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# Yoga Therapy for the Foot

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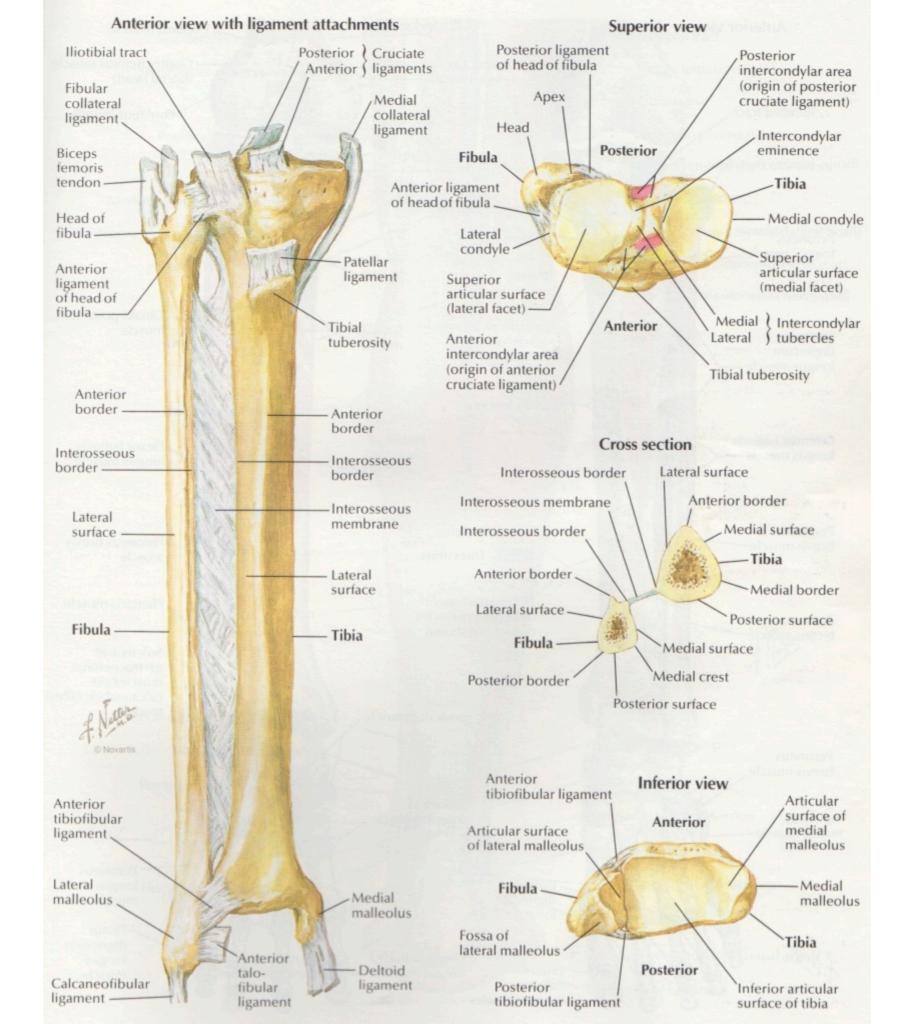
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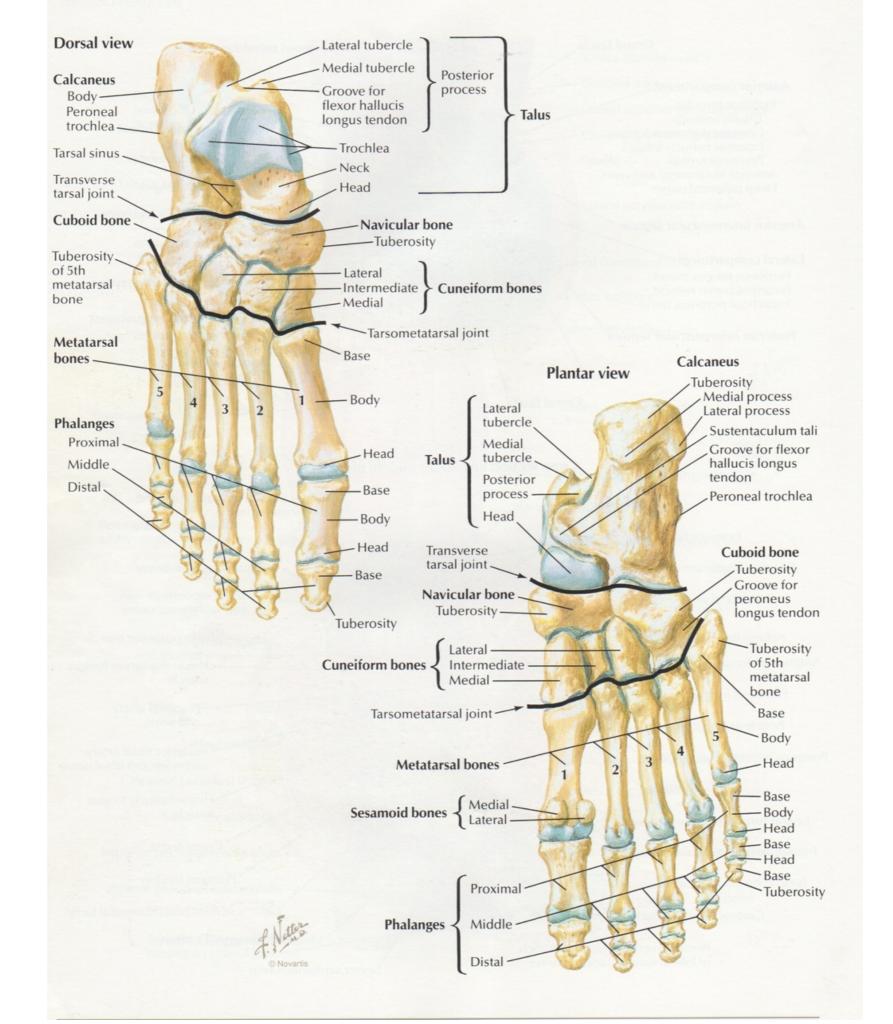
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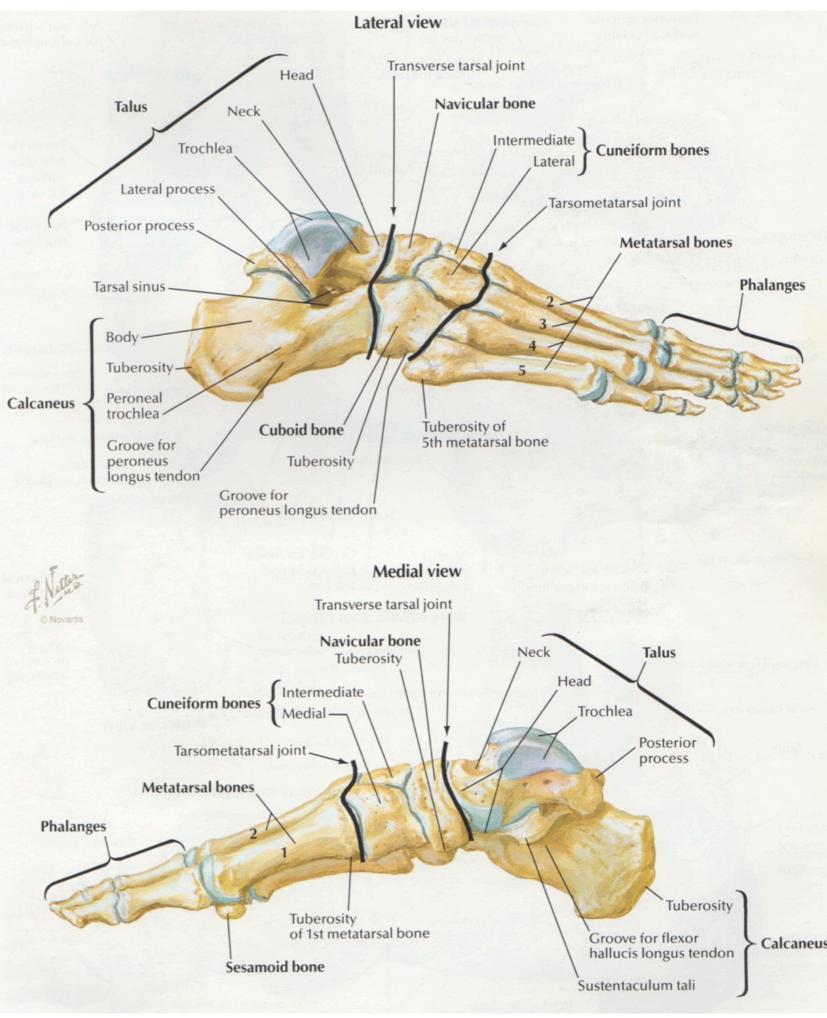


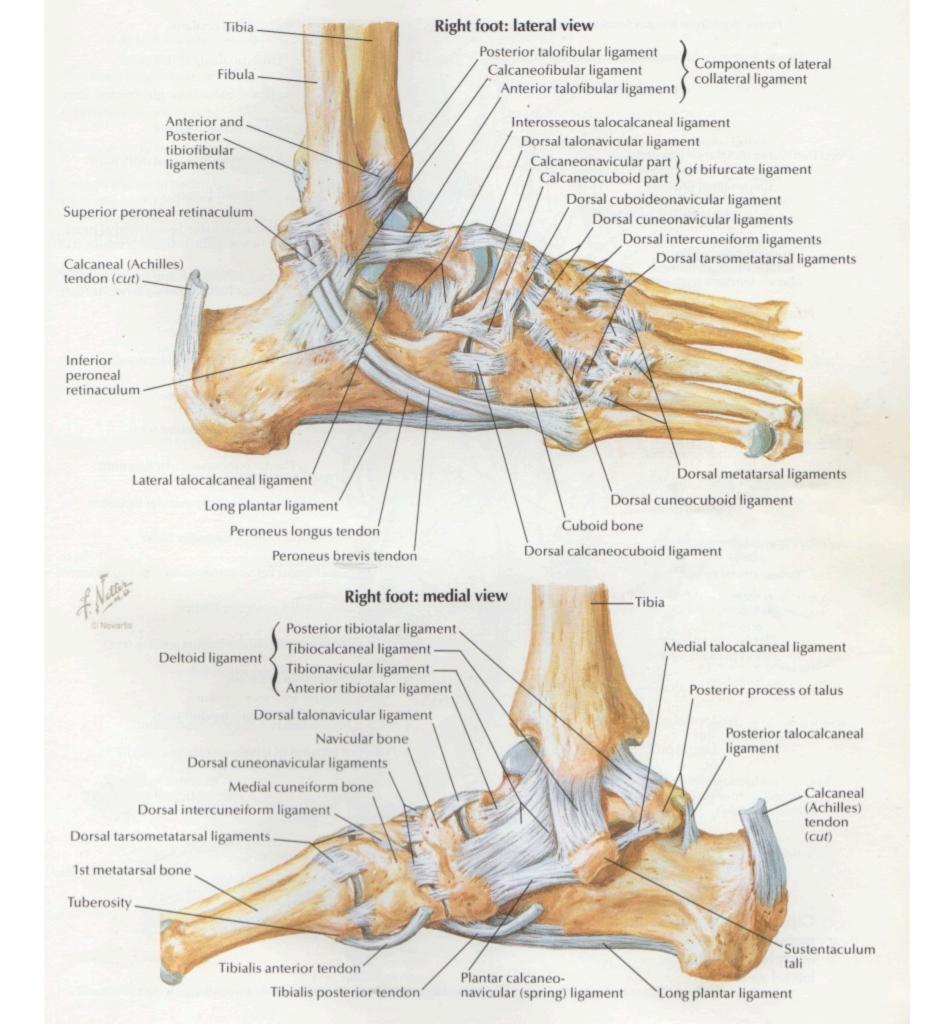
## Bones of the Foot

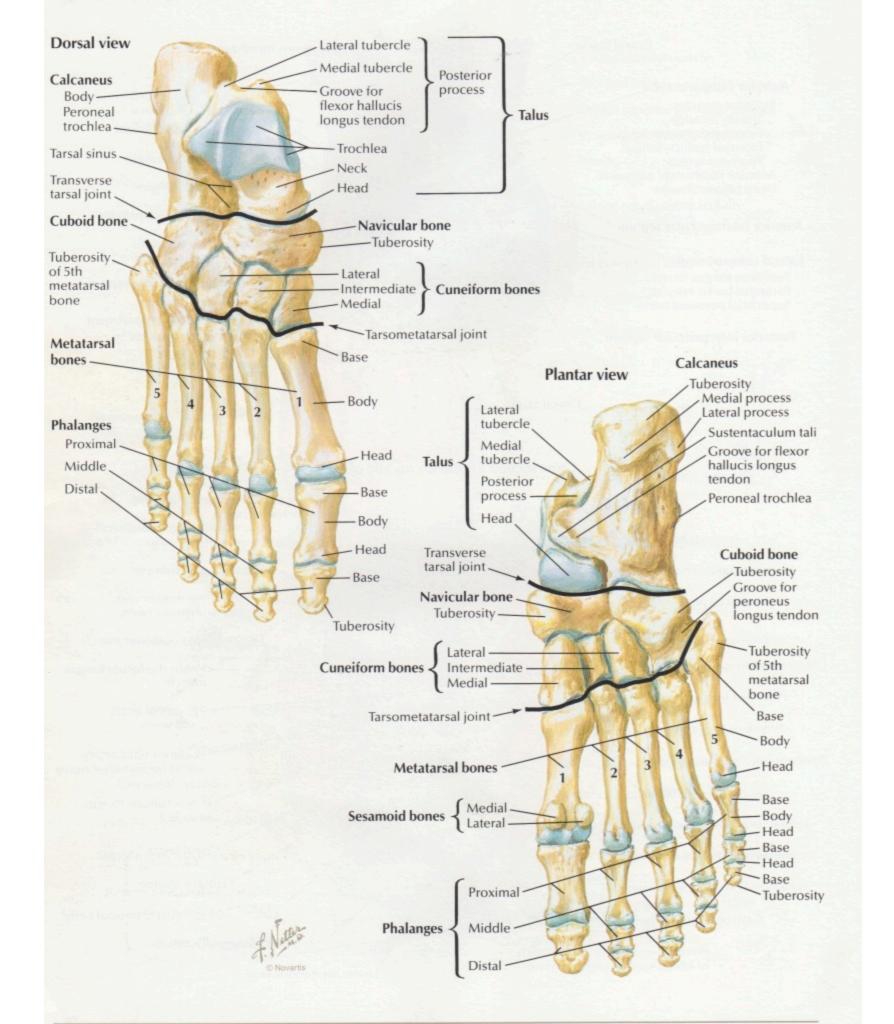
• Hind Foot : talus, calcaneus

- Mid Foot : na
- navicular, cuboid and <u>cuneform</u> bones

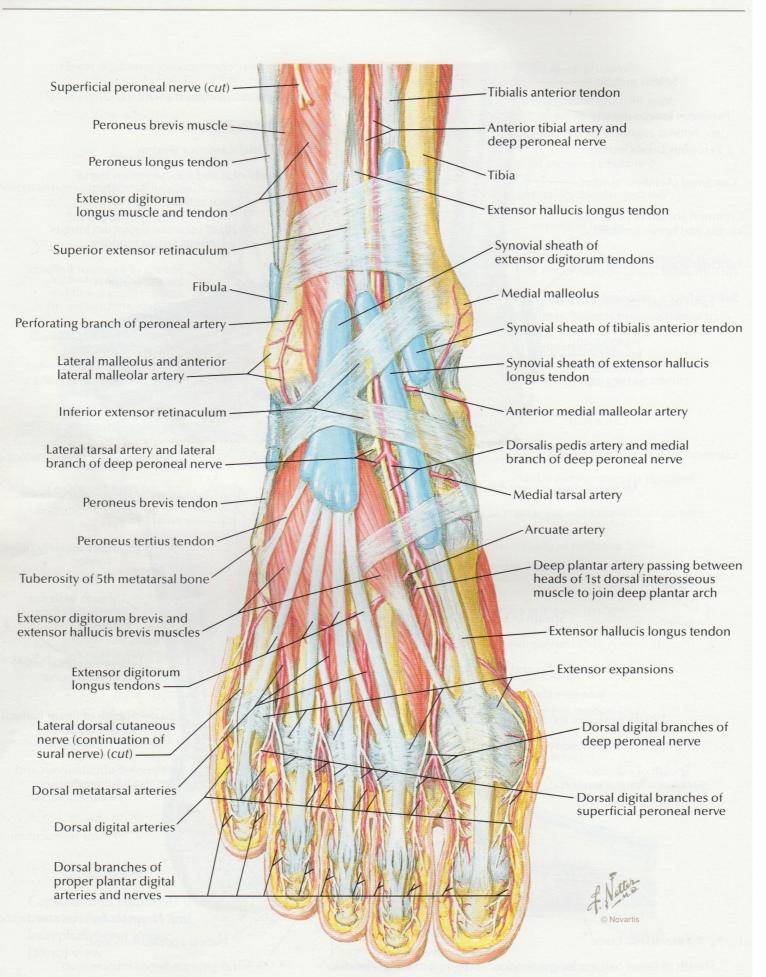
Fore Foot : metatarsal and phalanges

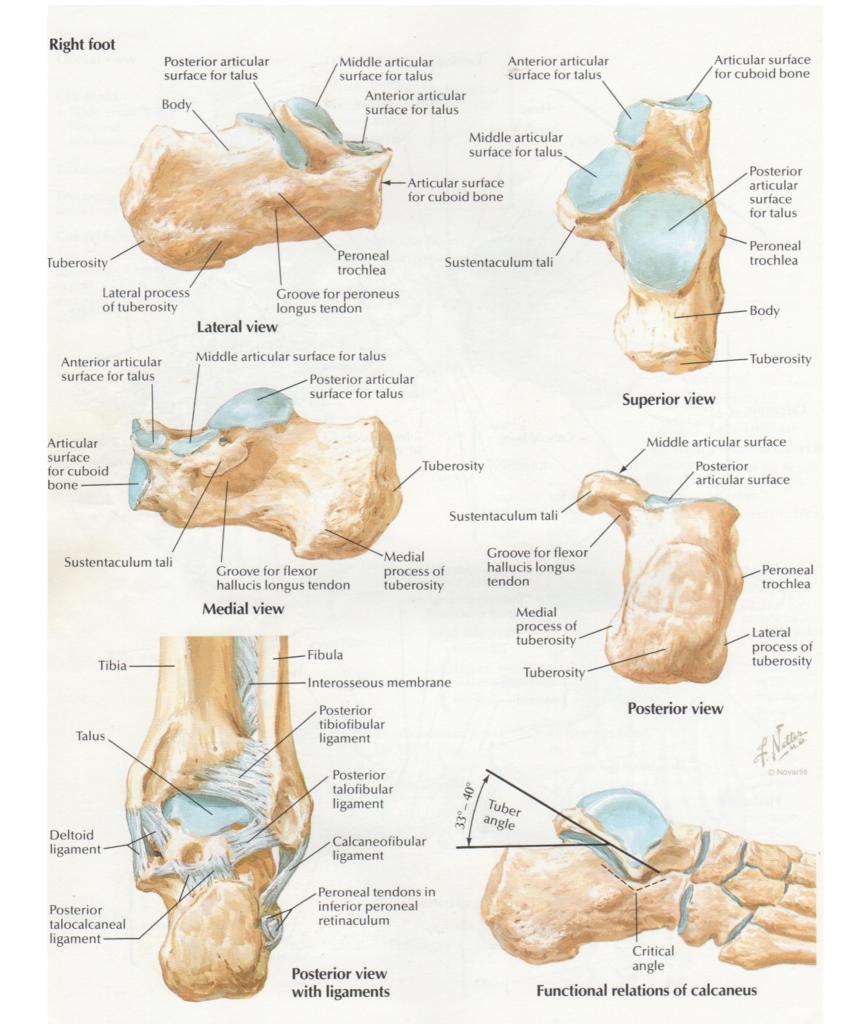




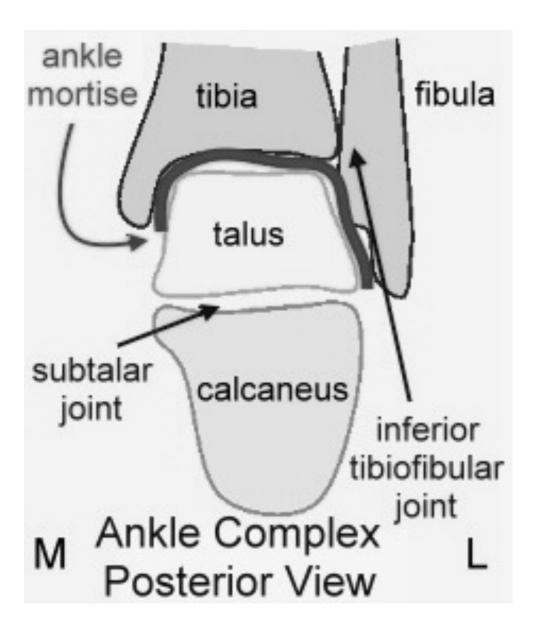


### **Muscles of Dorsum of Foot: Superficial Dissection**





## Hind Foot



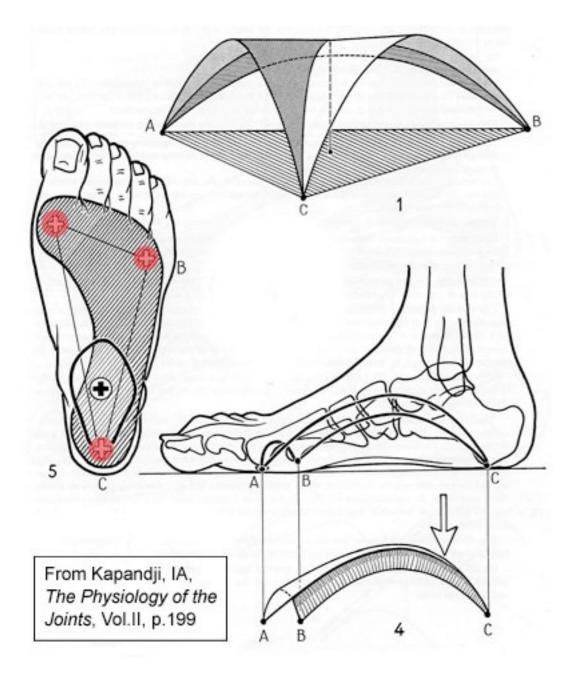


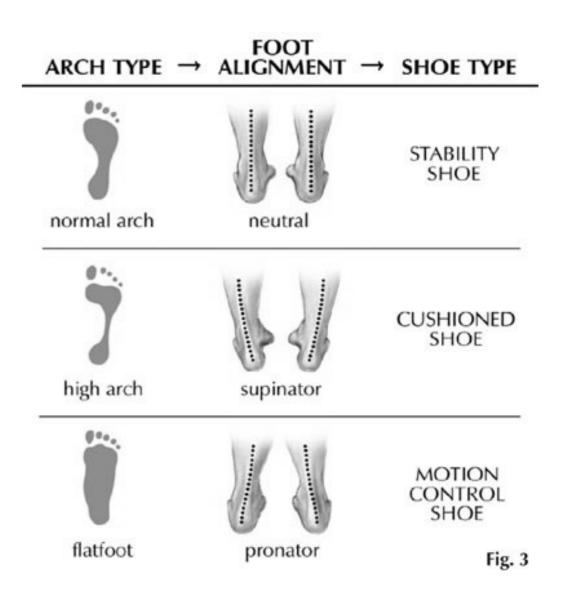
## Arches of Foot

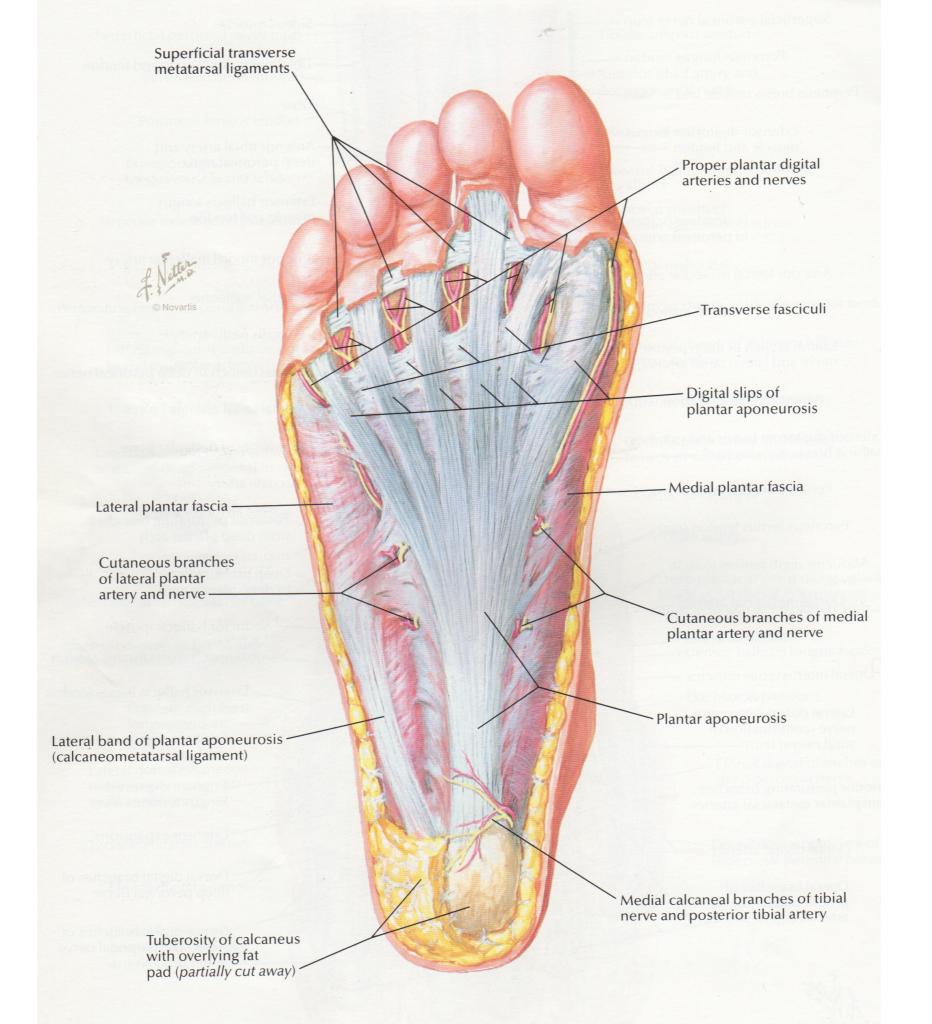
-A to C is the Medial Arch or Longitudinal

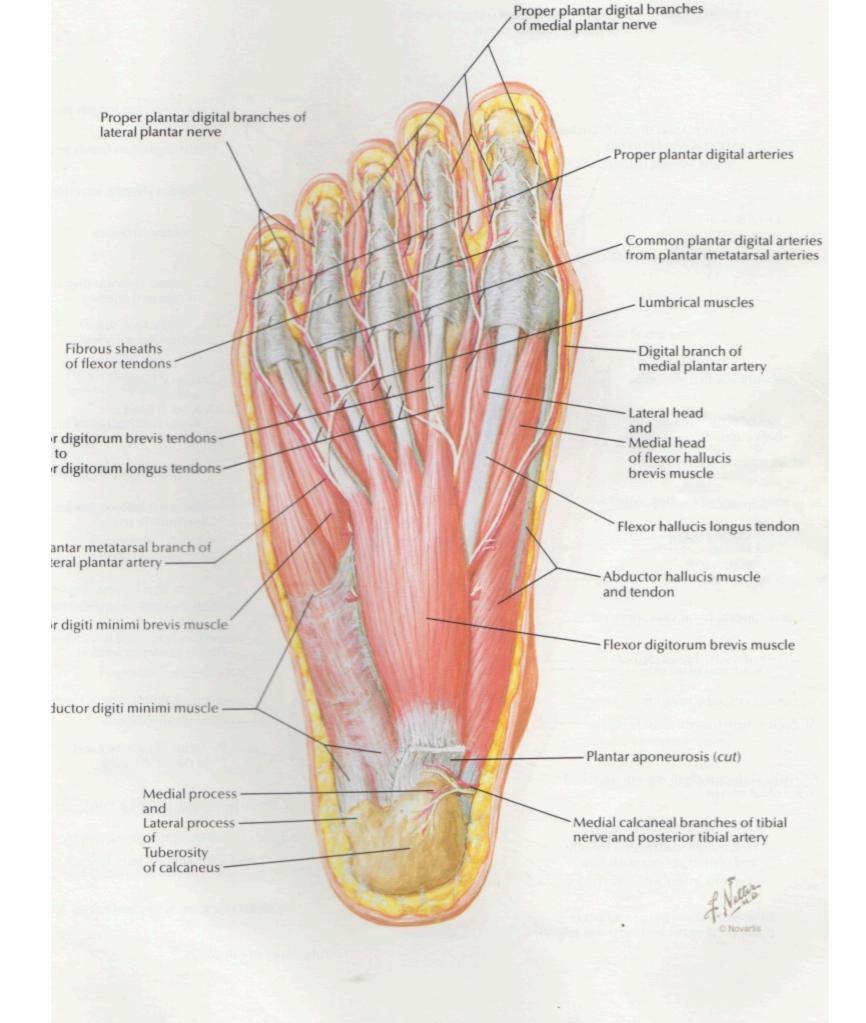
-B to C is the Lateral Arch

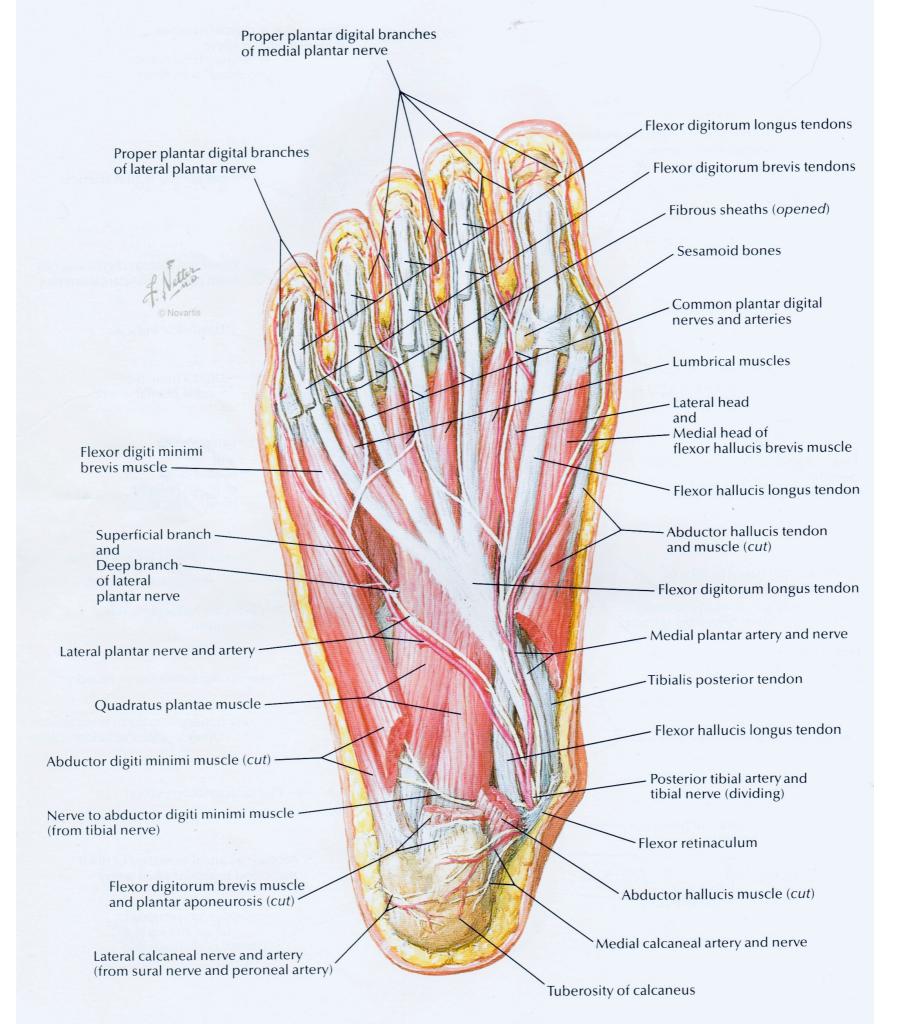
-A to B is the Transverse Arch

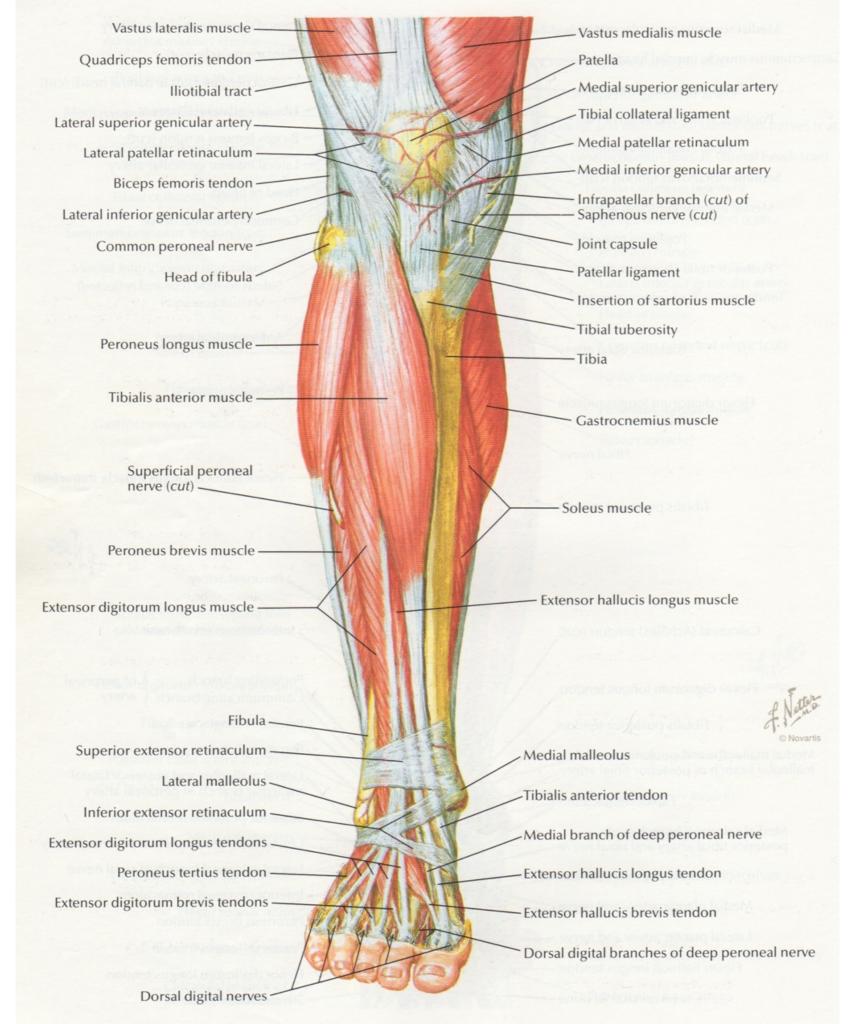


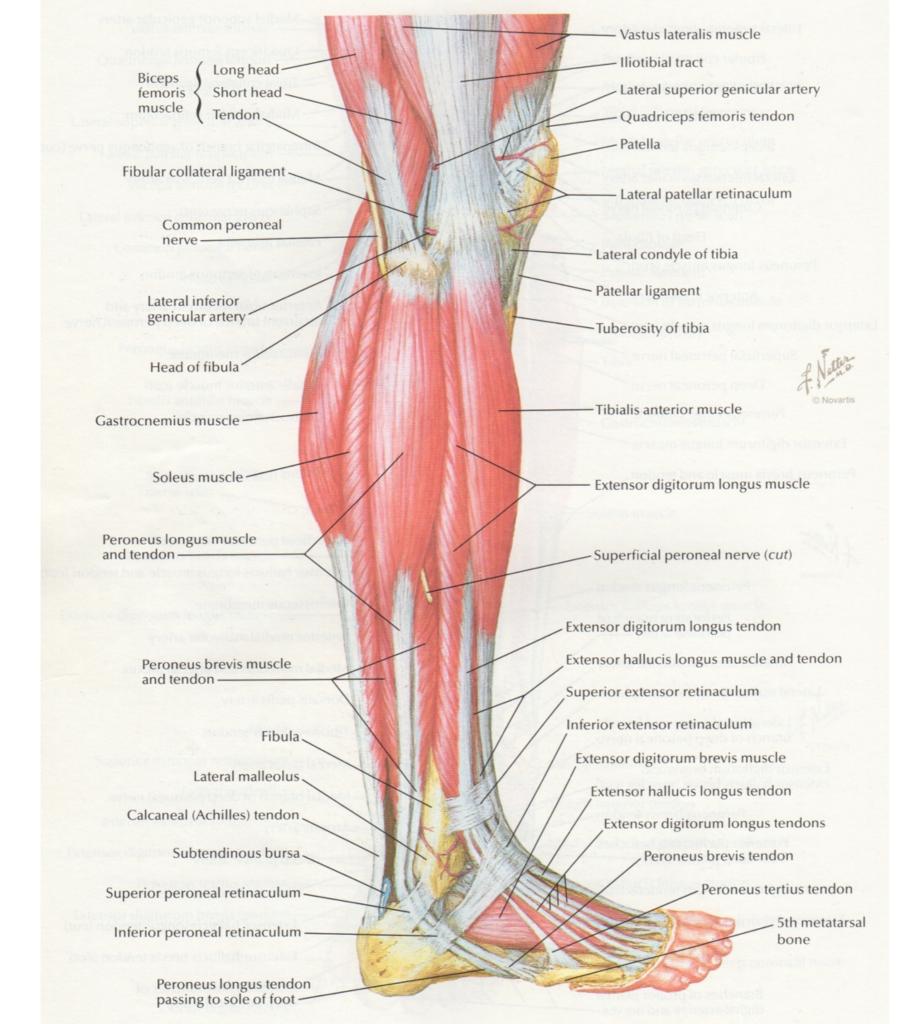


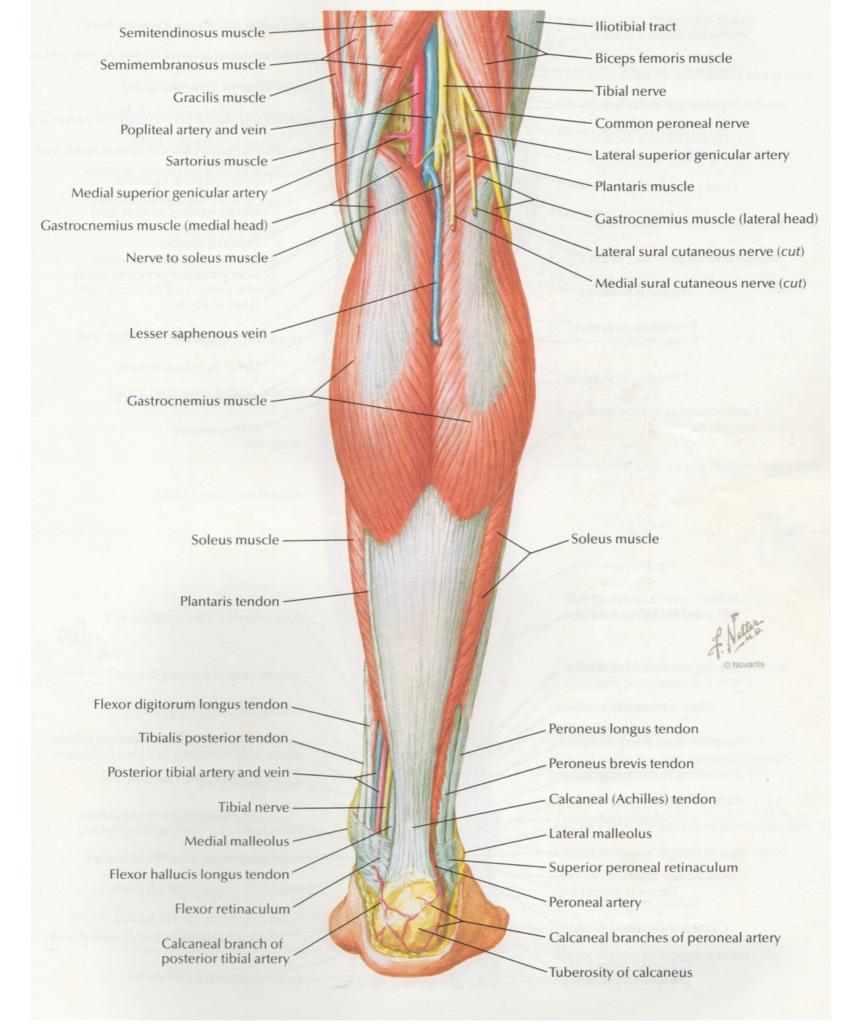




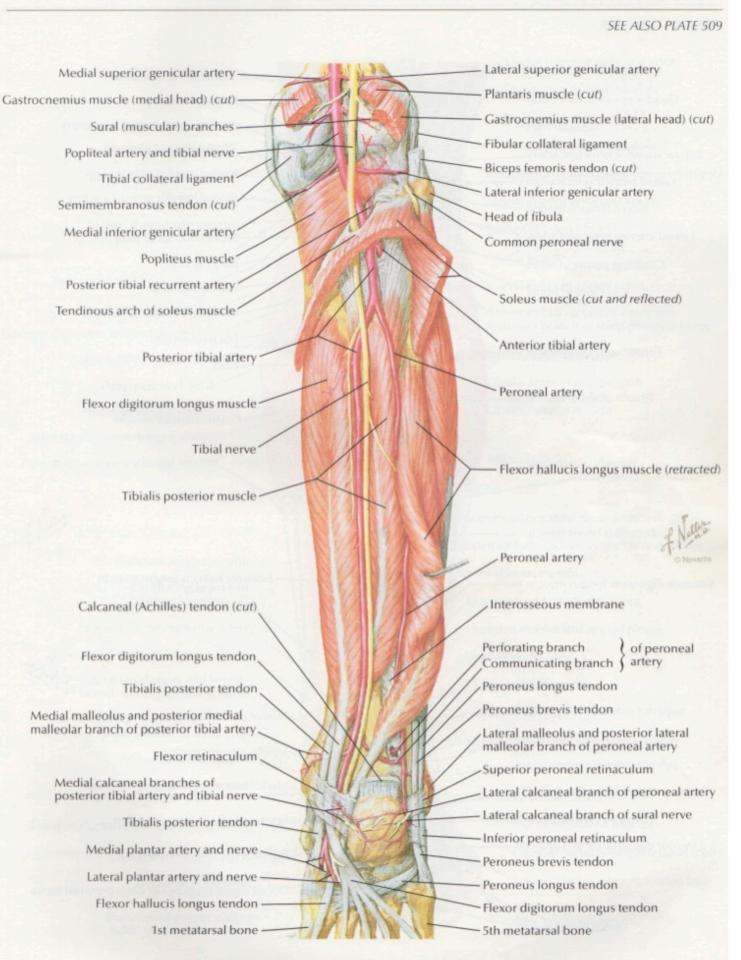








#### Muscles of Leg (Deep Dissection): Posterior View



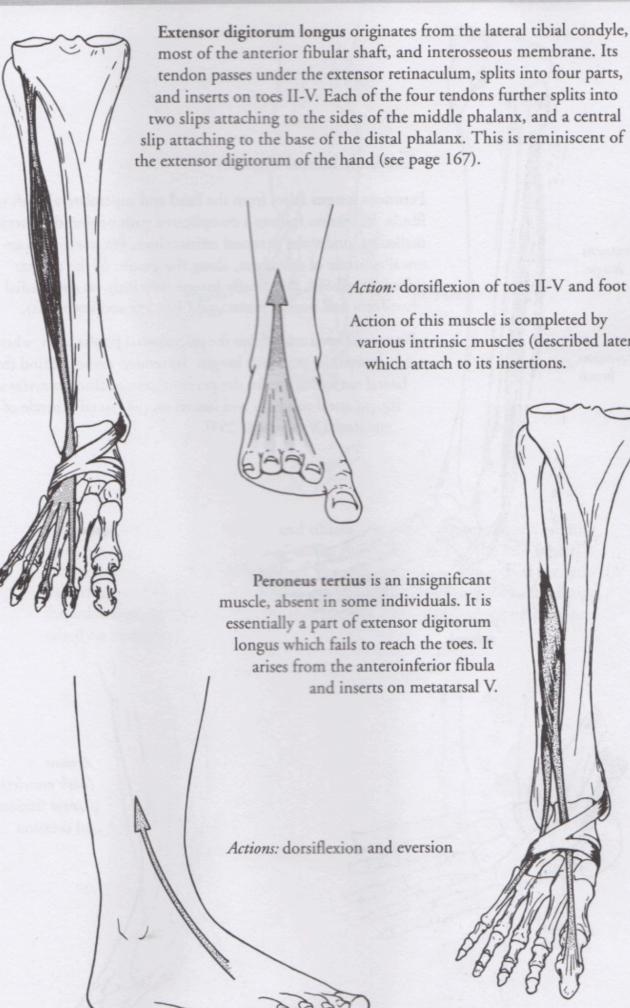
#### Extrinsic anterior muscles

Tibialis anterior originates from the lateral condyle and superolateral shaft of tibia, passes under the extensor retinaculum, and inserts on the medial cuneiform (inferomedial surface) and base of metatarsal I. This muscle is the strongest dorsiflexor.

Actions: dorsiflexion and inversion

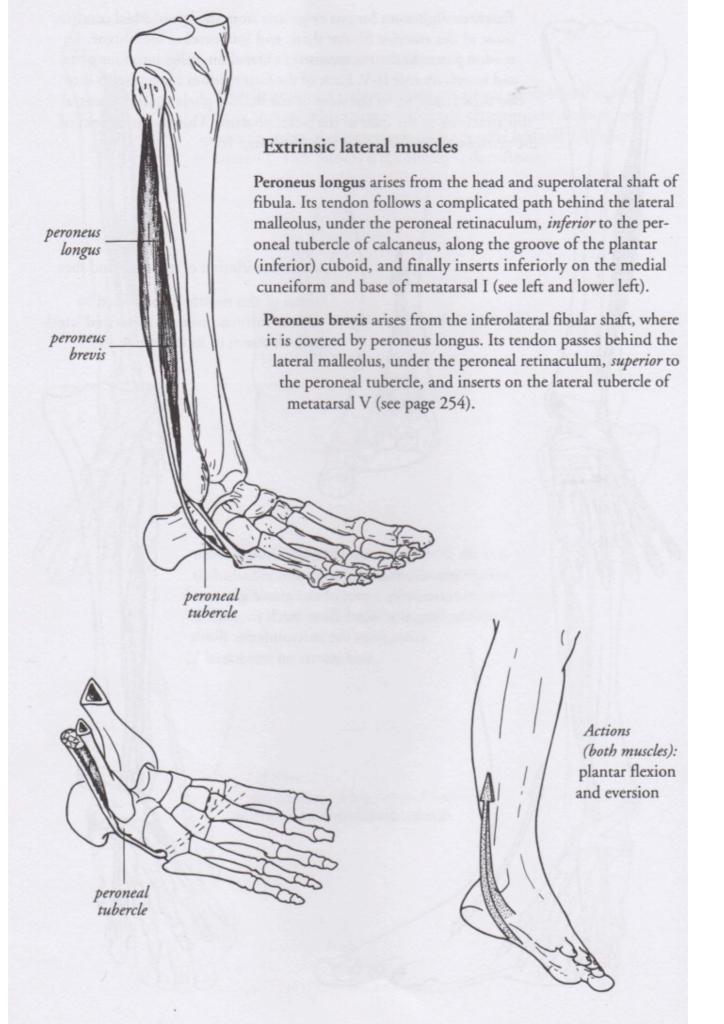
Extensor hallucis longus arises from the central medial fibula and interosseous membrane, passes under the extensor retinaculum, and inserts dorsally on distal phalanx I.

> Action: dorsiflexion of big toe and foot



Action: dorsiflexion of toes II-V and foot

Action of this muscle is completed by various intrinsic muscles (described later) which attach to its insertions.



#### Extrinsic posterior muscles

Flexor digitorum

longus originates from the postero-medial tibial shaft, runs posterior to the medial malleolus and sustentaculum tali, along the plantar surface of the foot, and inserts on distal phalanges II-V.

Actions: plantar flexion of toes II-V and ankle, inversion of foot, support of arches. This is the most powerful flexor of toes II-V. Tibialis posterior is the deepest calf muscle. It arises from the posterosuperior tibial and fibular shafts and interosseous membrane, and passes posterior to the medial malleolus and anterior to sustentaculum tali. Its primary insertion is on a prominent medial tubercle of navicular (see page 241), but it also inserts on cuboid, lateral cuneiform, and metatarsals II-IV.

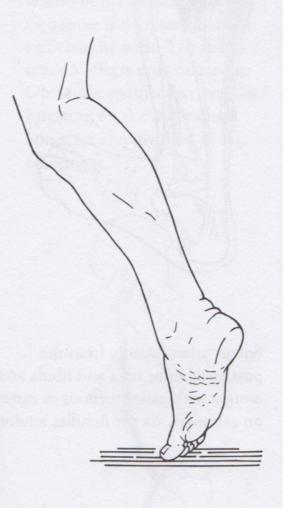
Actions: plantar flexion, inversion, support of arches. The role of tibialis posterior, in conjunction with peroneus longus, in forming a "sling" for the middle foot, was mentioned on the preceding page.



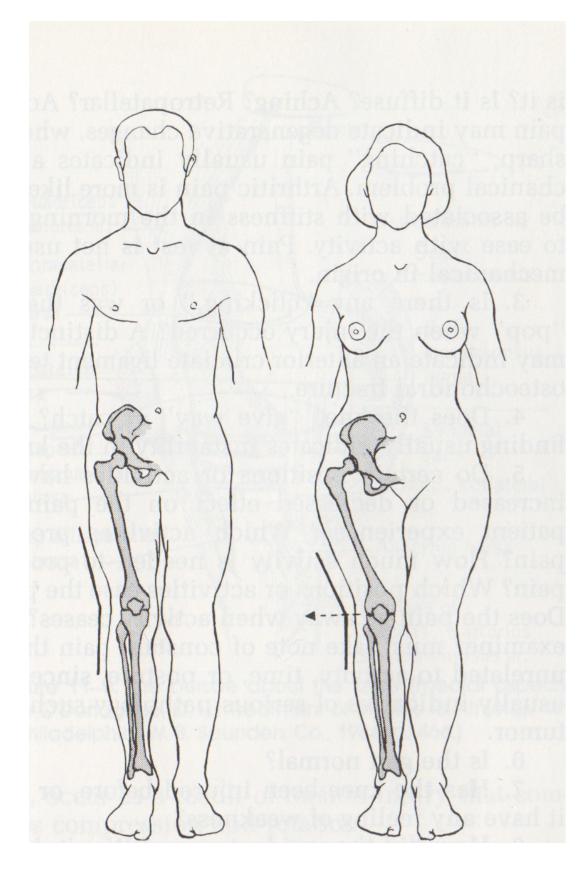
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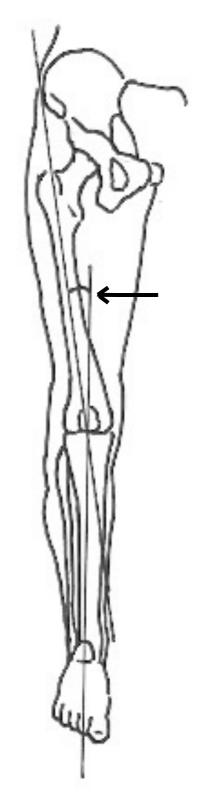
Flexor hallucis longus arises from the posteroinferior fibula and interosseous membrane, runs posterior to the medial malleolus, along a groove on the posterior talus (see page 240), behind sustentaculum tali, along the medial plantar surface of the foot, and inserts on distal phalanx I.

Actions: plantar flexion of big toe and ankle, inversion, support of medial arch This muscle is important in the propulsion phase of walking (see page 243), and also in preventing anterior loss of balance when standing on tiptoe.



<u>Q Angle</u>

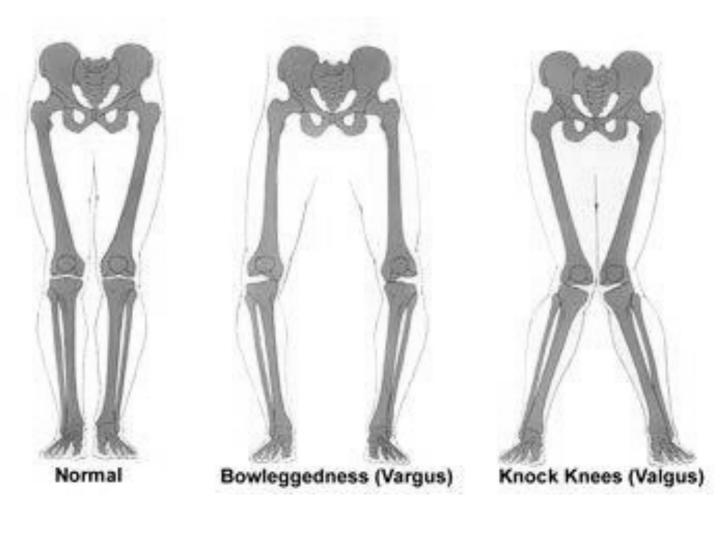




Q Angle

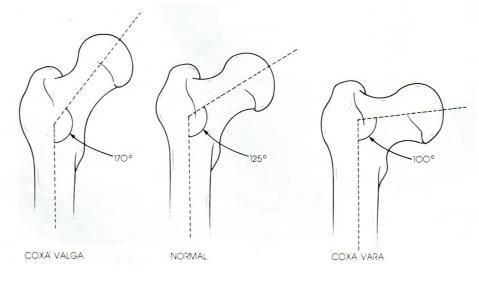


### <u>Genu Valgus / Varus</u>



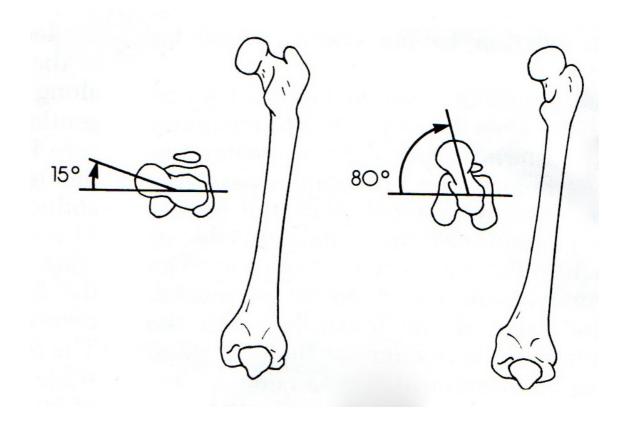
-Femur neck angle variance

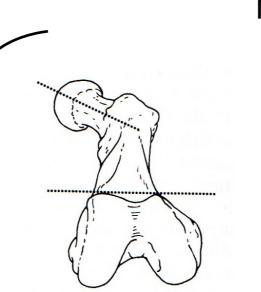
- Pelvis Width



## Femoral Anteversion / Winking Patella





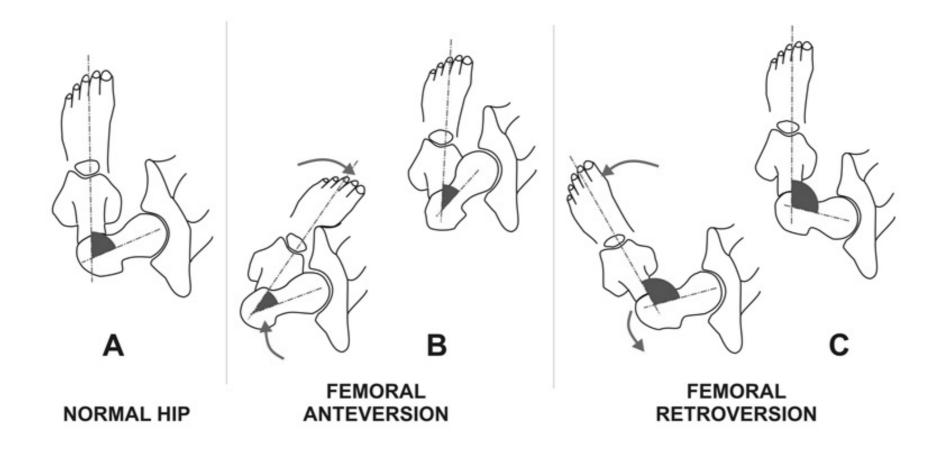


Normal

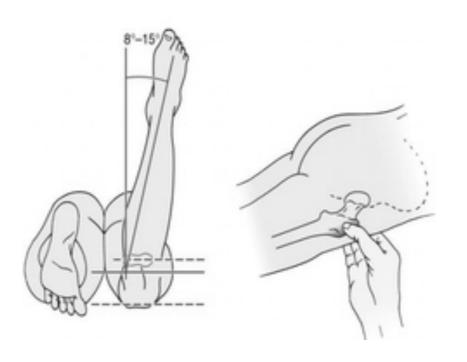
Excessive

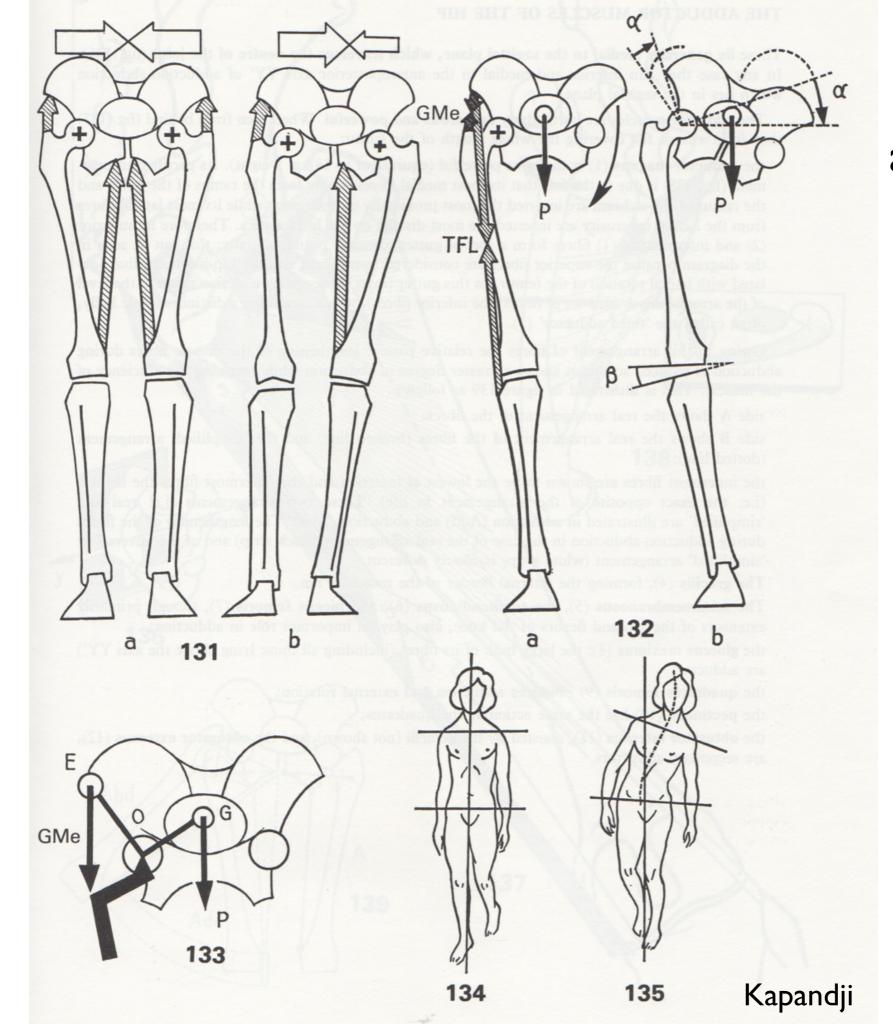
Magee

## Femoral Anteversion / Retroversion



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Knee and Hip stabilization : a balance of adductors and abductors

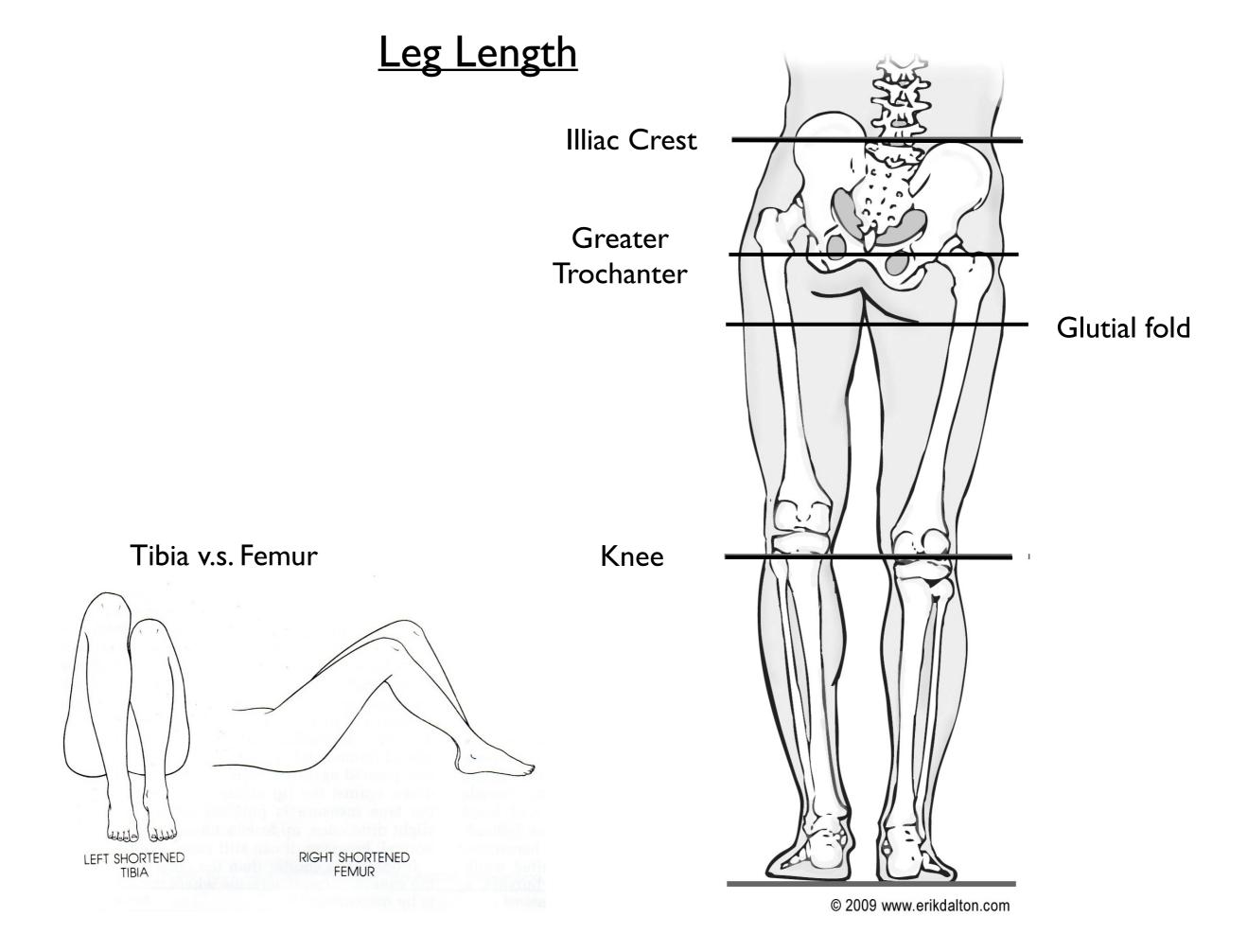
• Trendelenburg Gait

## Leg length Asymmetry

- Structural: Anatomical shortening of one or more bones of the lower extremity

- Functional: Due to Muscle Weakness or Ligament Laxity of SI joint, ankle or foot.

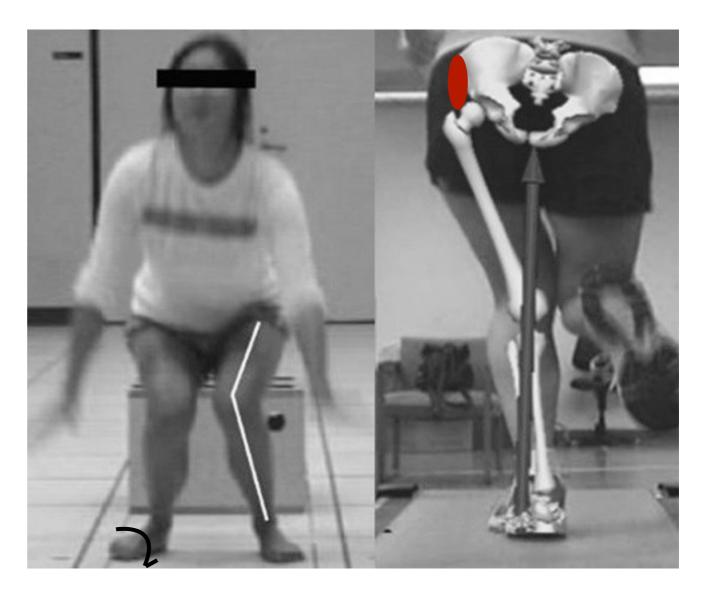
- Compensations include; Spine, Pelvis and Lower extremity.
- Center of gravity shift to short side associated with Scoliosis.
- Symptoms can include foot, ankle, hip or low back pain.
- Treatment includes; heel lifts starting at half the correction and progress slowly.
- Correct over pronation with Orthotics.



## Hip and Knee functional assessment

- Single Leg Squat and Single Leg Lunge
- Double Leg Squat
- 6 inch Step off

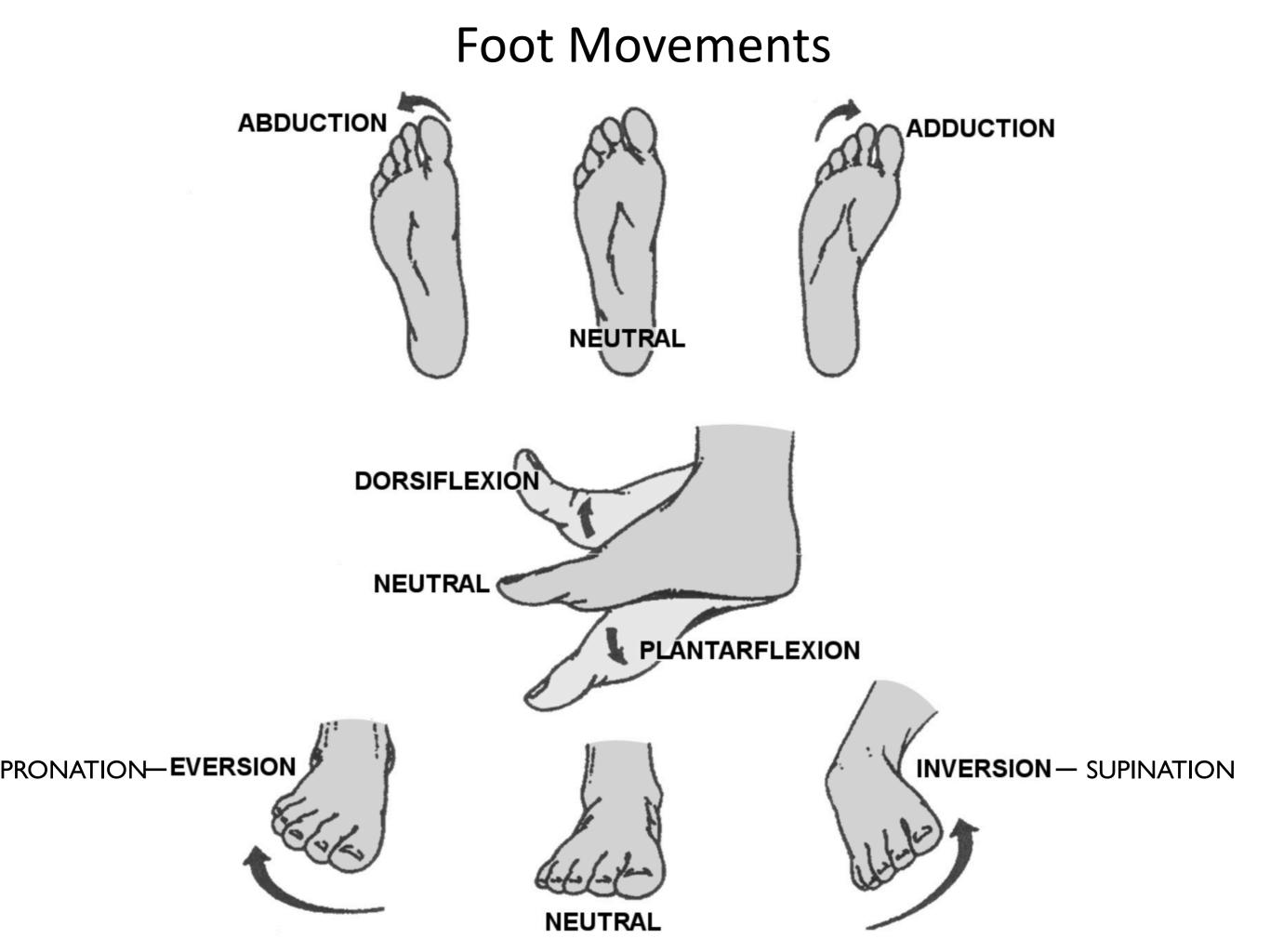
- Pelvic Instability
- Trendelenburg (weak hip adductors)



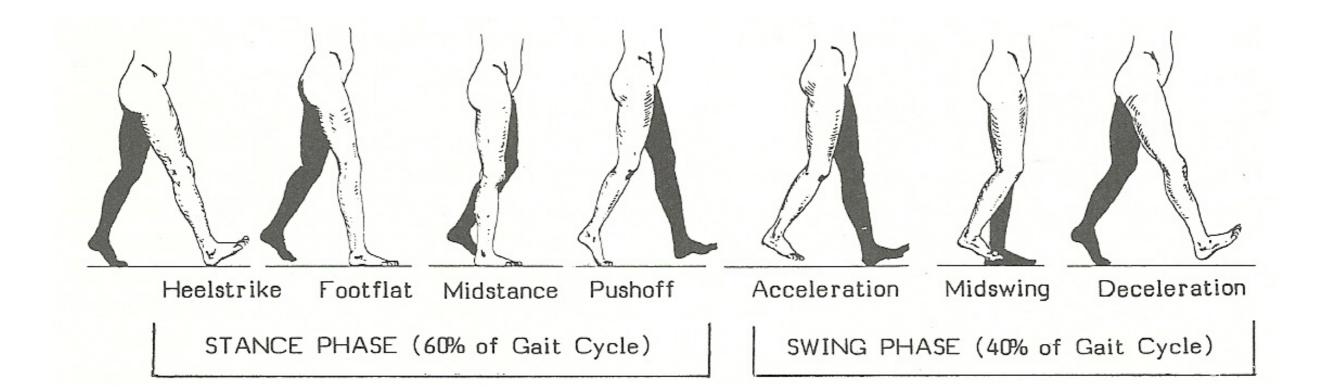
• Trunk Instability

• Valgus knee

• Hyperpronation



## Running / Walking Gait



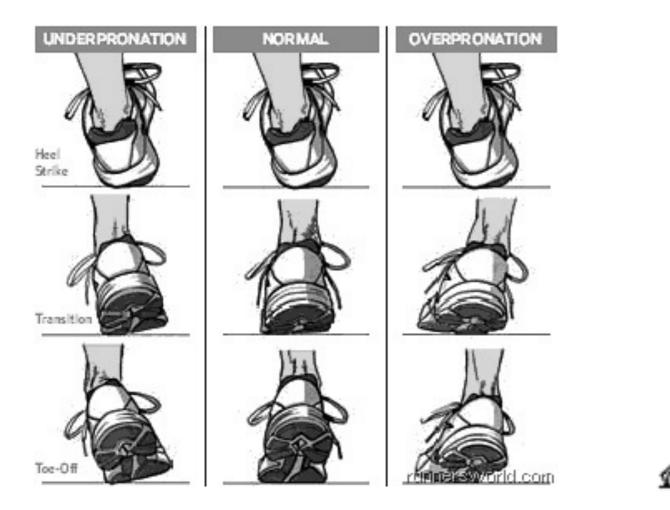
## Foot Biomechanics Gait

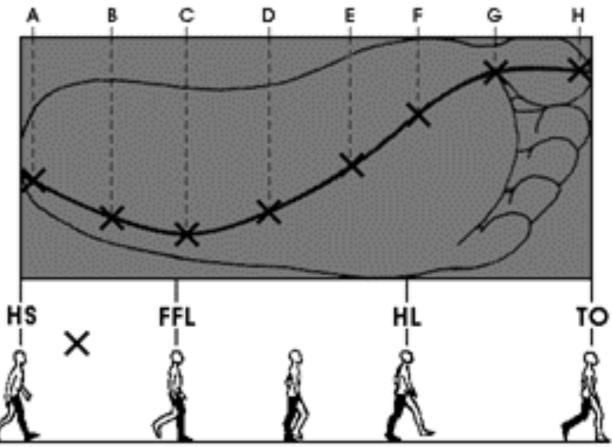
Running/Walking

I. Heel Strike Phase; foot is dorsiflexed and heel lands in Supination at 4 degrees varum.

First half of Stance Phase; foot immediately pronates to absorb shock. This causes ankle dorsiflexion, knee flexion and internal rotation of lower extremity. more shock absorbtion.
 Second half of Stance Phase and Heel lift; Foot begins to resupinate and starts to planter flex becoming more rigid in preparation of toe off.

4. Toe Off; Foot supinates, becoming a rigid platform as the ankle plantarflexes and the lower extremity externally rotates.





## **Over Pronation / Hyperinversion**

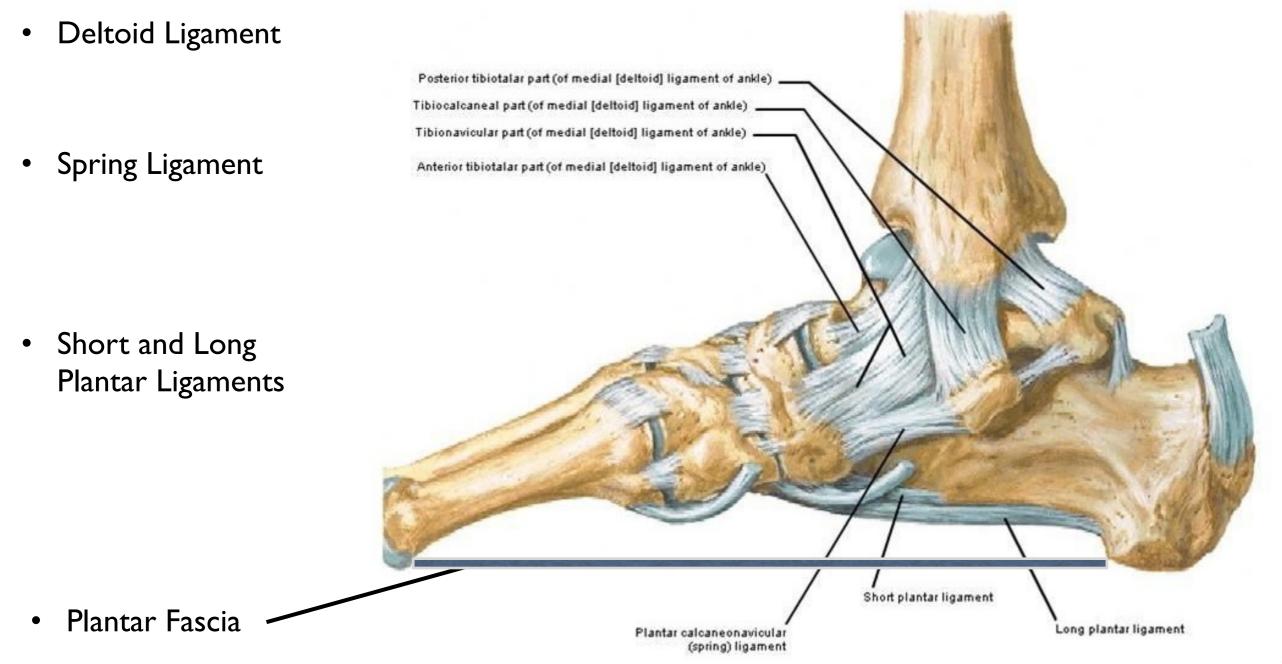
- Low Back and SI Pain
- Periformis Syndrome
- Medial knee pain (meniscus)
- Patella Tracking Dysfunction
- Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome

- Plantar Fascitis
- Hallux Valgus / Bunions
- Shin Splints
- Neuroma
- Achilles Tendonitis

## Contributing Factors to Over Pronation

- Tight Calf Muscles (affect all the same conditions above)
- Ligament Laxity / Hypermobility
- Individual Biomechanics (bone structure)

## Ligaments that control Pronation





### Muscles that lift the Arch

### **Tibialis Anterior**

### **Tibialis Posterior**

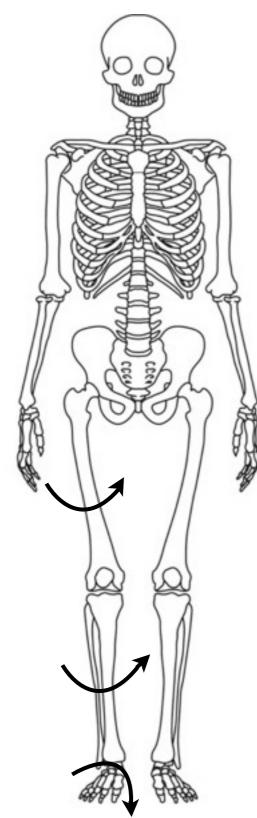


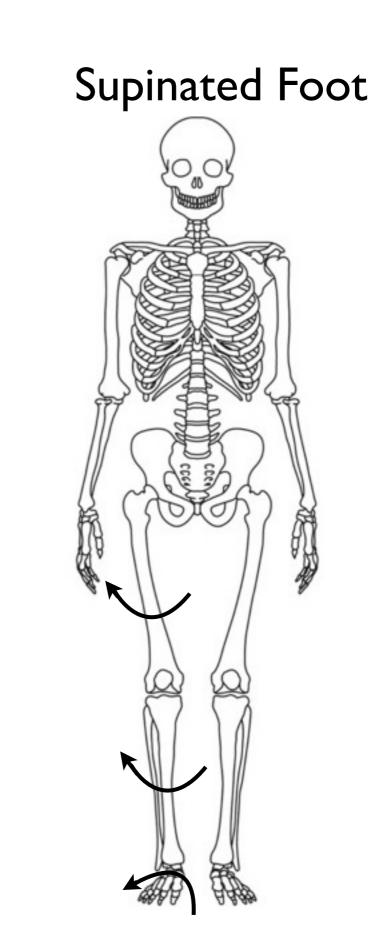
Dorsi flexion and Supination

Plantar Flexion and Supination

## Kinetic Chain effects of Pronation / Supination

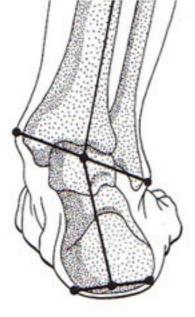
## **Pronated Foot**





### Over Pronated Foot / Sub Talar Eversion

Pes Planas / Flat Foot



Pronation









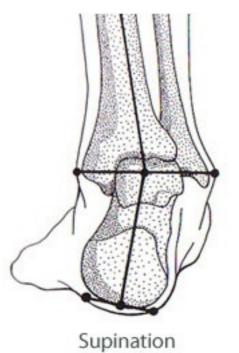


# Supinated Foot

# Pes Cavus / Equine Foot

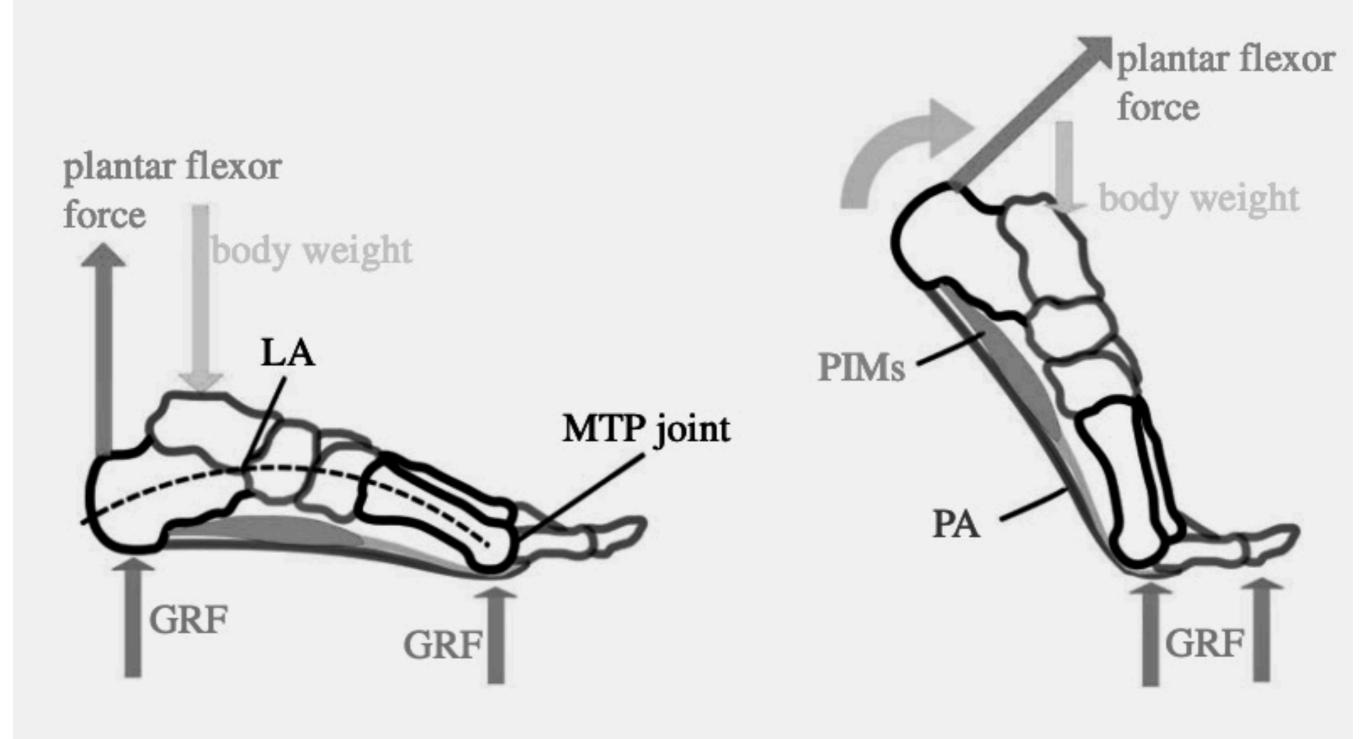


Cavus Foot

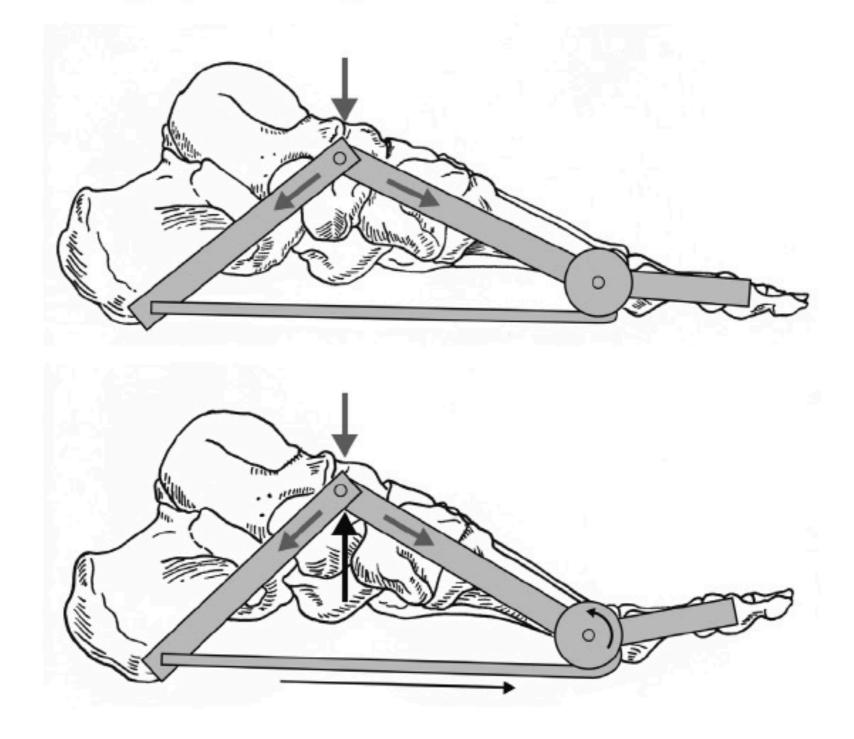


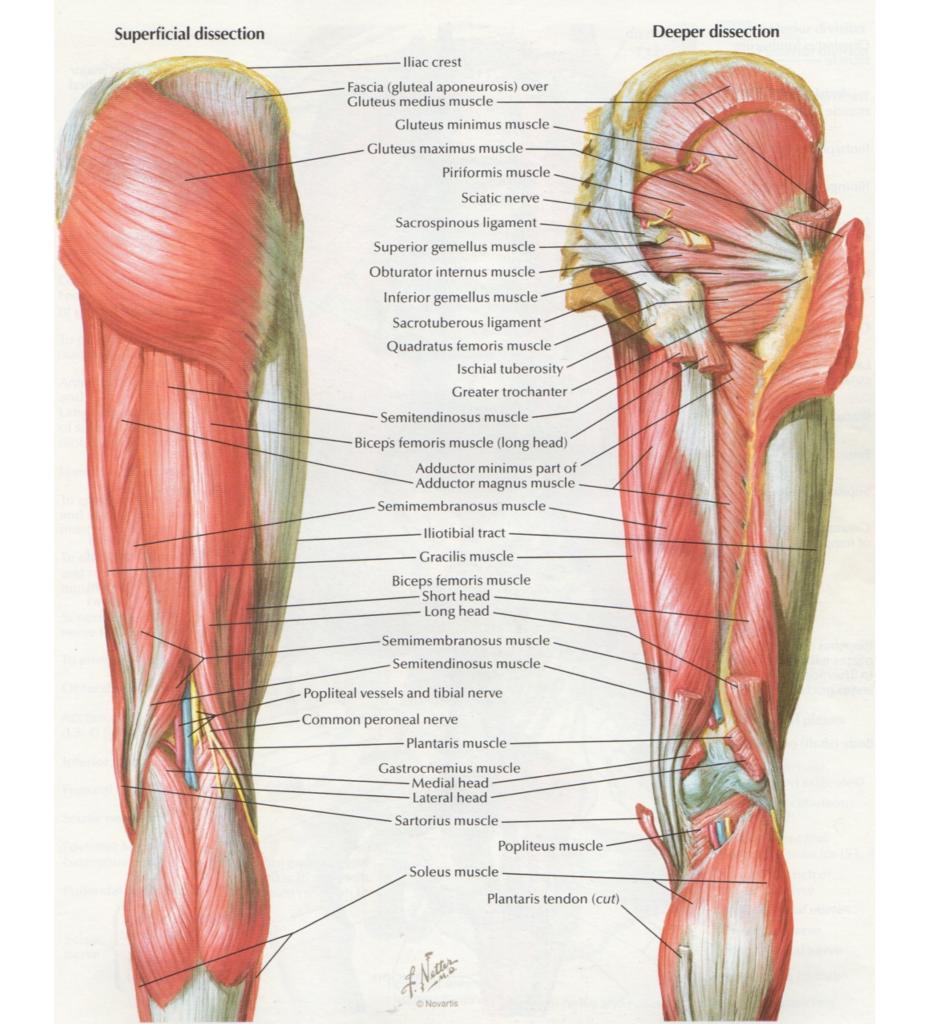


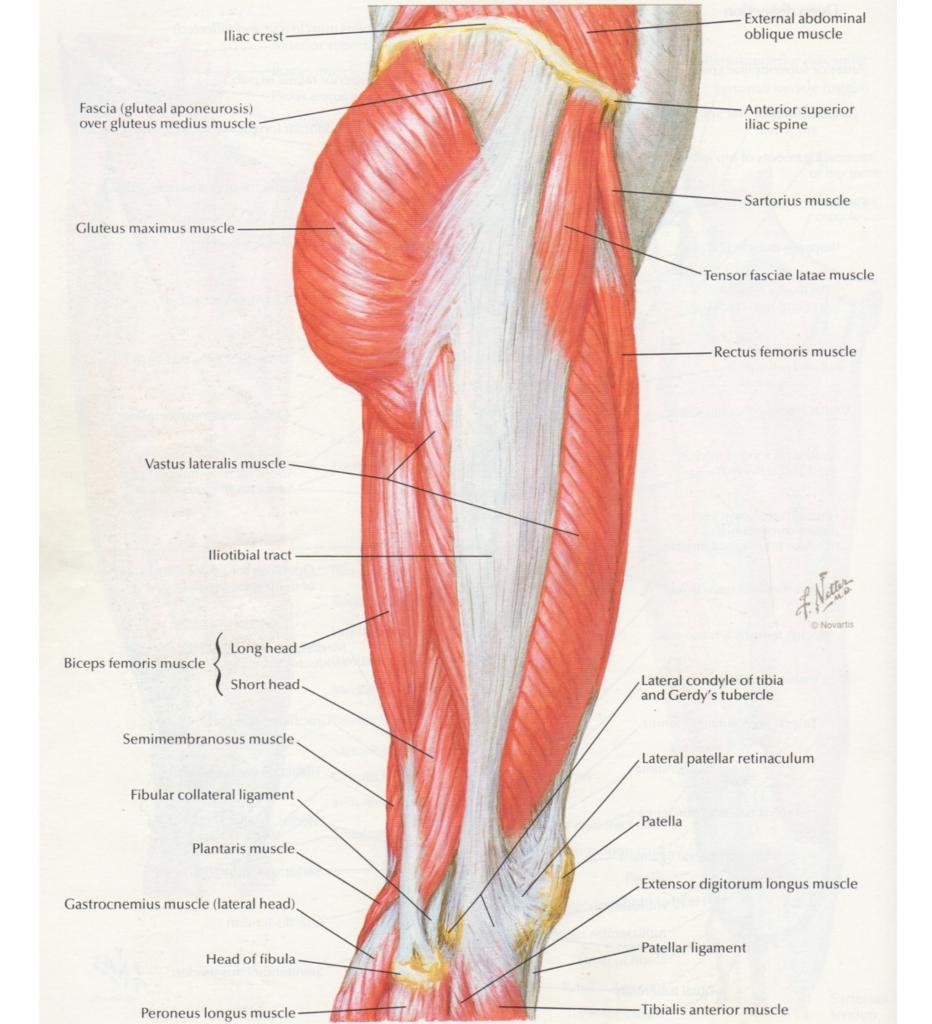
### Windlass Mechanism

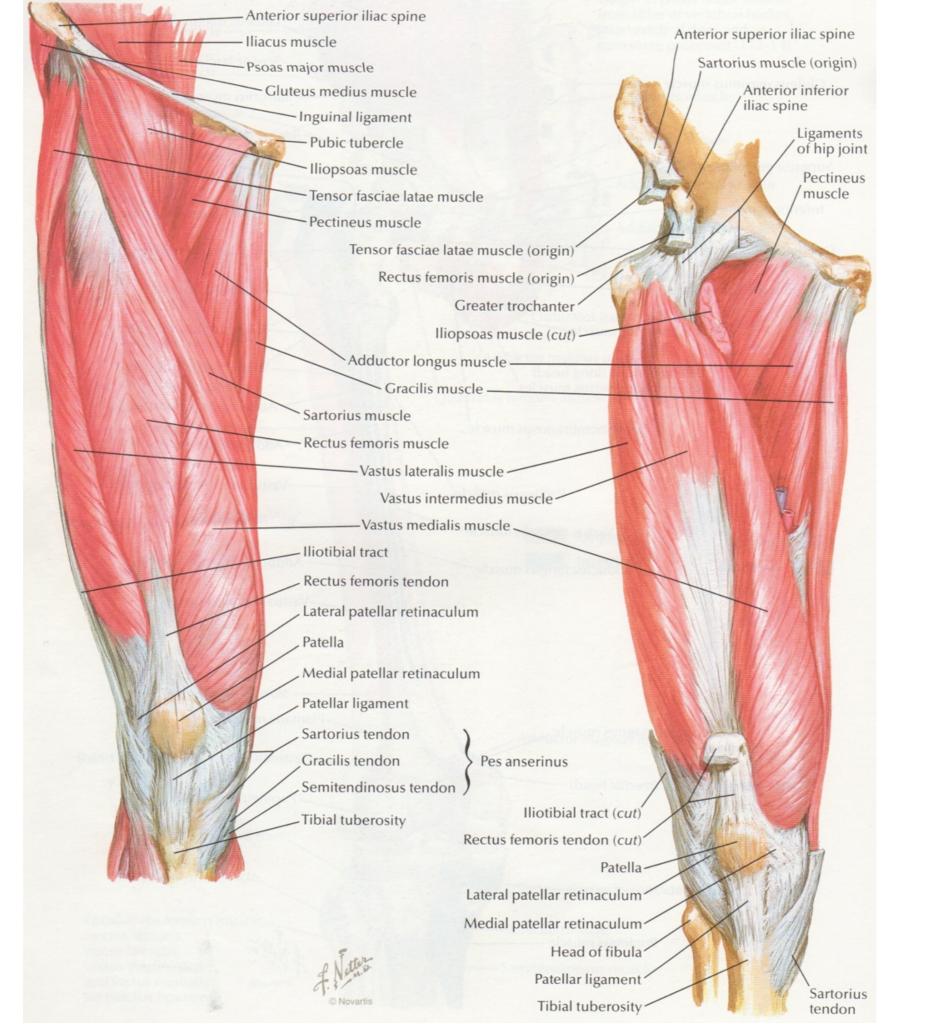


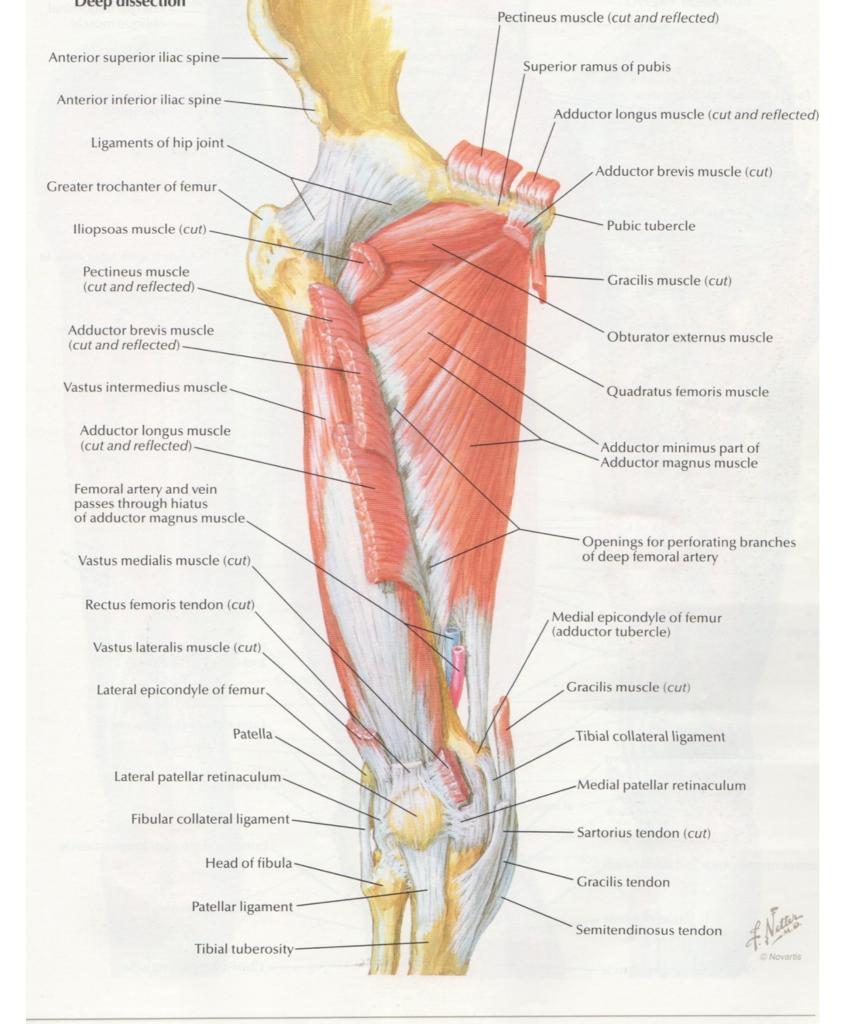
### The 'truss and windlass mechanism' raises arch height, increasing foot stability



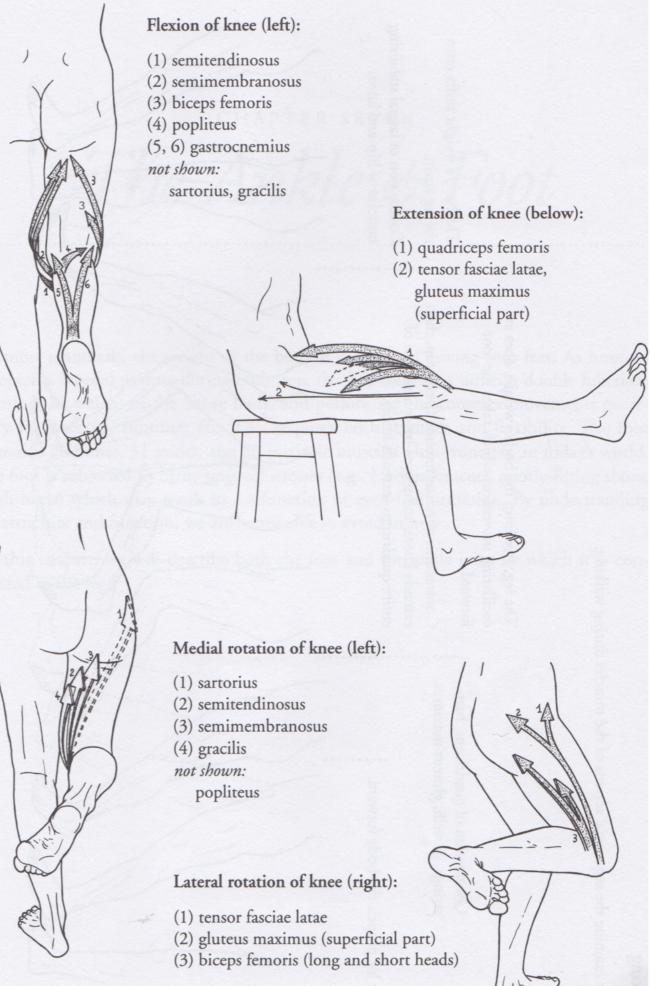




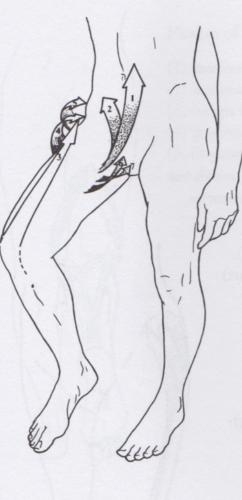




# Summery of Muscle Movements of the Knee



Calais-Germain



#### Summary of movements

We have covered many muscles and movements. Let us summarize the muscles involved in the specific movements of the hip and knee. The arrows represent the forces produced by the various muscles.

#### Flexion of hip (left):

 psoas
 iliacus
 rectus femoris
 tensor fasciae latae
 gluteus minimus and medius (anterior part)
 sartorius
 pectineus not shown: gracilis

#### Extension of hip (right):

gluteus maximus
 biceps femoris (long head)
 semimembranosus
 semitendinosus
 gluteus medius

 (posterior part)
 not shown:
 adductor magnus

#### Abduction of hip (left):

- (1) gluteus medius
- (2) gluteus minimus

(3) tensor fasciae latae, gluteus maximus (superficial part) not shown:

piriformis, obturators, gemelli, sartorius

### Calais-Germain

#### Adduction of hip (left):

adductor magnus
 adductor longus
 adductor brevis
 pectineus
 gracilis
 psoas
 iliacus
 not shown:
 biceps femoris (long head),
 gluteus maximus (deep part)

#### Medial rotation of hip (right):

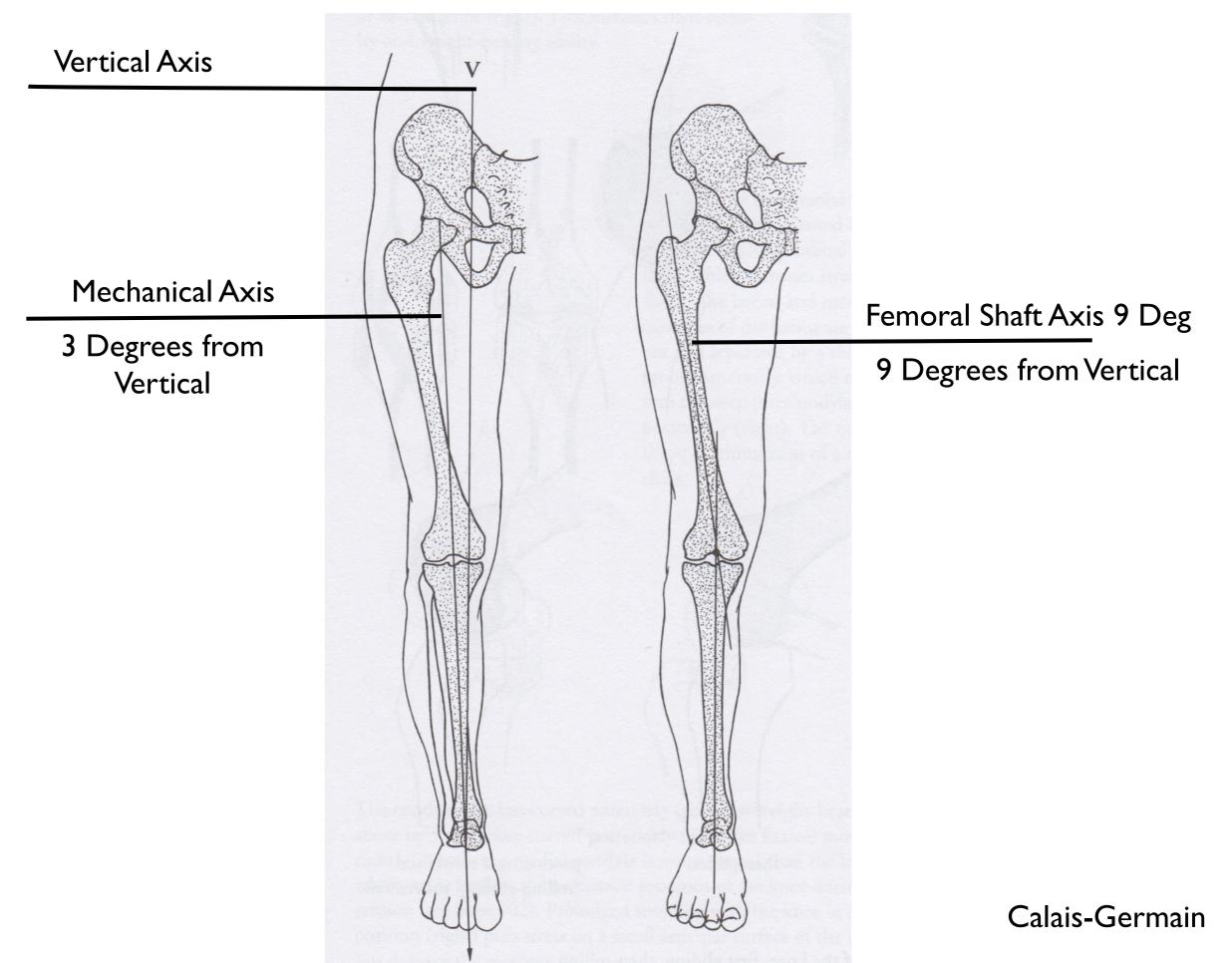
(1) gluteus medius(2) gluteus minimus(3) tensor fasciae latae

Lateral rotation of hip (left):

(1) gluteus maximus *not shown:* 

piriformis, obturators, gemelli, quadratus femoris, biceps femoris (long head), adductors

## Mechanical Longitudinal axis of leg



### **Suggested Reading List:**

The Key Muscles of Yoga by Ray Long MD	Bandhayoga
The Key Poses of Hatha Yoga by Ray Long MD.	Bandhayogq
Anatomy of Movement by Calais-Germain	Eastland
Atlas of Human Anatomy by Frank Netter	Novartis
The Physiology of the Joints by I.A. Kapandji	Churchill Livingstone
Anatomy of Yoga by Paul Grillley	Pranamaya