

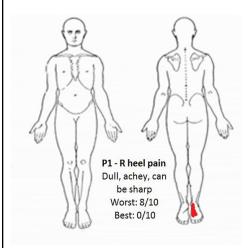
FOOT AND ANKLE CASE 3

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John Doe, 28 y/o male



Initial Hypotheses

- Plantar fasciitis
- Tarsal tunnel syndrome
 - Insertional Achilles tendinopathy
- Calcaneal stress fracture
- · Post tib tendinopathy
- Ankylosing spondylitis

FAAM

• ADL: 81%, Sports: 59%



Outcome Measure Psychometrics						
	Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM)	Foot Function Index (FFI)	Foot Health Status Questionnaire (FHSQ)			
Items	21 ADL scale 8 sports subscale	23 items, 3 subscales: pain, disability, activity limitation	13 items, 4 subscales: pain, function, footwear, general foot health			
Scoring	Higher scores = greater self-reported function	Higher scores = greater disability	Higher scores = greater self-reported function			
Reliability	0.89 (ADL) 0.87 (sports)	0.69 - 0.87	0.74 - 0.92			
MDC	5.7 (ADL) 12.3 (sports)	n/a	n/a			
MCID	8 (ADL) 9 (sports)	n/a	13 (pain) 7 (function) 2 (footwear) (General foot health unresponsive to change)			
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Subjective Exam Asterisks

(Aggravating/easing factors, description/location of symptoms, behavior, mechanisms of injury)

28 y/o male, 1.5 yr history of plantar heel pain		
MOI	After running first ½ marathon; notes no specific training program or history of running	
Aggravating activities	First steps in am, after prolonged sitting at desk (1 hr) , prolonged standing $(> 1 \text{ hr})$, running	
Alleviating activities	Stretching, not doing above	
Prior treatment	MD prescribed OTC inserts and stretches after initial onset, reported min/mod benefit	
PMHx	2 inversion ankle sprains in high school (same side)	

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Structure(s) at fault

Joints in/refer to painful region	Myofascial tissue in/refer to painful region	Non-contractile tissue in/refer to painful region	Neural tissue in/refer to painful region	Other structures to be examined (non-MSK)
Talocrural Subtalar Distal tib-fib Talonavicular Calcaneocuboid TMT joints Hip, SIJ, L-spine	Achilles tendon Post tib tendon FHL, FDL Trigger point referral	Plantar fascia Fat pad Retrocalcaneal bursa Deltoid, spring ligaments	Tibial n. (medial calcaneal/plantar) L5,S1	Calcaneal fx? Ankylosing spondylitis?

- Primary hypothesis after subjective: chronic plantar fasciitis
- Differential (rank order): tarsal tunnel, post tib tendinopathy, insertional AT, myofascial pain syndrome, lumbar radic



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Physical Exam Asterisks

(Special tests, movement/joint dysfunction, posture, palpation, etc)

28 y/o male, 1.5 yr history of plantar heel pain				
Posture	Pes cavus bilaterally			
ROM	Decr DF (worse with knee straight) and pronation			
Single leg heel raises	L: 26 reps; R: 15 reps*			
Special tests	(+) windlass test, (-) SLR/slump, Tinel's			
Stability tests	(-)			
Palpation	TTP (+) R medial calcaneal tubercle and proxima ½ plantar fascia (thickness also noted)*			
Joint accessory motion	Hypomobile R TCJ AP, STJ medial glide, midfoot throughout, 1 st MTP AP and PA glides			

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Rate your assessment of severity/irritability Justify your assessment with examples from the subjective and/or objective exam Mod Severity: None Min Max - Impacts ability to run or WB for durations, not disabling in functional tasks Irritability: None Min Mod Max Symptoms brought on with prolonged activity reduced fairly rapidly Stage and stability? Subacute Acute Chronic Acute on chronic 1.5 yr history, no recent mechanism or indicators of inflammatory processes Stable Worsening Fluctuating Improving Red flags?

Symptoms generally the same, not better or worse, appears mechanical/MSK

 Are the relationships between the areas on the body chart, the interview, and physical exam consistent?
 "Do the features fit" a recognizable clinical pattern? If YES, what?

Chronic plantar fasciitis

(plantar fasciosis, plantar fasciopathy)

• Identify any potential risk factors (yellow, red flags, non-MSK involvement, biopsychosocial)

Frustration with lack of improvement?



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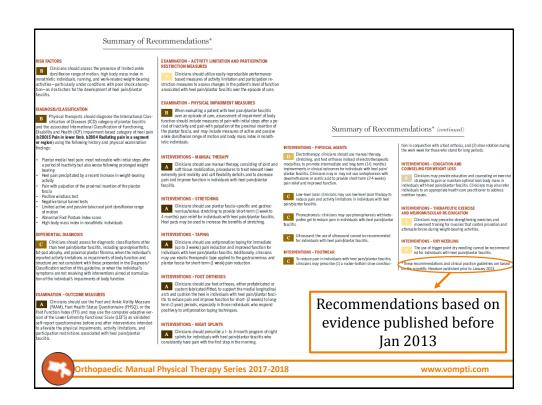
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Heel Pain—Plantar Fasciitis: Revision 2014

Clinical Practice Guidelines Linked to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health From the Orthopaedic Section of the American Physical Therapy Association

J Orthop Sports Phys Ther. 2014;44(11):A1-A23. doi:10.2519/jospt.2014.0303





Plantar Fasciitis

- Background/Demographics
 - Most common foot condition treated in health care, up to
 2 million Americans / year
 - Affects athletic and non-athletic populations
 - Mean symptom duration: 13.3 14.1 months
- Risk Factors:
 - Limited ankle DF ROM (Odds Ratio: 23.3)
 - High BMI in non-athletic patients (OR: 5.6)
 - Work-related WB activities (OR: 3.6)
 - Running
 - Cavus foot, high arch

JBJS 2003 Riddle JOSPT 2014 CPG

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Plantar Fasciitis

- Subjective Report
 - Pain in plantar aspect of heel
 - Worse with initial steps after prolonged inactivity or prolonged weight bearing
 - Precipitated by recent increase in WB activity
- Objective Examination
 - Tenderness at plantar fascia (medial calcaneal tubercle)
 - (+) Windlass test
 - (-) Tarsal tunnel/neurodynamic tests
 - Decr A/PROM ankle DF; 1st ray extension mobility

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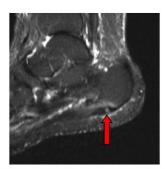
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Additional Considerations

- Patients with chronic PF demonstrate the following: (Fernandez-Lao, et al. 2016)
 - Widespread and bilateral hypersensitivity
 - Lower Q of L
 - Increased thickness of the plantar fascia in the affected foot (+ correlation to symptoms Mahowald S 2011)
 - Increased fascial vascularity (+ correlation to symptoms Chen H 2013)

Imaging not typically necessary, unless ruling out other conditions



plantar fasciitis. The red arrow shows high signal within the proximal thickened plantar fascia with adjacent soft tissue and bony oedema.

Clinical Radiology (2009) 64, 931–939



Treatment Planning

Impairments Functional Limitations Goals Pain Inability to run Normalize joint mobility Foot/ankle hypomobility Limited standing No walking or running Decr gastroc length tolerance gait deviations Plantarflexion weakness Pain free return to run Altered gait

- What is your primary objective after intial eval?
 - Education: anatomy, pathology, prognosis
 - Manual therapy: calf/PF STM, rearfoot mobilizations gr III-IV
 - Exercise prescription: self-stretching, neuro re-ed (load dispersion, facilitate mid/medial foot loading)

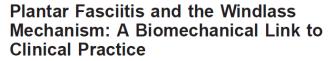
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Anatomy / Pathophysiology

- 3 dense bands of connective tissue
- 0: medial calcaneal tubercle
- I: fans distally into base of proximal phalanx
- Usually chronic/degenerative process related to repetitive microtrauma
- Histologic analysis: marked thickening/fibrosis of PF, collagen necrosis, chondroid metaplasia, calcification



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Abnormalities Resulting from the Underpronated Foot:

- Related to joint stiffness, decreased plantar fascia extensibility, muscle tightness
- Unable to dissipate forces or absorb shock (lacks pronation)
- Decreased distance between met heads and calcaneus
- Plantarflexed 1st ray



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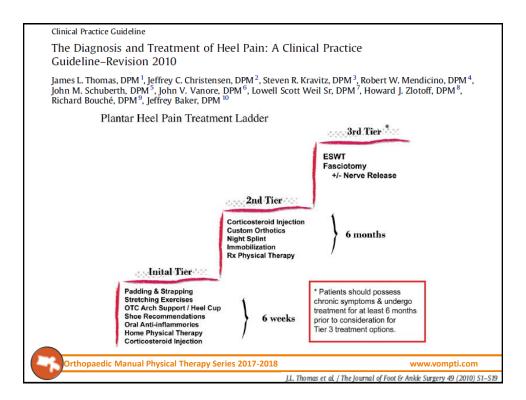
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Gait Implications

(Cavus foot, midfoot stiffness)

- Plantar heel pain associated with: lower maximum force beneath heel and medial forefoot, greater mid/forefoot contact time (Sullivan et al, Gait Posture 2015)
- Gait cycle breakdown/ plantar fascia considerations:
 - IC and LR: shock absorption
 - More lateral loading = less dampening of GRFs
 - MS: pronation
 - Midfoot stiffness prevents 'unlocking' of transverse tarsal segments
 - TS, PS: supinate, become rigid for toe off
 - PF 1st ray doesn't extend as well

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Physical Therapy Treatment

- A lot of options...
 - Joint mobilization/manipulation, soft tissue
 - Gastroc, soleus, plantar fascia stretching
 - Exercise
 - Pes planus strengthen intrinsics, proximal segments; mid/lateral loading v. medial overloading
 - Pes cavus exercise emphasizes load dispersion, medial loading v. lateral overloading
 - Education
 - Orthotics/Inserts, Night splints?
 - Modalities: TDN? Ionto? LLLT? ESWT? Taping? Ultrasound?



Predictors of Response to Physical Therapy Intervention for Plantar Heel Pain

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- 6 visits over 4 weeks: MT + exercise v. electrophysiological agents + exercise
- Individuals with symptoms < 7.2 months were 4.2-8.5 times more likely to respond (depending on success criteria)
- Age and BMI not significant predictors to success



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The symptomatic and functional effects of manual physical therapy on plantar heel pain: a systematic review

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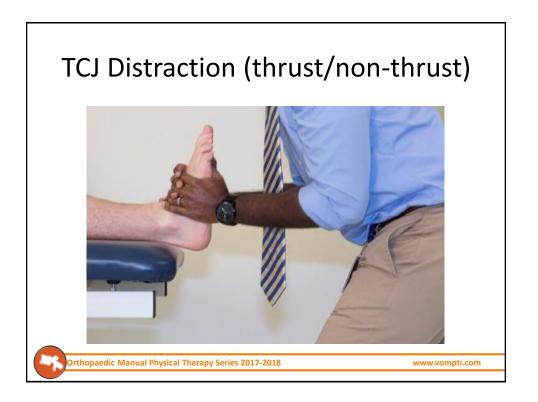
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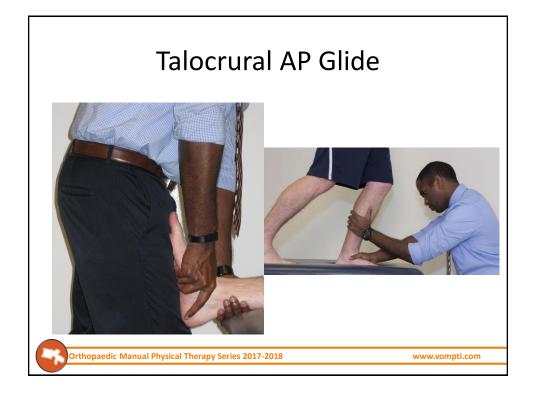
- 1248 articles screened, 8 RCTs included in analysis
- 4 scored 6/10 or more on PEDro, others low quality
- Manual therapy associated with improved outcomes in pain and function compared to comparative group/control
- MT: joint treatment, soft tissue, neural mobilization

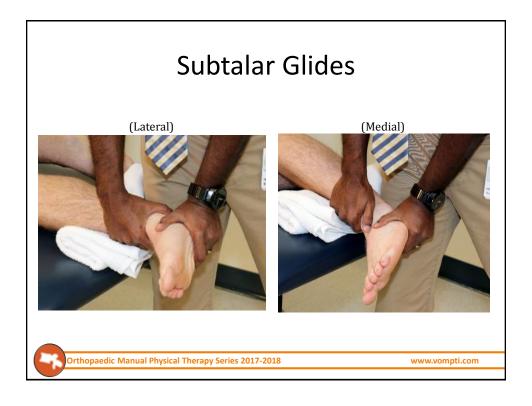


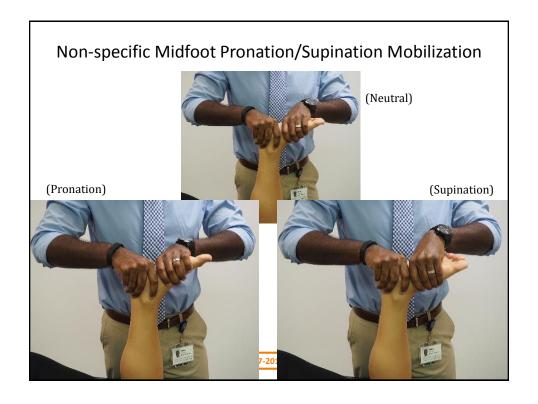
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Plantar Glides with M→L Rotation

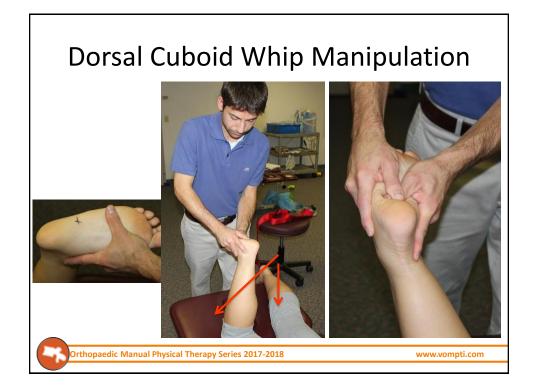
Navicular on Talus, Cuboid on Calcaneus

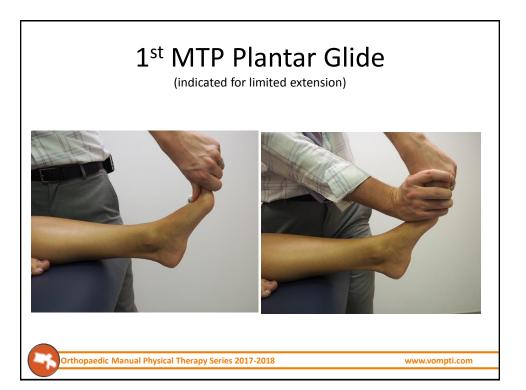
Medial Cuneiform on Navicular

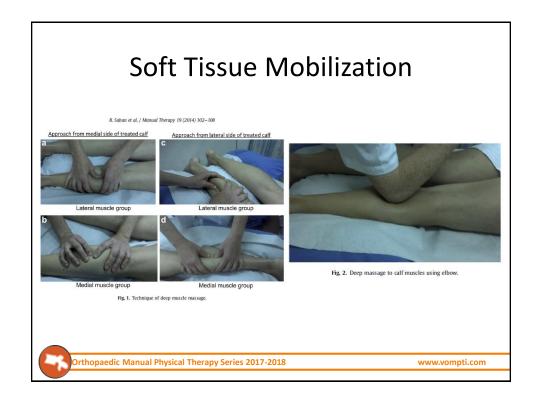


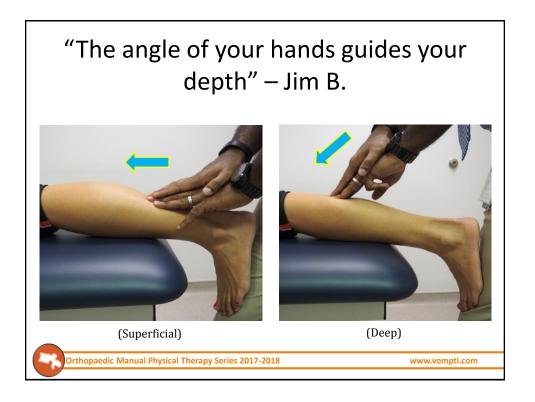


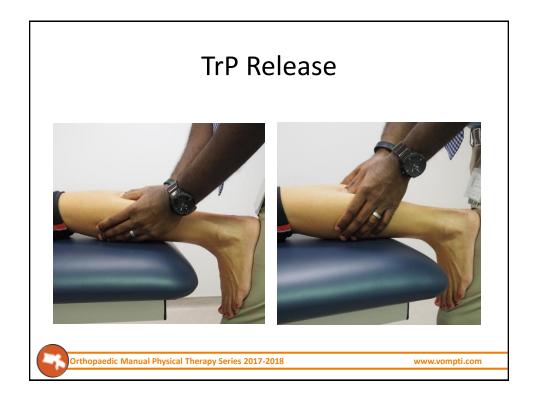
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Flexibility for Runners

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PLANTAR FASCIA-SPECIFIC STRETCHING EXERCISE IMPROVES OUTCOMES IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC PLANTAR FASCIITIS

A Prospective Clinical Trial with Two-Year Follow-up

By Benedict F. DiGiovanni, MD, Deborah A. Nawoczenski, PhD, PT, Daniel P. Malay, MSPT, Petra A. Graci, DPT, Taryn T. Williams, MSPT, Gregory E. Wilding, PhD, and Judith F. Baumhauer, MD

- n = 82, mean symptom duration > 10 months
- All subjects received pre-fab soft insoles (Spenco), 3
 wk course of Celebrex, and an educational video on PF
- PF stretching v. Achilles tendon stretching
- At 8 weeks, PF stretching superior to WB achilles stretching for pain, activity limitations, pt satisfaction
- No sig. difference at 2 yr f/u



1st MTP Extension and Ankle DF Mobilization with PF STM







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Scand J Med Sci Sports 2015: 25: e292–e300

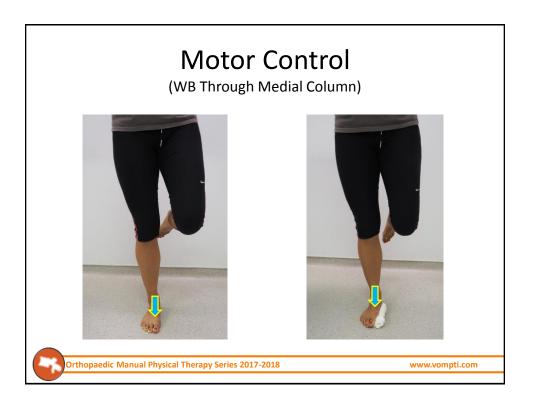
High-load strength training improves outcome in patients with plantar fasciitis: A randomized controlled trial with 12-month follow-up

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- Plantar fascia specific stretching v. strengthening (single leg heel raises with towel under toes)
- 3x12 rep max progression → 10 rep max → 8 rep max every other day
- FFI 29 points lower at 3 mo in strength group
- No difference at 1, 6, 12 months



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Concentric Pronation, Eccentric Supination (with resistance)





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- What are you going to reassess at subsequent visits?
 - VAS, pain with am steps, standing tolerance

PROGNOSIS/EXPECTATIONS

- How do you expect to progress your treatment over subsequent visits?
 - Motor control to become more dynamic, higher grade mobilization/manip, self-mobilization HEP

Associated factors for expected outcome:

- Favorable
 - Typical clinical presentation, low symptom irritability
- Unfavorable
 - Chronicity of symptoms

Possible referrals:

– Orthotist for custom inserts? Ortho for injection?



'Gap' in Knowledge

Patient or Population	Intervention	Comparison	Outcomes
Patients with plantar fasciitis	Manual therapy & exercise	Injection	Pain relief, functional status

- Article reviewed: Celik D, et al. Joint mobilization and stretching exercise vs steroid injection in the treatment of plantar fasciitis: a randomized controlled trial. Foot Ankle Int. 2016;37(2):150-6.
- Relevance to the clinical case: Both groups had significant improvement in FAAM and VAS in short term (3, 6, 12 wk) with greater improvement noted in injection group. Improvements continued from wk 12 through 1 yr for MT group only.

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Clinical Pattern

Subjective Objective - Plantar heel pain TTP at medial calcaneal - Overuse/insidious tubercle mechanism (+) Windlass test - Pain worse with first steps Pes cavus in am Joint stiffness and - Functional limitations: muscle length prolonged standing, impairments (-) neurodynamics running

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