

MINIMALLY
INVASIVE FOOT
AND ANKLE
SURGERY

PERIOP CONNECT
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THANK YOU!



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Congratulations...

For Being Here on a
Saturday!

Mobility is Medicine

What we do TOGETHER on
any given weekday has HUGE
implications in people's lives

It's a privilege to share space
on these TEAMS of people

Important to Remember: Success Requires Work

Safety Requires Systems

The SYSTEMS in place

- "Personalities"
- Paperwork
- Safety protocols
- Standardizations

Might not always seem necessary

- Extra Work?
- Extra Time?
- Extra Hassle?

"Dad: That's a little see a little EXTRA..."

- Eyeroll

At the End of the Day...
Who would you rather fly with?



LET'S TALK ABOUT FEET !

"DOC - WHY FEET???"

WHAT'S EXCITING ABOUT FEET?

"Summer Toes Deformity"

Some Are Here, Some Are There...



What do we
do in Foot
and Ankle?

Confusing

Mysterious

Multifocal

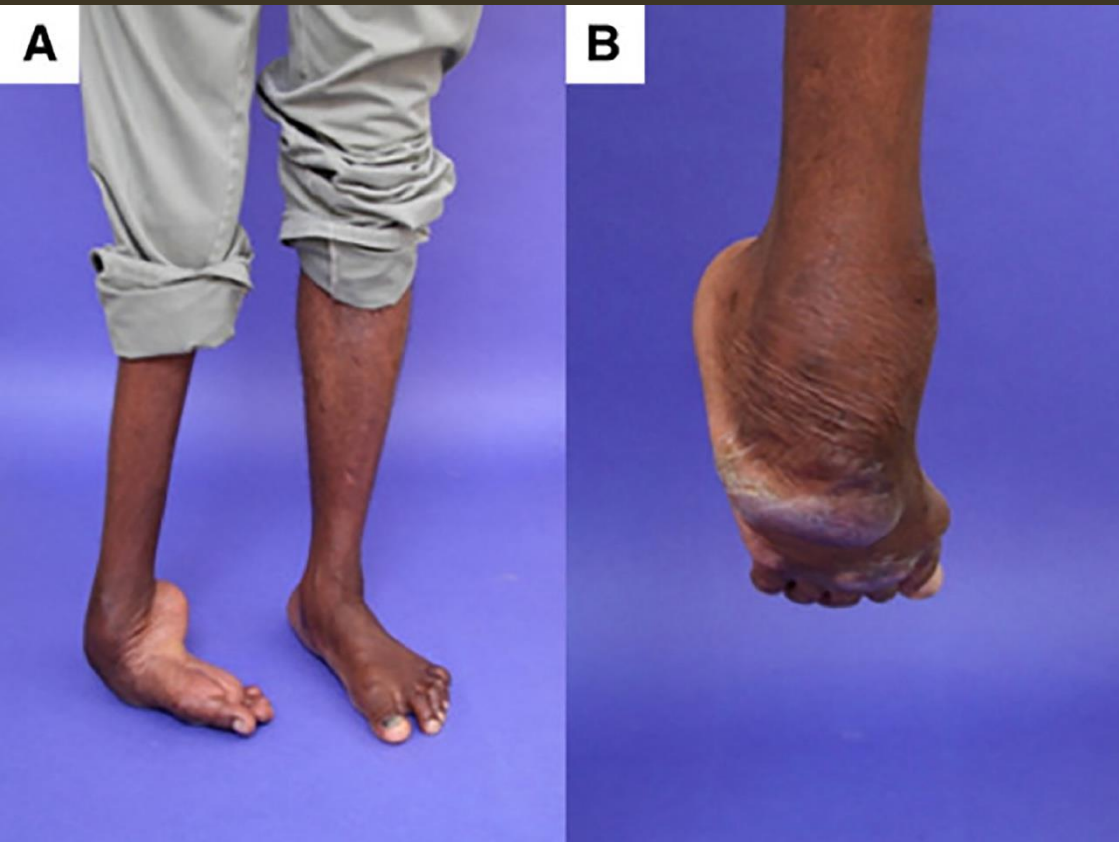
Why is Foot Surgery Interesting?

- We NEED These Things!!!
- Have you Ever Tried to Walk on your Hands?!?

- **More Than Just Bunions and Hammertoes...**

- Trauma
- Sports
- Joint Replacement
- Arthritic Pain
- Forefoot Deformity
- Neurologic Deformity

PTT Transfer 6 weeks out (2)



Diaphragms are a pain in the butt.

*Maybe you're putting it
in the wrong place.*



IF DEFORMITY AND DIVERSITY DON'T EXCITE YOU...Maybe you're in the wrong place

- BUT MAYBE PROGRESS AND EVOLUTION WILL EXCITE YOU!
- MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY IS WHAT'S NEW AND HOT IN FOOT AND ANKLE

GOALS

TALK ABOUT FOOT SURGERY IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU GROSSED OUT OR BORED.

OVERVIEW OF MIS CONCEPTS IN FOOT AND ANKLE

THREE AREAS OF IMPACT

- FOREFOOT SURGERY
- TRAUMASURGERY
- DEFORMITY CORRECTION

CASE EXAMPLES

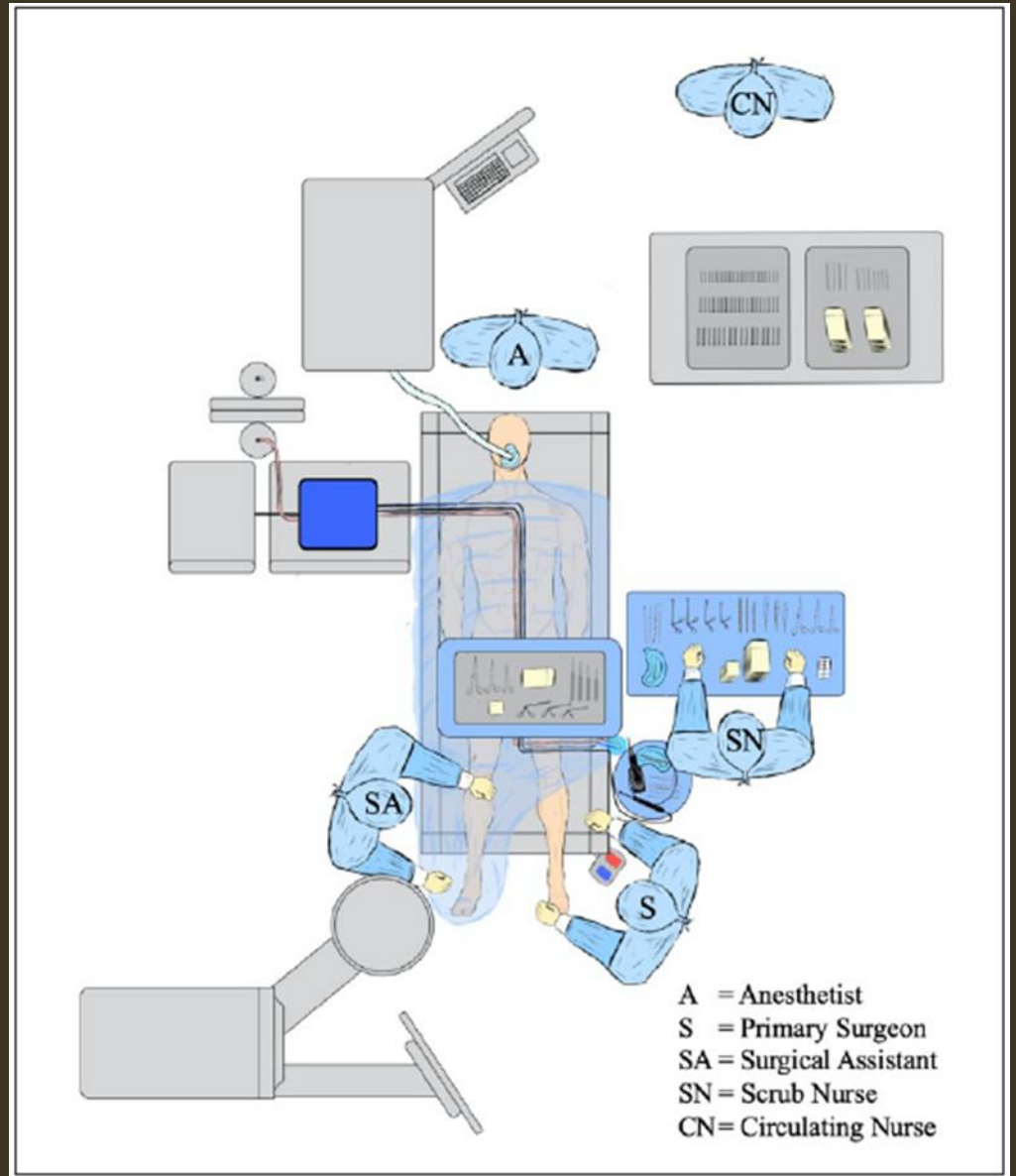
Foot & Ankle MIS

- Advantages of F&A percutaneous & MIS approaches
 - Tiny incisions/scars
 - Cosmetically pleasing
 - Less dissection & disruption of soft tissues/blood supply
 - Decreased postop pain/swelling
 - Decreased joint stiffness
 - Quicker healing, earlier time to weightbearing/activity



- ❑ Position foot off end of bed
- ❑ Frog-leg non-op extremity, or place off extra arm board
- ❑ No tourniquet, slight head-down Trendelenburg table positioning
- ❑ Position mini c-arm for minimal manipulation & clear screen visibility
- ❑ Fluoro & power pedals side-by-side
- ❑ Draw landmarks





Dedicated Instrumentation for MIS:



Hammertoe, Akinette
Ø2 x 8mm – Cutting



Calcaneal Slide
Ø3 x 20mm – Cutting



Akin, DMMO
Ø2.0 x 12mm – Cutting



Cheilectomy, Osteophyte
Ø3.1 x 13mm – Shaving



Bunion, Joint Prep
Ø2.2 x 22mm – Cutting



Cheilectomy, Osteophyte
Ø4.1 x 13mm – Shaving

- Surgical knife
- Elevators
- Rasp
- Fluoroscopy

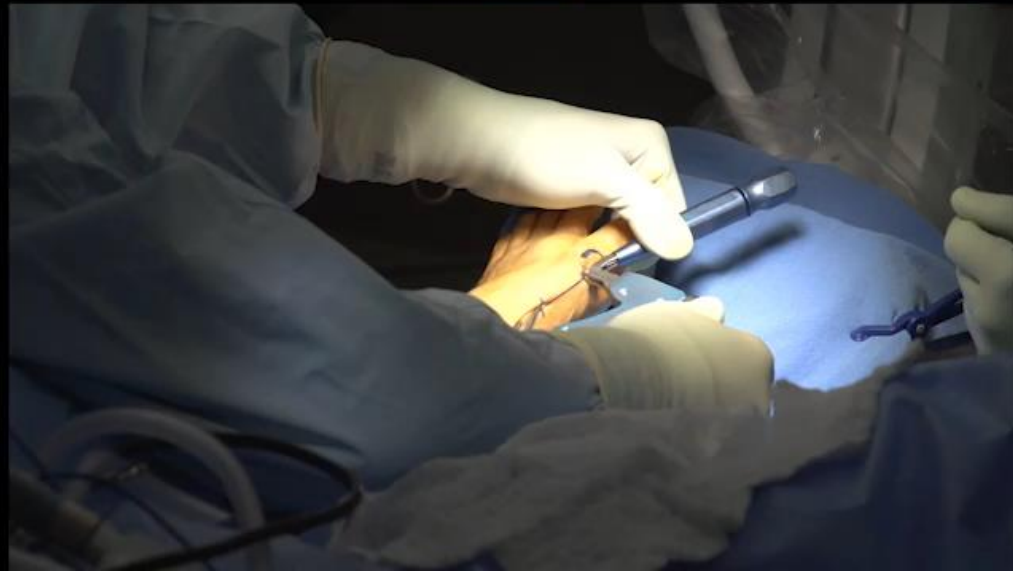
- Shannon Bur(R)
 - 2x8, 2x12, 2x20 mm

- High torque, low speed burr
 - 5000 RPM

- Transverse
First
Metatarsal
Osteotomy



Percutaneous Transverse Osteotomy Technique









6 weeks postop follow-up
visit

□ Why MIS/perc over traditional open techniques?

- ✓ Less pain
- ✓ Less joint stiffness
- ✓ Improved cosmesis
- ✓ Decreased OR time
- ✓ Early weightbearing
- ✓ Less overall complications



Traditional
Open



Percutaneous



Does MIS
Foot Surgery
apply to
Trauma??

It's not just for
Bunions anymore!

Ankle Fractures

Achilles Ruptures

Very
Common
Ankle
Fracture
Pattern

"Slip and Trip" Community Fall

Minimally displaced Fibular
fracture

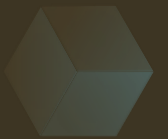
Wide medial clear space

Syndesmotic and/or Deltoid
ligament injury

Possible cartilage damage

A number of ways to fix this...

- Casting
- ORIF - "Plates and Screws", standard open technique
- Minimally Invasive





A less common but evolving approach to this common problem...

Minimally Invasive Ankle Fracture fixation:

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graph TD; A[Minimally Invasive Ankle Fracture fixation:] --> B[1. +/- Ankle Arthroscopy]; B --> C[2. Fibular Nail fixation]; C --> D[3. Flexible Syndesmotic Fixation];
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1. +/- Ankle Arthroscopy

2. Fibular Nail fixation

3. Flexible Syndesmotic Fixation







High Transverse Fibula Fracture
Credit Dr. William Crawford

Case # 6 – The "Complicated Trimall"

- Higher level or comminuted Fibula
- Dislocation with Posterior Malleolar Component



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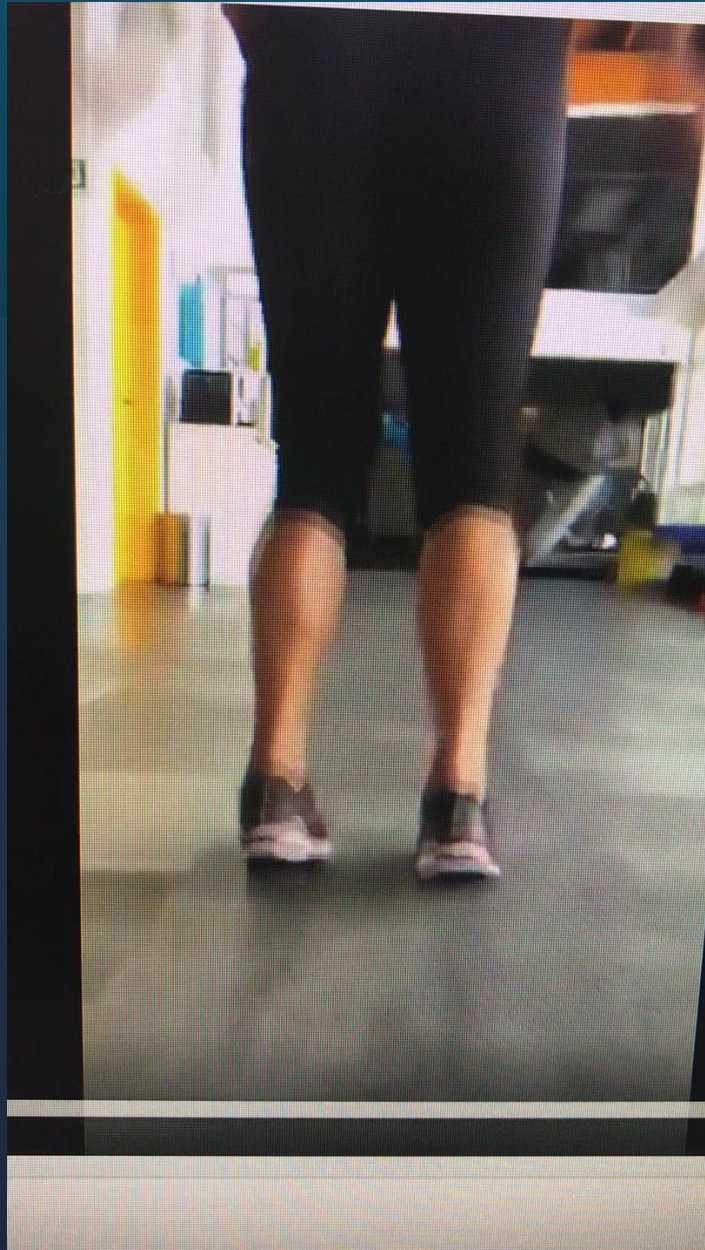


Case # 6



What About Achilles Ruptures?



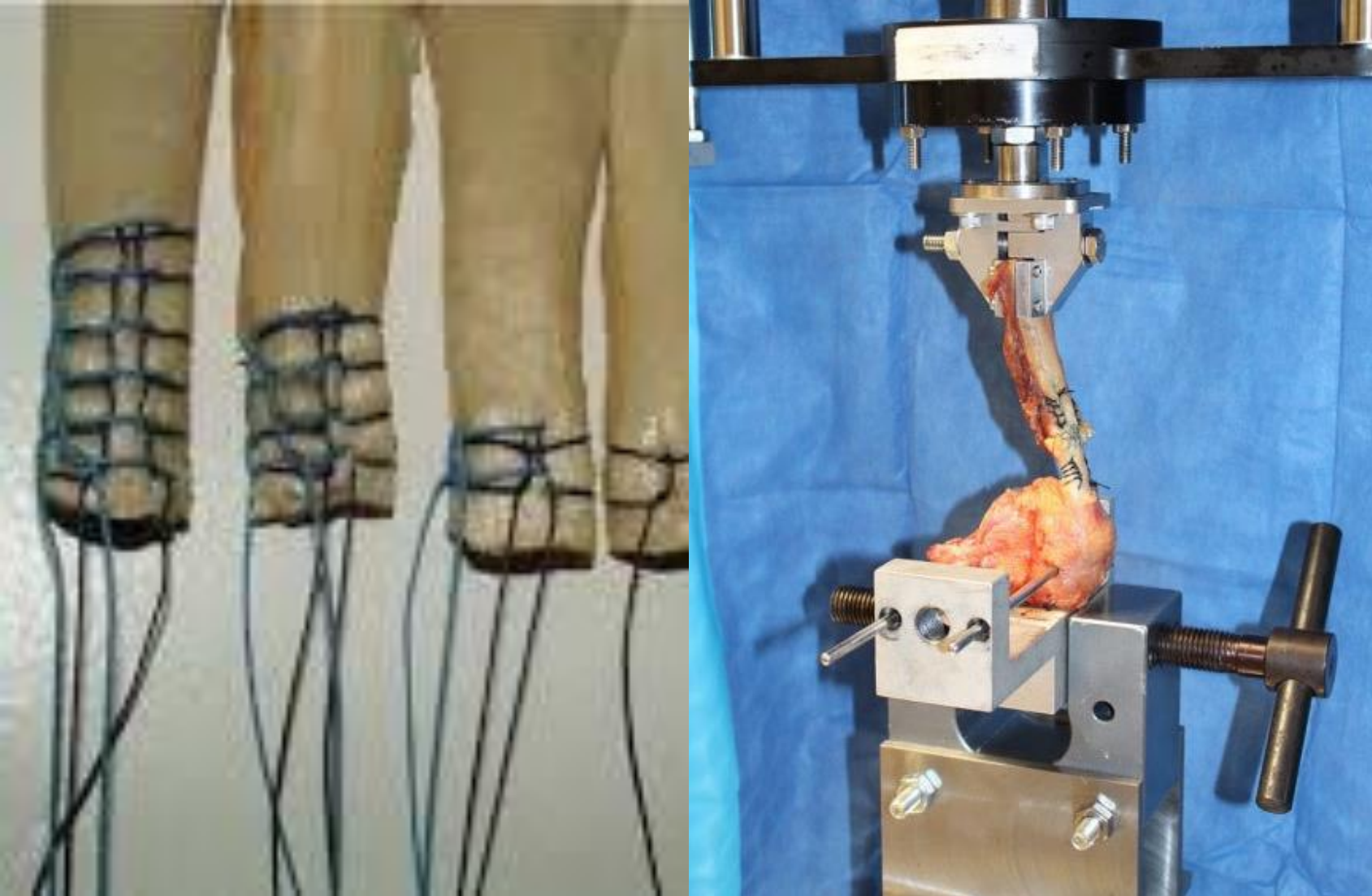




Fairly Easy to Diagnose

- History and Physical
- Palpable Gap
- Weakness
- “Thompson Test”



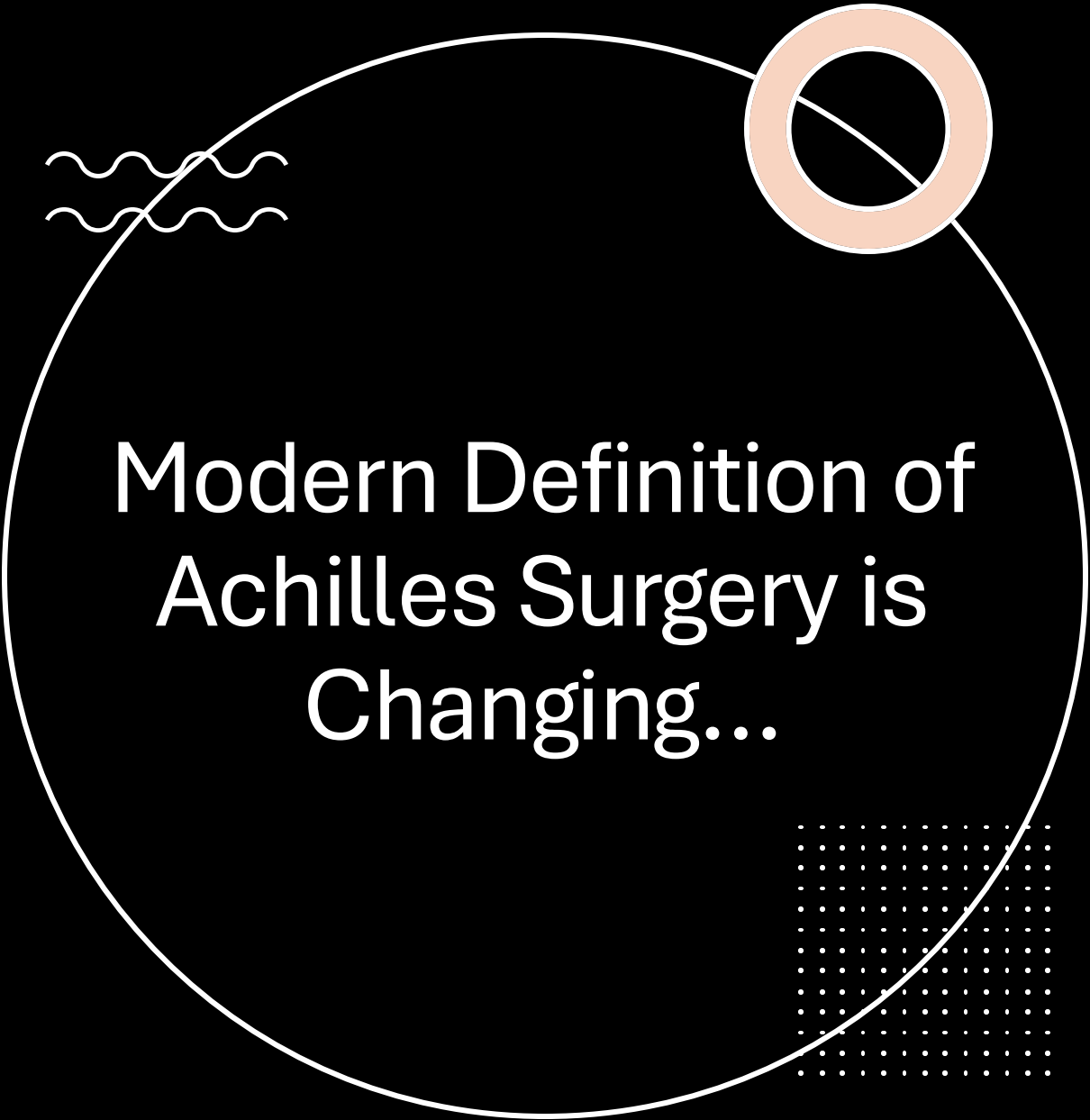


There HAS been some Evolution in Achilles Fixation



Scars can Cause Pain...

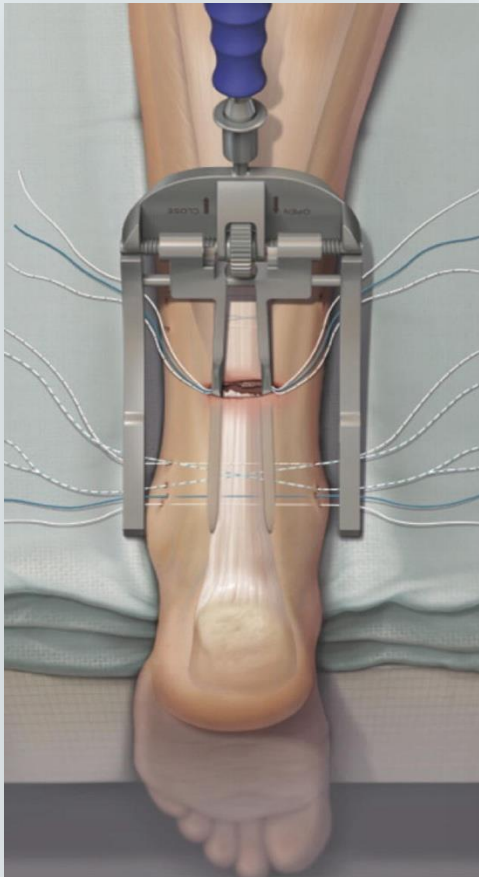


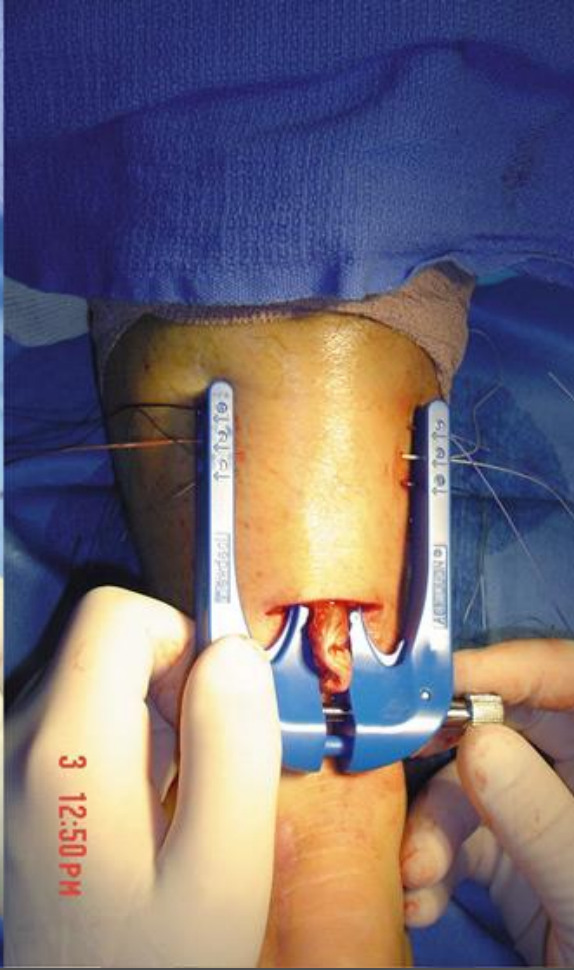


Modern Definition of
Achilles Surgery is
Changing...

- As in virtually all of Orthopedic Sports Medicine, the science and Surgical perspective on Achilles repair has **evolved into a Minimalistic Approach**

Evolution of Instruments and Techniques





WHAT ABOUT
MIS
DEFORMITY
CORRECTION?



36 YO FEMALE, 15 YRS S/P LAWNMOWER TRAUMA





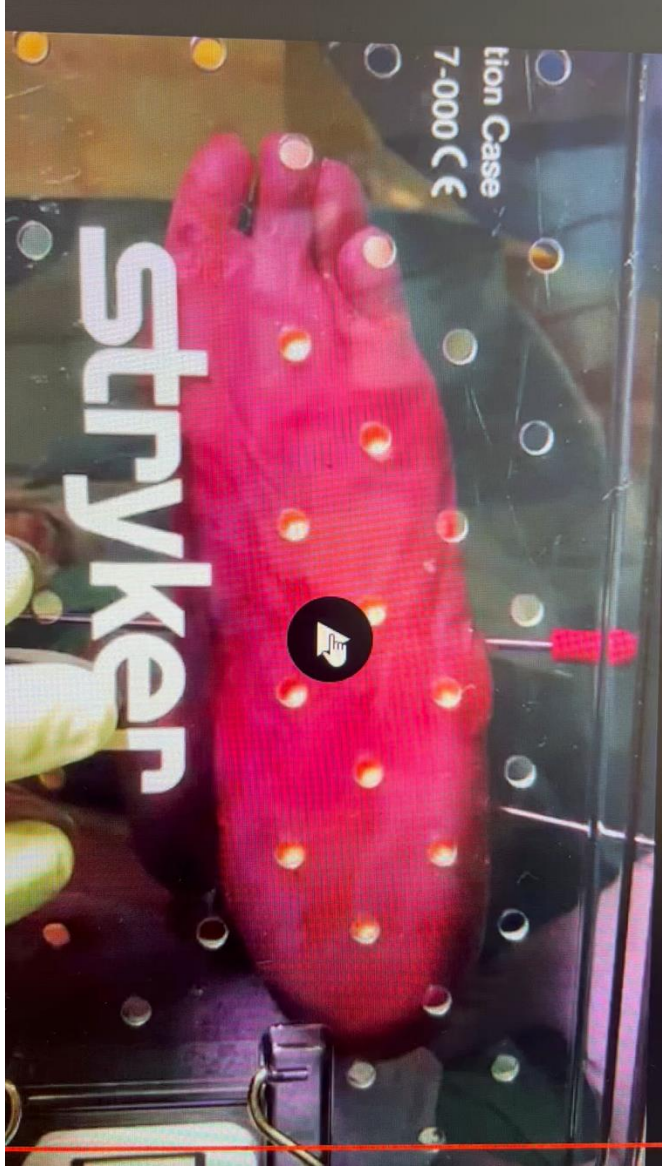


OPTIONS

- Amputation
 - Poor pulse,
chronic dermatitis
- Revision

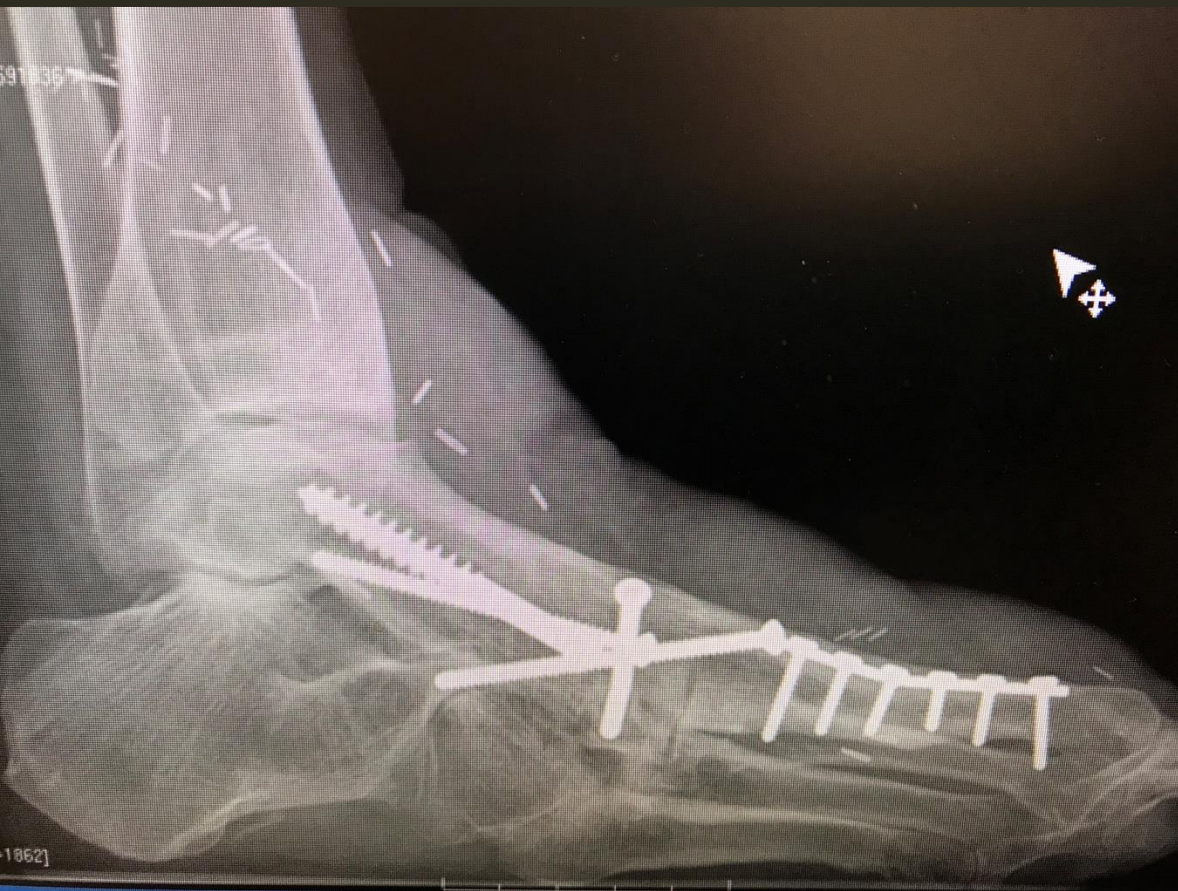








Pre v Post





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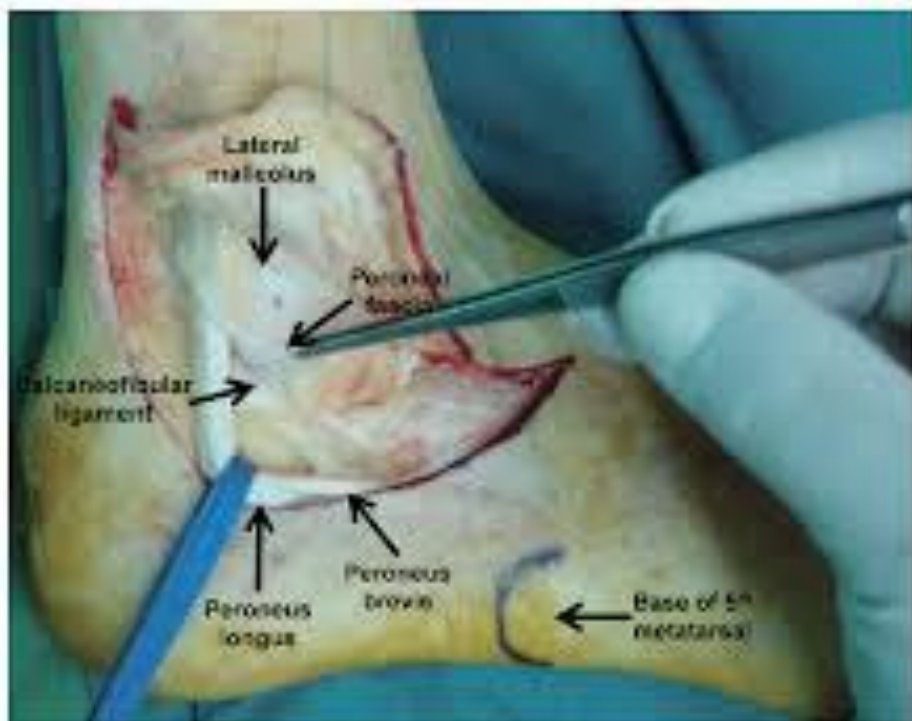


FIG. 6





WHERE THIS
REALLY GETS
EXCITING...

IS APPLYING THIS **EVOLVED**
MIS TECHNIQUE TO THE
MOST FRAIL OF OUR
PATIENTS

Dynamic. Decisive. Dedicated.



Minimally Invasive TTC Fusions: A 52 Patient Case Series with High Rate of Limb Salvage

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Goals/Aims

- Evaluate outcomes following MIS TTC fusion
- Fusion rate
- Complications

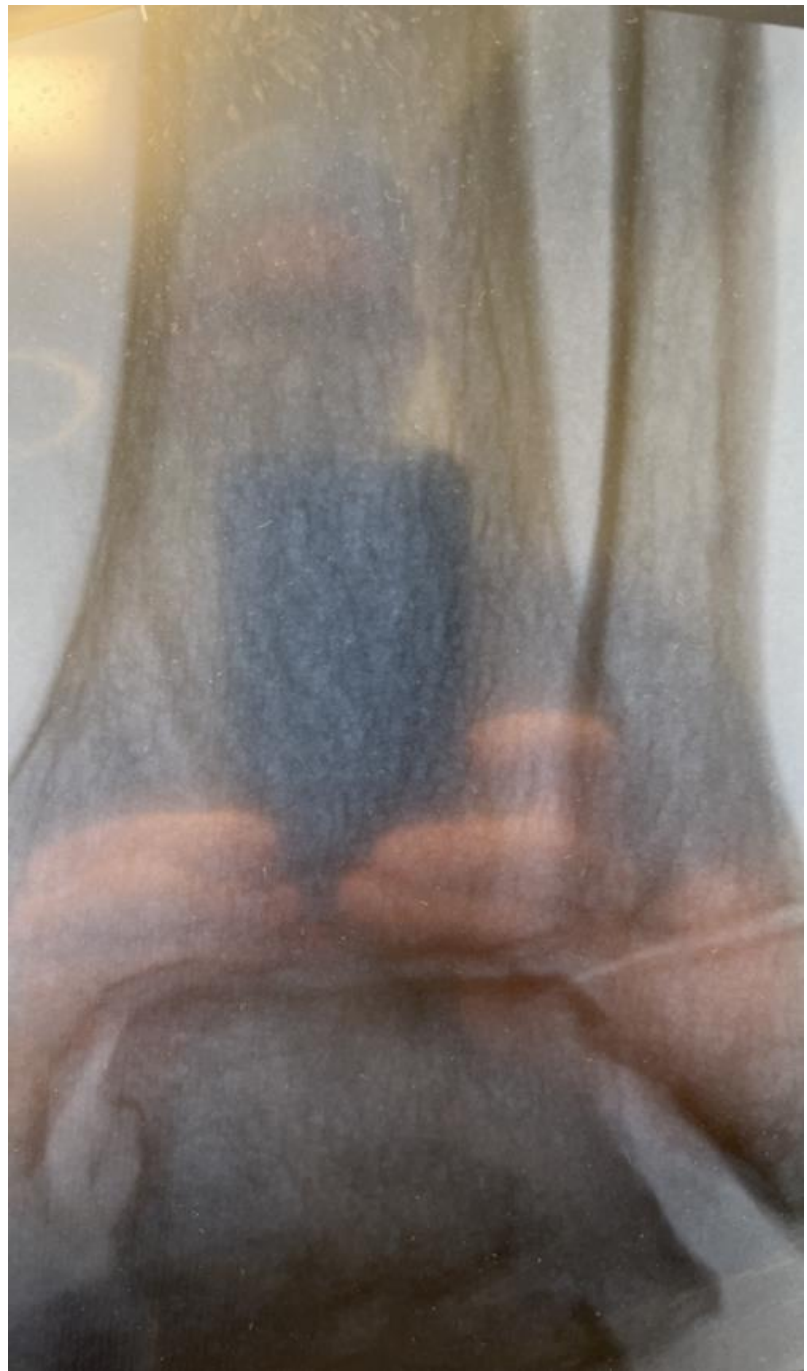
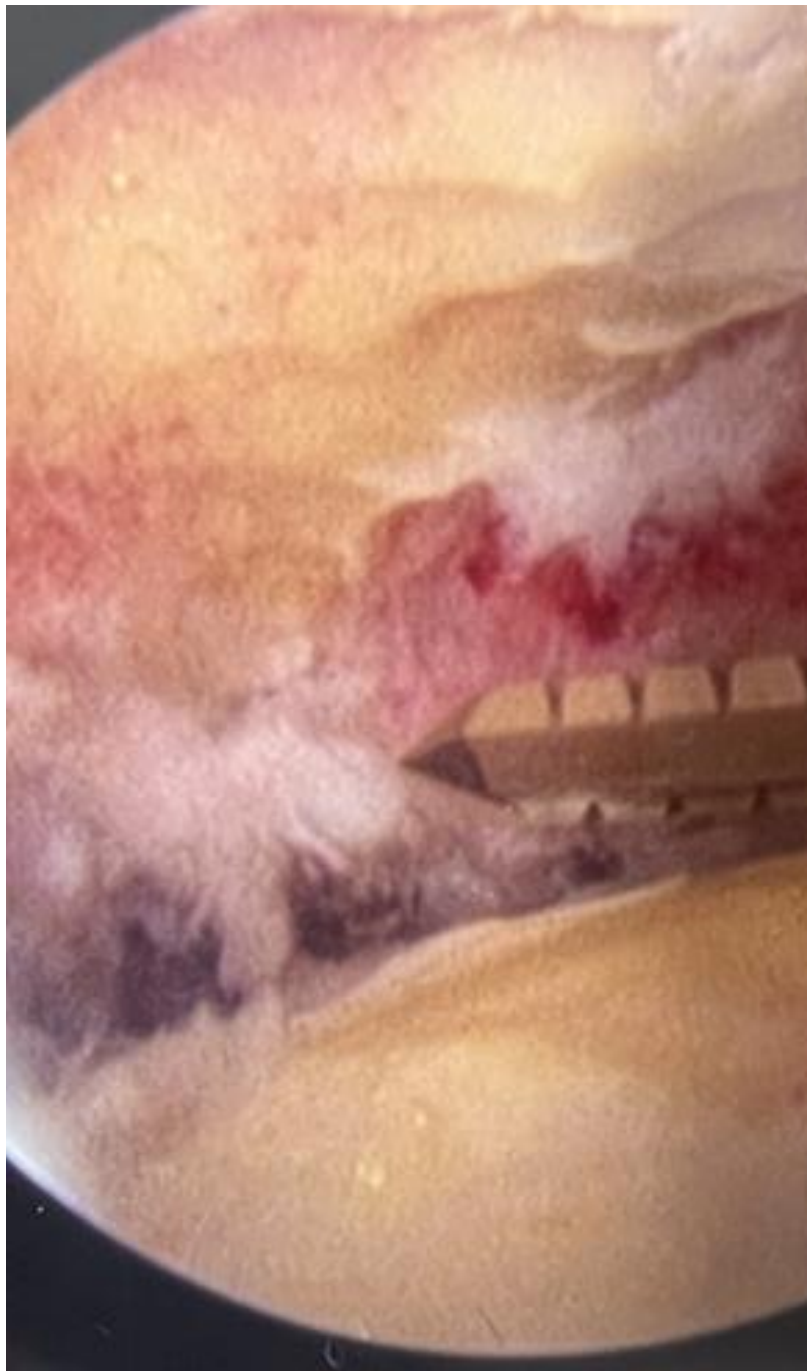


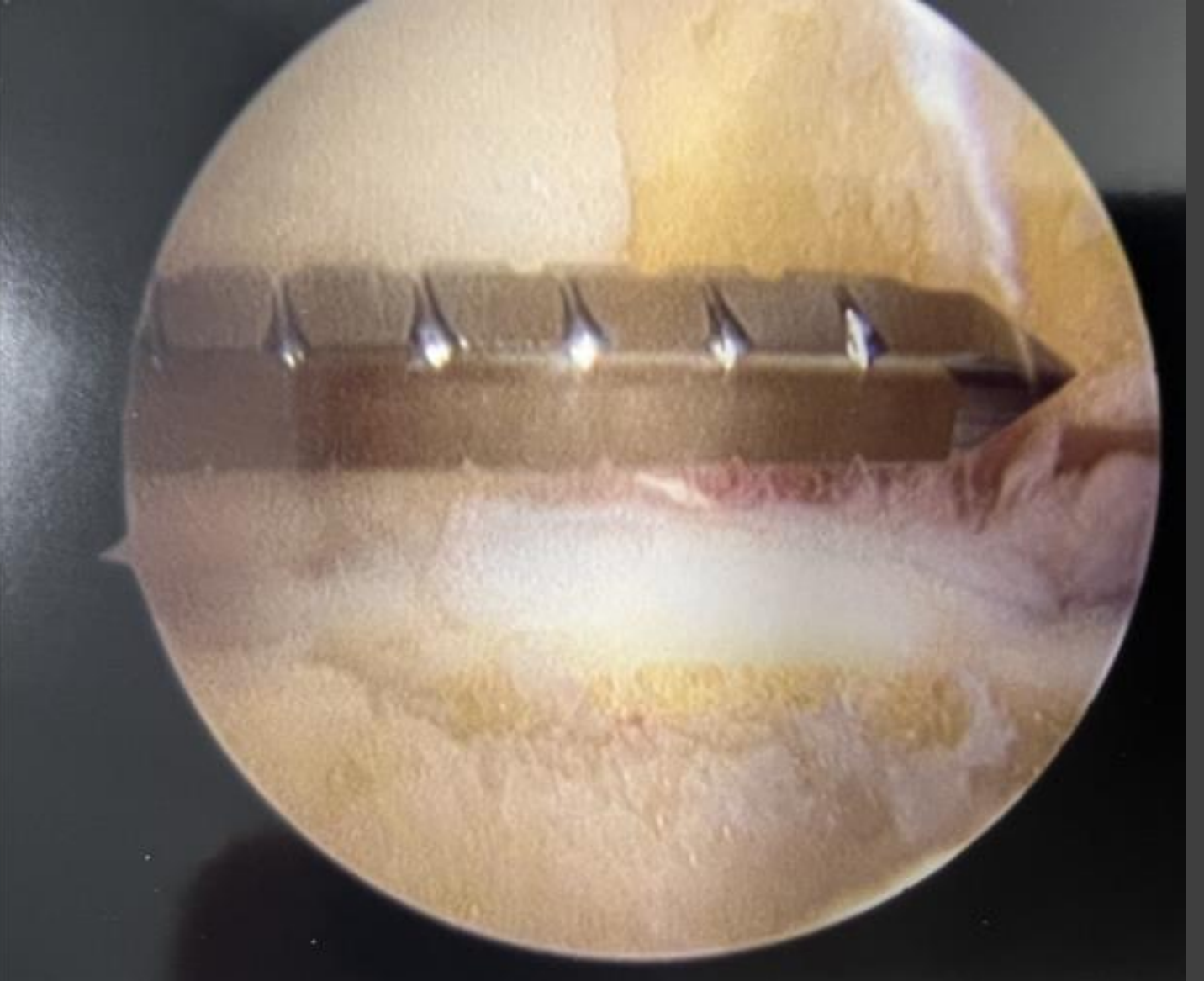
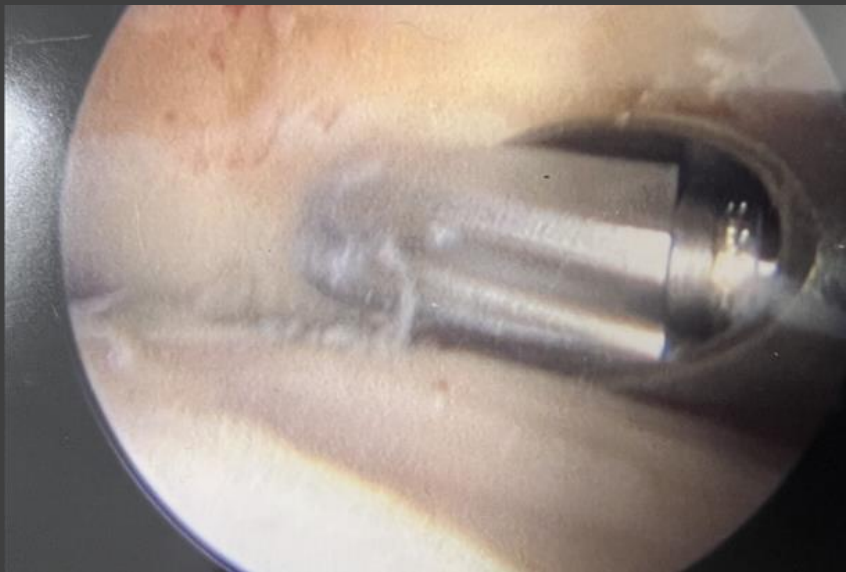
Surgical Technique



Standard Arthroscopy
Portals Developed

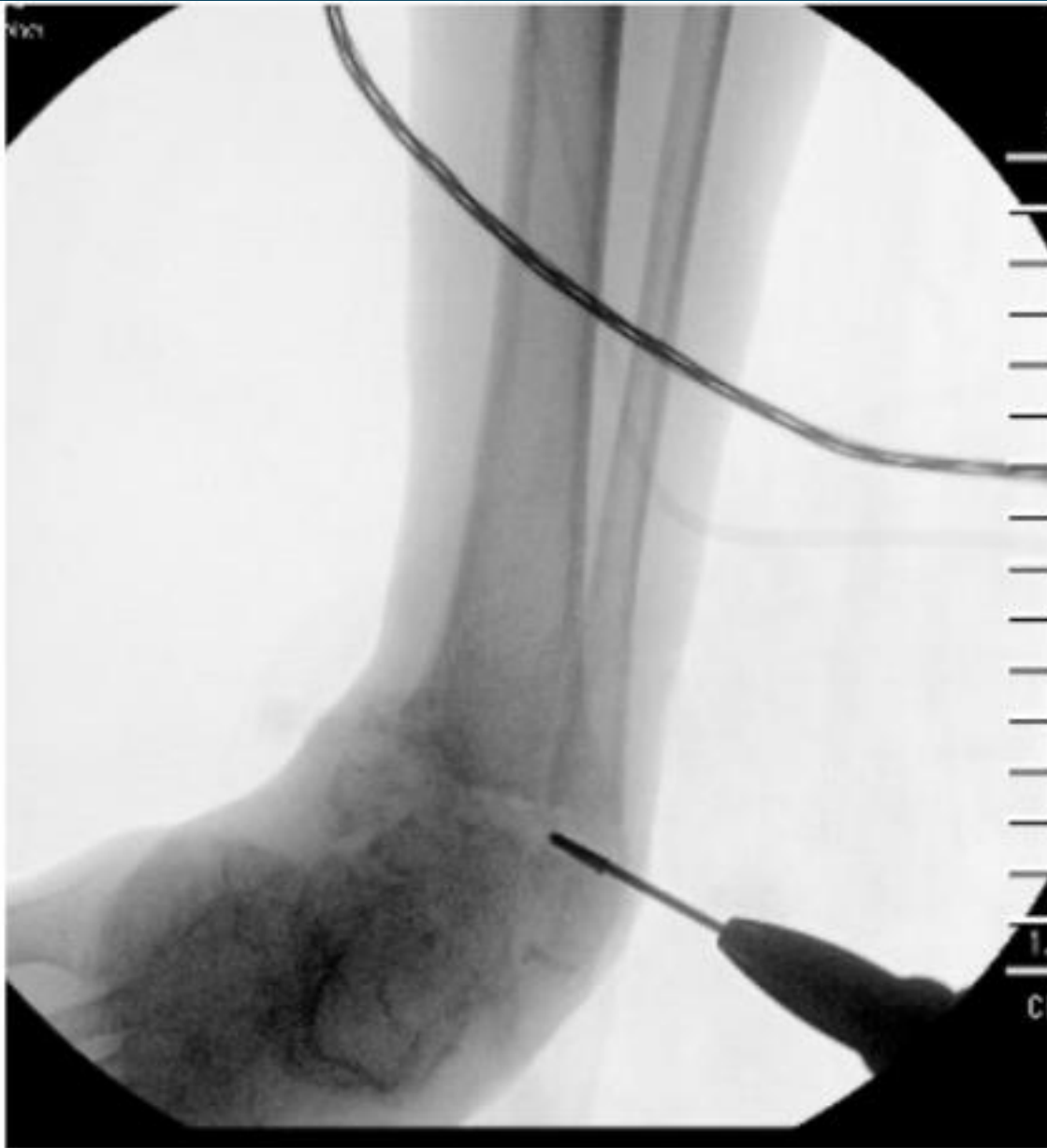
Osteotomy of medial
malleolus to permit
deformity correction



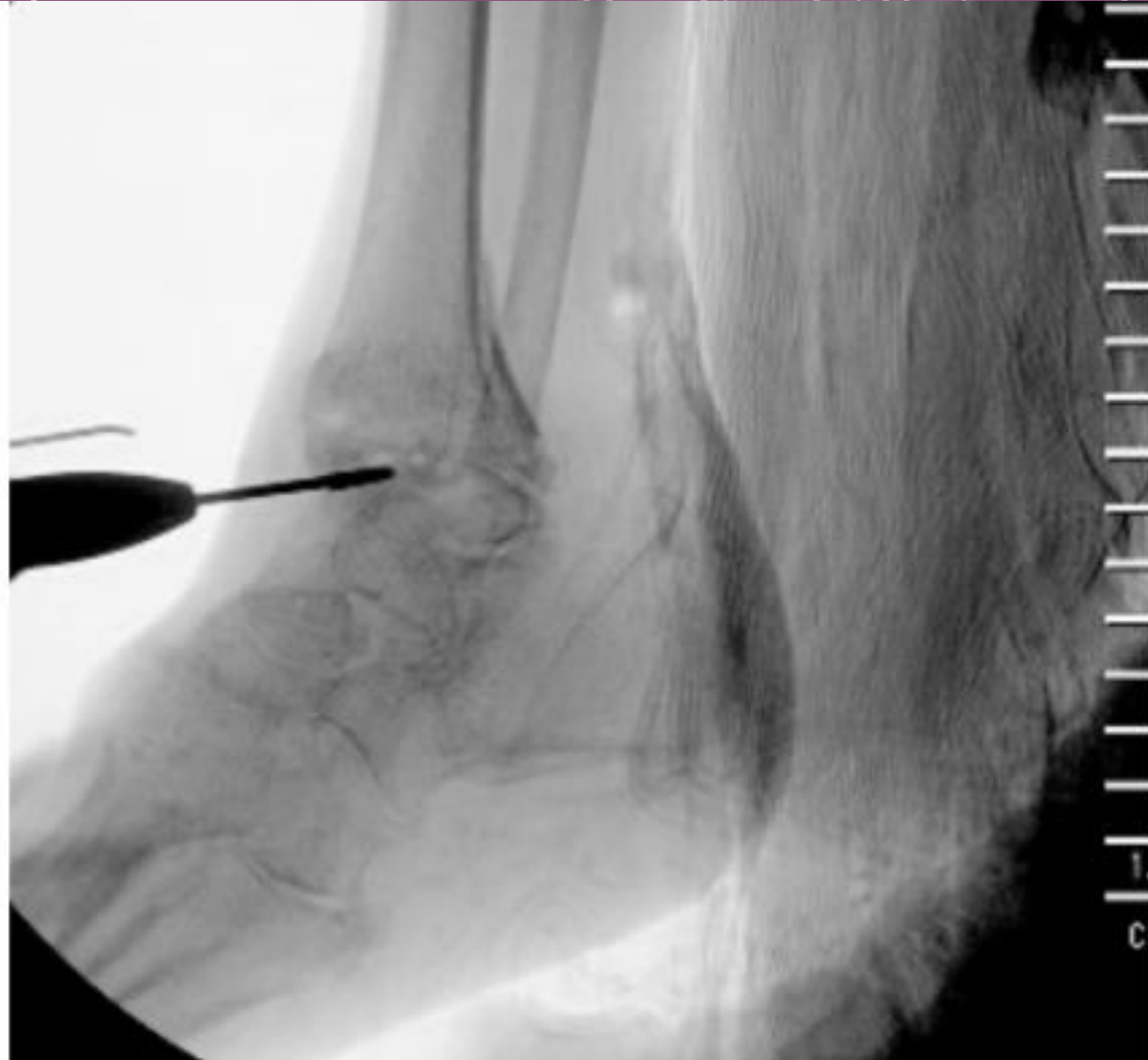


Osteotomy of fibula





Closing wedge joint
resection for joint
preparation and
deformity correction



Flexion deformity
corrected with anterior
closing wedge





Results

- 52 patients with hindfoot arthritis:
 - Charcot ankle 11 (21%)
 - Neuropathic ankle fracture 15 (29%)
 - Acute trauma in medical frail patient 9 (17%)
 - Arthritis 13 (25%)
 - Other 4 (8%)

- 26 (50%) had severe peripheral neuropathy
- 40 (76%) patients had a combination of ESRD, poorly controlled diabetes, severe peripheral vascular disease, or extremely poor soft tissue coverage



- Limb salvage critical for long term health and function

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Traditional Open approaches to TTC fusion

- Nonunion 20-50%
- Infection/wound healing: 15-40%

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This series: improved fusion rates and decreased risk of infection

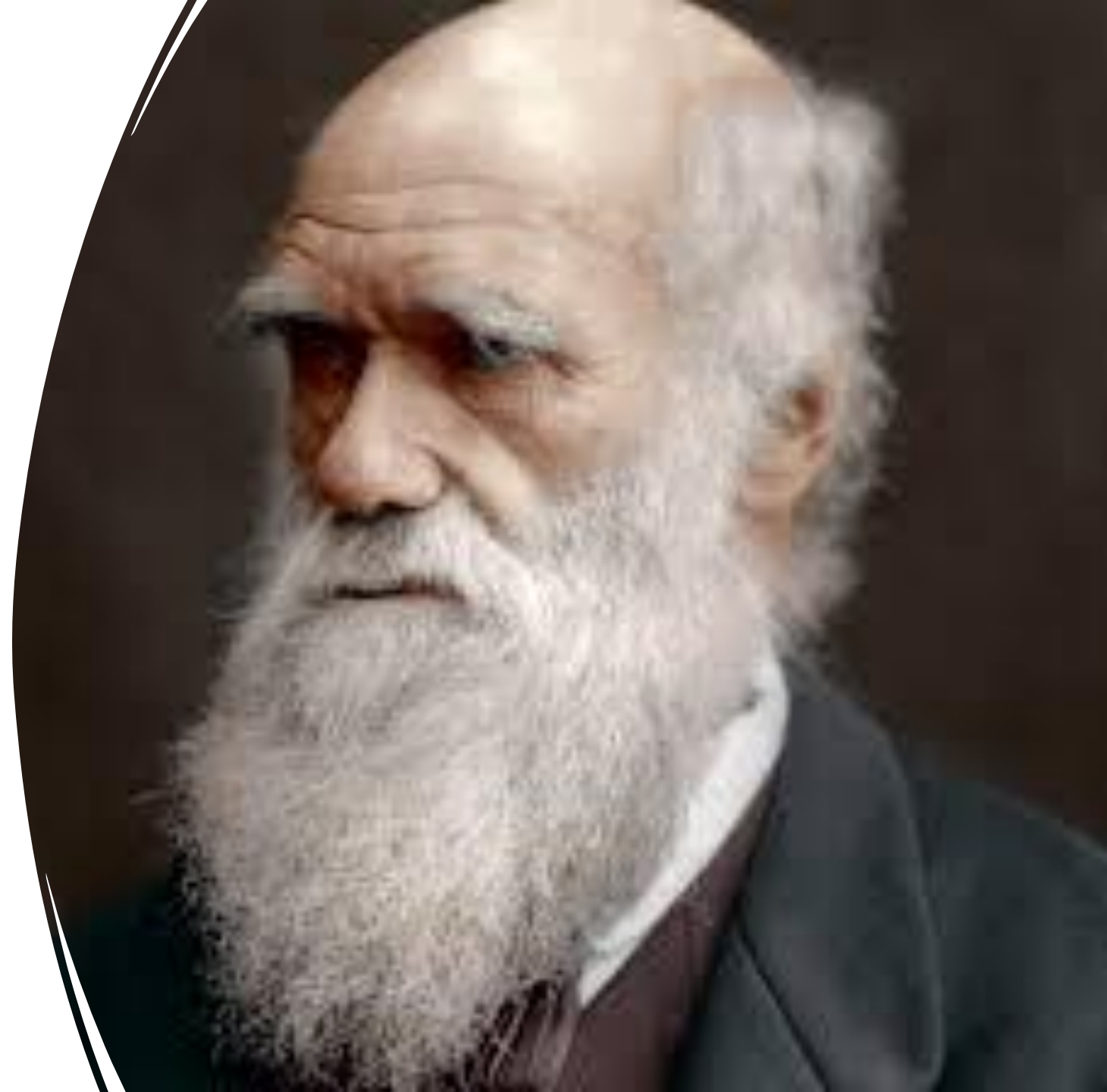
- Nonunion: 14%
- Infection/Wound healing: 4%





Modern Foot and Ankle Surgery reflects an Evolution in...

- Technology
- Thinking
- Away from “biomechanical strength to failure”
- Towards blending **biologic preservation** with Dynamic Rehab protocols



Is there a better way to do it?

- Is MIS better?
- Is it a valid concept?
- Does it have potential advantages?
- Reduce ROH rates?
- Lower Biological impact?
- Reduce Pain, Swelling, Stiffness?
- Potential Contraindications?





TEAM

Stronger Together!



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