insidious onset of posterior heel pain and tenderness exacerbated with activity
- Calcaneal Squeeze Test
- Management with activity restriction, orthosis, gastrocnemius stretching and open chain eccentric strengthening

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Achilles Tendon Rupture

- Mechanism of injury
 - Acute Rupture - sudden high load dorsiflexion
 - Spontaneous Rupture - degenerative changes



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Achilles Tendon Rupture Clinical Presentation

- Palpable tendon gap
- Weak plantarflexion
- Achilles Tendon Total Rupture Score (ATRS)

Thompson Test

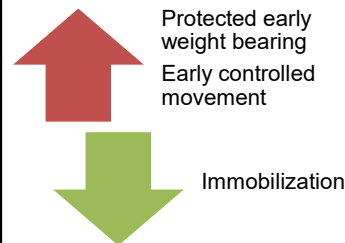
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Achilles Tendon Rupture Rehabilitation

- DVT prophylaxis
- Functional rehabilitation
 - Tendon gap may not be valid predictor of outcome



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Peroneal Tendinopathy

- Inflammation of one or both peroneal tendons
- Untreated may progress to subluxation, tear, or rupture

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Peroneal Tendinopathy Clinical Presentation

- Ottawa Ankle Rules
- Pain on lateral foot and ankle exacerbated with activity
- Tenderness to palpation with plantarflexion and inversion stretching
- Eversion and plantarflexion weakness with pain
- Posture assessment

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Peroneal Tendinopathy Rehabilitation

- Avoid immobilization
- Activity modification
- Strengthening and proprioceptive training
- Orthotic
- Training and footwear education

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Plantar Fasciitis

- Faulty mechanics of windlass mechanism and excessive vertical compressive forces create microdamage
- Excessive pronation and lack of dorsiflexion

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Plantar Fasciitis Clinical Presentation

- Medial plantar heel pain with initial steps after rest and/or prolonged weight bearing
- Windlass Test
- Restricted dorsiflexion
- Palpable pain at proximal plantar fascia insertion
- Negative findings for peripheral nerve entrapment or lumbopelvic radiating pain

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Plantar Fasciitis Rehabilitation

- Iontophoresis, low-level laser, phonophoresis
- Joint and soft tissue mobilization
- Plantar fascia and triceps surae stretching
- Medial longitudinal arch support, heel cushion, night splint
- Anti-pronation or kinesiotaping gastrocnemius and plantar fascia
- Assess functional, recreation, work-related weight bearing activities and BMI

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Turf Toe

- Hyperextension injury resulting in injury of the first metatarsophalangeal joint complex
- First MTP pain, swelling, ecchymosis
- Pain with passive first MTP extension and active flexion
- Pain with weight bearing and antalgic gait
- Vertical Lachman Test
 - Foot planted in plantarflexion with MTP hyperextension
 - External force axial loading of heel
 - Plantar plate damage

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Turf Toe Rehabilitation

- Education on appropriate footwear for surface
- Grade 1 and 2
 - Taping, orthotics, strengthening
- Grade 3
 - Surgery may be indicated

Passive plantarflexion → Low-impact exercise protecting from passive MTP extension → Progression of weight bearing activities to full push-off position

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Assessment Tools

Pain and Disability

- System – Pain Interference (PROMIS-PI)
- Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS)
- Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)
- Identification of Functional Ankle Instability (IdFAI)
- Cumberland Ankle Instability Tool (CAIT)

Balance

- Clinical Test of Sensory Interaction on Balance (CTSIB)
- Star Excursion Balance Test (SEBT)
- Y-Balance Test
- Single Limb Hop Tests

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Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System – Pain Interference (PROMIS-PI)

- Measures the self-reported consequences of pain on a person's life
- Considers the extent to which pain hinders engagement with social, cognitive, emotional, physical, and recreational activities including sleep and enjoyment of life
- Higher score reflects greater pain interference

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Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS)

- Assesses functional limitation of everyday activities
- A lower score reflects a greater level of disability

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Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)

- Assess elements of routine activities with ADL and sports subscales
- Patient should record N/A if limitation is not attributed to the foot and ankle
- Lower percentage score reflects lower physical function

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Identification of Functional Ankle Instability (IdFAI)

- Self-report questionnaire to assess if the individual meets the minimum criteria for chronic ankle instability
- Scores greater than 11 suggest chronic ankle instability

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Cumberland Ankle Instability (CAIT)

- A brief self-report questionnaire that focuses on symptoms of instability during several physical tasks
- Differentiates functionally stable and unstable ankle
- Measures the severity of functional instability
- Lower scores indicate less stability

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Victorian Institute of Sport Assessment-Achilles (VISA-A)

- Assesses physical symptom severity for individuals presenting with Achilles tendinopathy
 - Specifically, pain in the Achilles tendon region
- Maximum score of 100 with lower scores reflecting greater symptoms

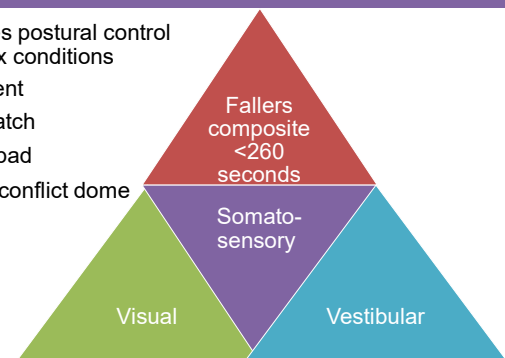
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Clinical Test of Sensory Interaction on Balance (CTSIB)

- Assesses postural control under six conditions
- Equipment
 - Stopwatch
 - Foam pad
 - Visual conflict dome



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Star Excursion Balance Test (SEBT)

- Single limb stance reaching as far as possible with contralateral limb in different directions
- Eight direction star tape pattern created on floor

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Y-Balance Test

- While maintaining single leg stance, free limb reaches in the anterior, posteromedial, and posterolateral directions in relation to the stance foot
- Tape in Y shape on floor

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Single-Limb Hop Tests

Distance measured

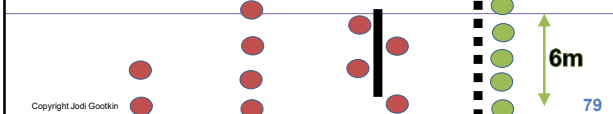
Single - Furthest distance forward with one hop
 Triple - Total of 3 consecutive forward hops
 Cross-over - Total of 3 consecutive forward hops alternating left-to-right with foot crossing over center line

Timed

6-meter - series of consecutive single forward hops

Other variations

Vertical, medial, lateral, figure-8, side, square, stair, triple jump, up-down, 6-meter cross over



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Conclusion

- Understanding the mechanism of injury for foot and ankle disorders allows the clinician to appropriately assess the clinical presentation.
- This will strengthen decision making when developing rehabilitation programs.

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1. What acronym for management of soft tissue injuries encompasses the continuum of rehabilitation beyond the acute phase and addresses psychosocial contributors?

- A. POLICE
- B. PRICE & VALUE
- C. PEACE & LOVE
- D. RICE

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2. Which provocative test places the foot in 10-15 degrees of plantarflexion and applies an anteriorly directed force to translate the talus while palpating the talus translation?

- A. Medial talar tilt
- B. Reverse anterolateral drawer
- C. Anterior drawer
- D. Anterolateral drawer

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3. What characteristic is specific to the functional instability classification of chronic ankle instability following ankle sprain?

- A. Pain greater than 12 months post injury
- B. Lateral ankle ligament laxity
- C. Anatomic ankle stability
- D. Perception of ankle giving way

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4. According to the Ottawa Ankle Rules, inability to bear weight immediately after injury and in department for _____ steps is a factor indicating the need for radiograph to rule out ankle fracture.

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. 8

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5. An individual presenting with ankle instability and anterior ankle pain with dorsiflexion activities 9 months following an ankle sprain should be assessed for what condition?

- A. Anterior ankle impingement
- B. Posterior ankle impingement
- C. Achille's tendinopathy
- D. Plantar fasciitis

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6. Which type of exercise can be beneficial when rehabilitating an individual with mid-portion Achilles tendinopathy?

- A. Closed chain, isometric exercises
- B. Heavy load, slow speed exercises
- C. Small range, open chain exercise
- D. Rapid fatigue, endurance exercise

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7. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of Sever's disease?

- A. Calcaneal apophysitis
- B. Posterior heel pain
- C. Associated with high activity in childhood
- D. Common in sedentary older adults

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8. What is the role of the windlass mechanism during the gait cycle?

- A. Generate eversion stability during midstance
- B. Compensate for functional leg length discrepancy
- C. Transform foot structures into rigid lever for propulsion
- D. Reciprocal inhibition to decelerate in preparation for initial contact

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9. Which measure assesses self-reported consequences of pain on an individual's life including enjoyment in life and sleep?

- A. PROMIS-PI
- B. IdFAI
- C. FAAM
- D. CTSIB

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10. Which measure differentiates between stable and unstable ankles and measures the severity of functional instability?

- A. SEBT
- B. VISA-A
- C. LEFS
- D. CAIT

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