



Foot Deformities: Understanding Common Conditions and Treatment Options

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Abstract

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Hallux valgus, commonly known as bunions, is a foot deformity characterized by the deviation of the big toe towards the other toes. It often results from genetic factors, ill-fitting shoes, or abnormal foot mechanics. Symptoms include a bony bump at the base of the big toe, pain, redness, and difficulty fitting into footwear. Treatment options range from conservative measures such as wearing wider shoes, using padding, and applying ice, to surgical intervention for severe cases [2-4].

Hammertoes are deformities of the toes, causing them to bend downward at the middle joint. This condition can result from factors like muscle imbalance, improper footwear, or underlying foot structure abnormalities. Hammertoes can cause pain, corns, calluses, and difficulty fitting into shoes. Treatment options include wearing properly fitting shoes, using orthotic devices to provide support, exercises to strengthen foot muscles, and in some cases, surgical correction.

Plantar fasciitis is a condition characterized by inflammation of the plantar fascia, a thick band of tissue running along the bottom of the foot. While it is primarily an inflammatory condition, certain foot mechanics and structural abnormalities can contribute to its development [5-7]. Symptoms include heel pain, particularly in the morning or after a rest. Treatment options involve rest, stretching exercises, orthotic devices, physical therapy, and, in severe cases, medical interventions such as corticosteroid injections or surgery.

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