# Case

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### Judy 40F Teacher Running for losing weight

- first-step pain
- redness, feelings of heat in the heel area
- more than a month
  - No high arches or flat feet
  - No percussion pain
  - Ankle dorsal flexion restriction

X-Ray MR

# Stretching for Plantar Fasciitis

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#### BASIC KNOWLEDGE

**Anatomy & Definition** 

Pathology & Mechanism

**Risks & Symptoms** 

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# **BASIC KNOWLEDGE**





## **Anatomy Review**

**Plantar Fasciitis** 

(pronounced: plantar-fa-shee-eye-tis)



 It is a broad band of connective tissue that supports the arch of the foot.

- It attaches proximally to the medial tubercle of the calcaneus.
- It divides into five digital bands that insert to the base of the periosteum of the proximal phalanx of each toe and the metatarsal heads.

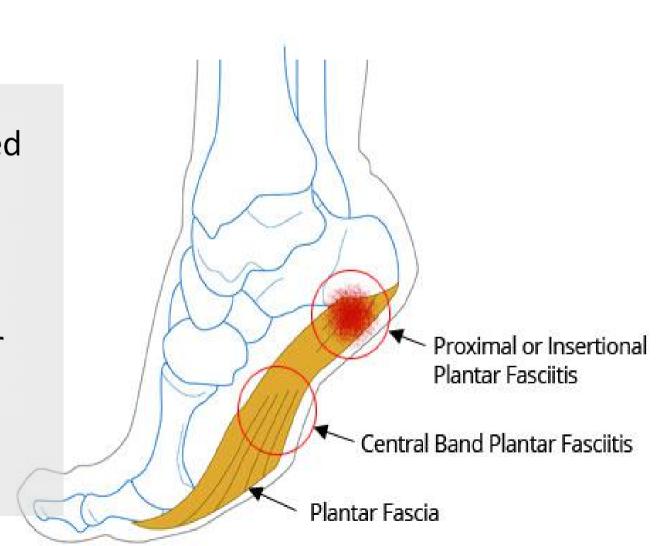
From:https://heelthatpain.com/plantar-fasciitis/ Ref: S Cutts, 2012

# Definition

# Plantar fasciitis is more correctly termed fasciosis

because of

- the chronicity of the disease
- the evidence of **degeneration** rather than inflammation

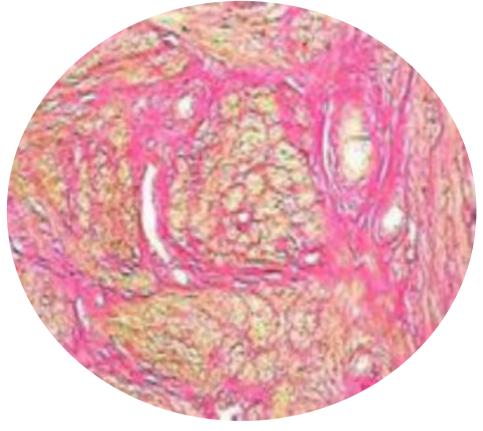


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ref:Plantar Fasciitis: A Concise Review, 2014

## **Pathological Phenomena**

#### **Collagen degeneration**



Excessive proliferation and calcification of vascular fibroblasts

#### **Disorganized of fibers**

#### Increase of myxoid stroma

ref:Plantar Fasciitis: A Concise Review, 2014

## **Risk Factors**

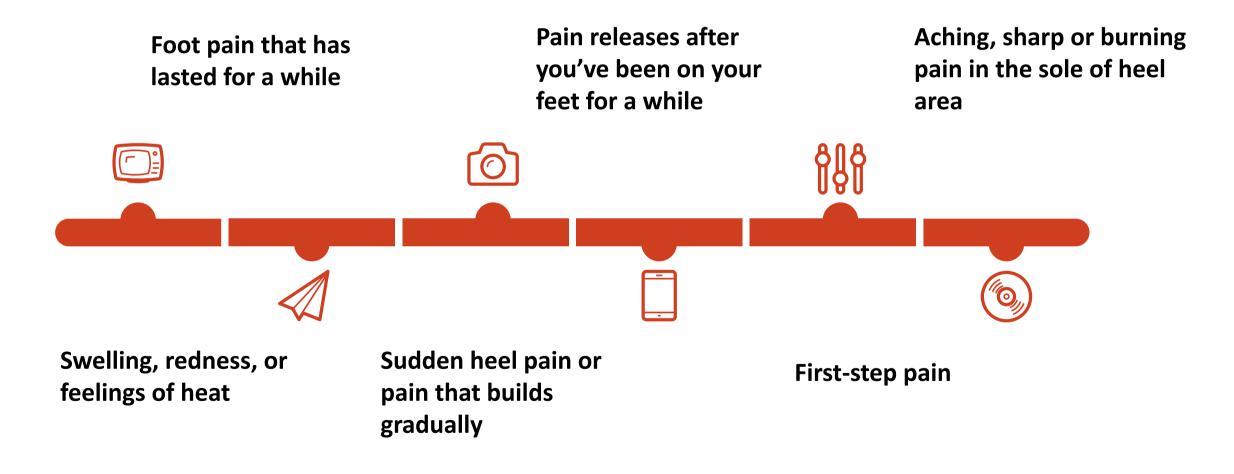
Risk factors for plantar fasciitis	
Intrinsic risk factors	
Anatomic	Obesity
	Flat feet
	High-arched feet
	Shortened Achilles tendon
Biomechanic	Overpronation
	Limited ankle dorsiflexion
	Weak intrinsic muscles
	Weak plantar flexor muscles
Extrinsic risk factors	
Environmental	Poor biomechanics or alignment
	Deconditioning
	Hard surface
	Walking barefoot



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## **Clinical Symptoms**





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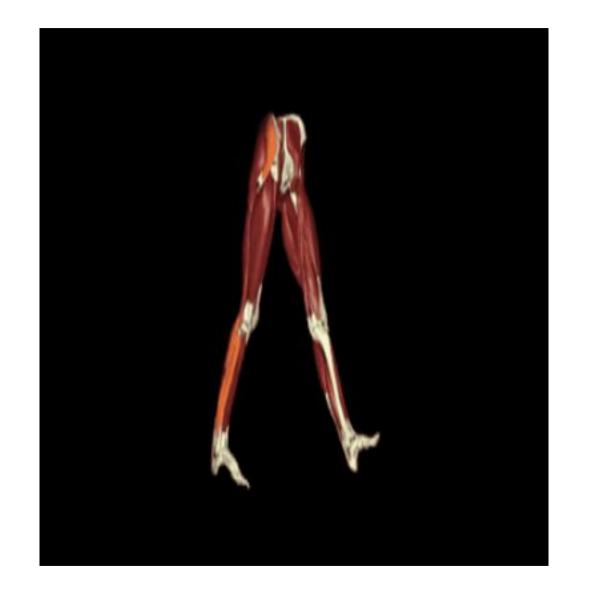
### Mechanism

Ankle dorsiflexion about 10-15°

reduce the tension of the plantar fascia

- If ankle was limited ,the cushion will be compensated by MP joints dorsiflexion
- Plantar fascia stretch increased

Long-term, sustained force under the action of the foot bottom, fascia are highly susceptible to damage







# TREATMENT

### **Patient-directed Treatment**







#### Rest Activity modification

# Ice Massage

### Orthotics

ref:JAMES D.American Family Physician,2011

### **Patient-directed Treatment**

# Stretching Technique

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ing techniques strength training neuromuscular control training Weight loss

ref: JAMES D.American Family Physician, 2011

#### **Benefits of Stretching**

Restore and maintain the porper length of muscles, muscle tendons and ligments

#### Abrupt the adhesions

#### Maintain or increase ROM

Ref: Dean Huffer, 2016 Pic: www.naturalbalances.co.uk

Decrease the muscle tension

# Contraindication

- **Severe pain**
- **Severe osteoporosis**
- □ Fresh fracture
- □ Acute inflammation、infection、
- hematoma、 Tissue trauma around joint
- □ Within a month after the nerve
- anastomosis

Ref:刘瑞莲.中国老年学杂志.2015



#### **Towel stretching training**

- Long-sitting position, ues the towel to surround the forefoot.
- Hold the end of the towel,pull it cephalad to dorsiflexing the foot.
- Hold it for 15s, then rest for 10s,
   do it 3 times per day



Ref: Danilo H, 2016 Pic: www.bicycling.com

#### **Step stretching training**

- Standing on a step with armrests assisted.
- Ues your body weight to allow the heel down onto the ground slowly.
- Maintain it for 15s, and then slowly return to the starting position.

➢ repeat it 3-5 per day



Ref: Aifang Cai, 2015 Pic: www.ilovebicycling.com

#### Gastrocnemius muscle stretching

- Placing your arms in front of you and against the wall
- Affected leg backwards
- Squat, do not allow your heel leave

the ground

- Hold for 15s, then relax for 10s
- Repeat 3-5 times per day







#### **Soleus stretching training**

- Placing your arm in front of you and against the wall
- Affected leg backwards. Bend knees to squat position
- Squat until you can feel the stretch
- ➢ Hold for 15s, then relax
- Repeat 3-5 times per day







Ref:CAI Aifang.Hubei sports science,2015 Pic: http://cn.bing.com

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