

The Biomechanics of the Human Lower Extremity

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Hip joint

One of the largest and most stable joint: The hip joint

Rigid ball-and-socket configuration (Intrinsic stability)

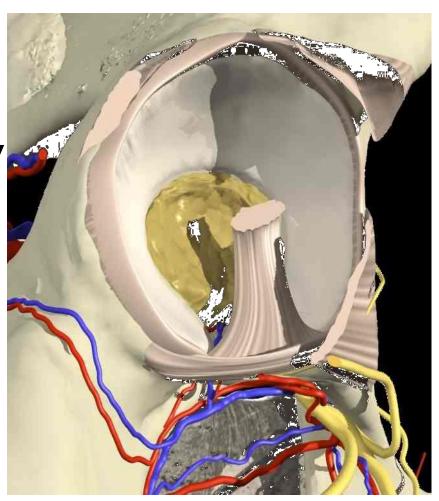
The femoral head

- Femoral head : convex component
- □ Two-third of a sphere, Cover with cartilage
- Rydell (1965) suggested : most load----- superior quadrant
- □ Femur Long, strong & most weight bearing bone.
- But most weakest structure of it is its neck.
- During walk in single leg support move medially to support COG. This results in the leg being shortened on non-weight bearing side.
- Fracture of femur-neck common as <u>bone tissue</u> in the neck of the <u>femur</u> is softer than normal.

Acetabulum

Concave component of *ball and socket joint* Facing obliquely forward, outward and downward
 Covered with articular cartilage

Provide static stability



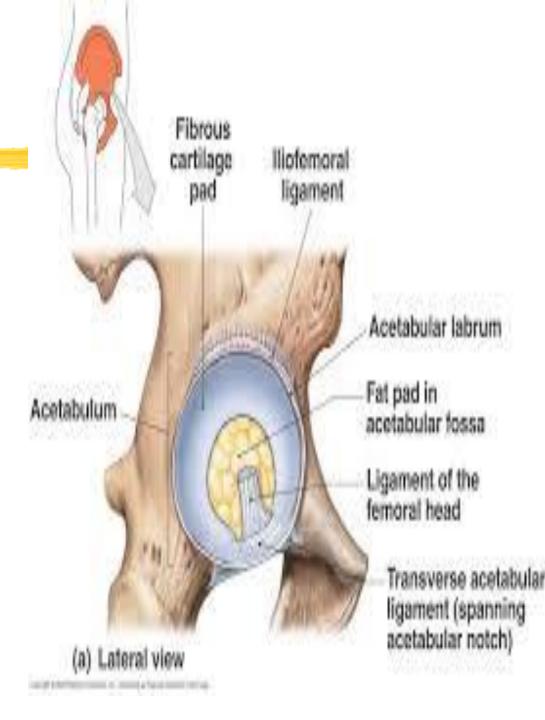
Labrum: a flat rim of fibro cartilage

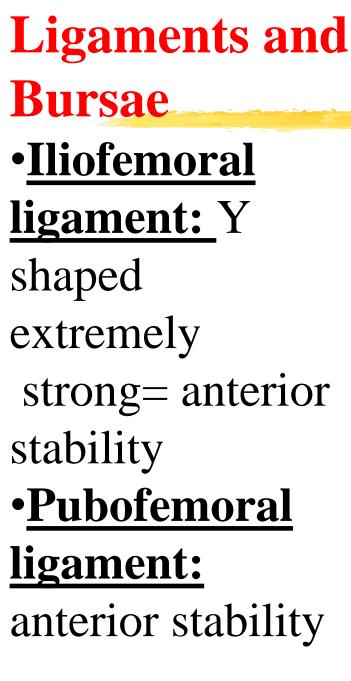
>Acetabular labrum

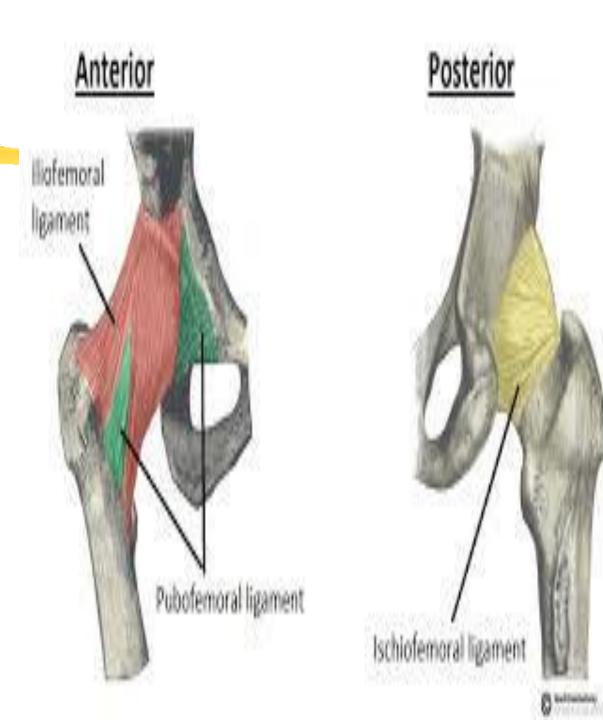
- The entire periphery of the acetabulum is rimmed by a ring of wedge-shaped fibrocartilage called the acetabular labrum
- Deepens the socket, increases the concavity of the acetabulum, grasping the head of the femur to maintain contact with the acetabulum
- It enhances joint stability by acting as a seal to maintain negative intra-articular pressure
- Also provide proprioceptive feedback

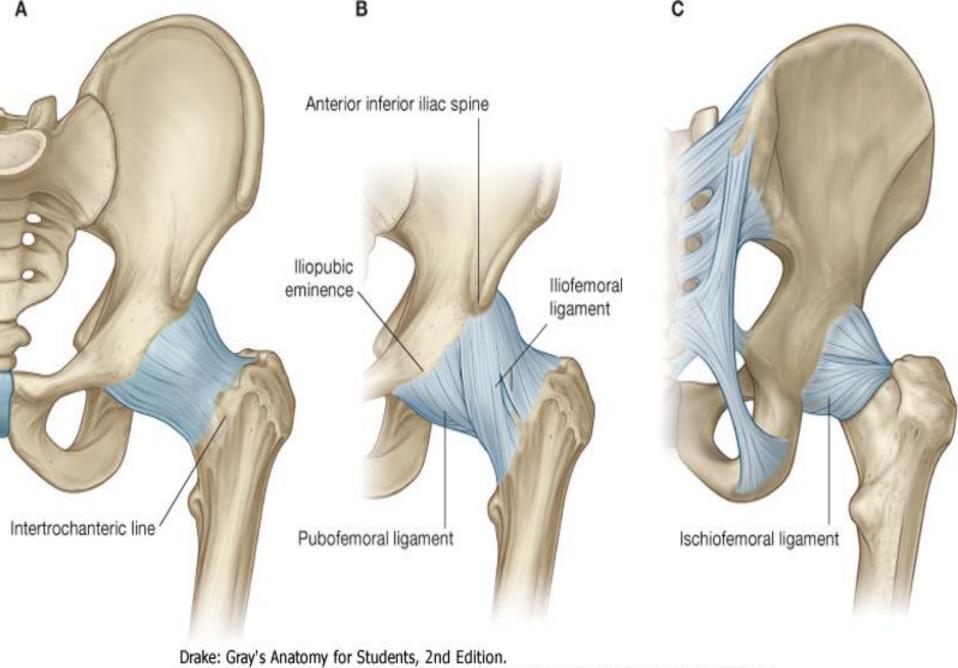
Acetabulum

Also contain
 Transverse
 acetabular ligament
 provide stability



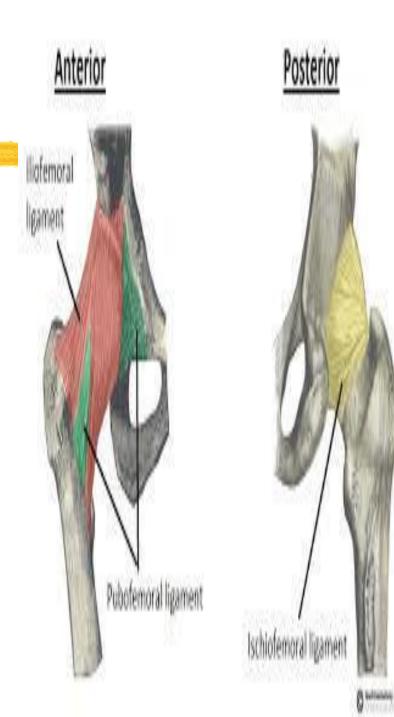




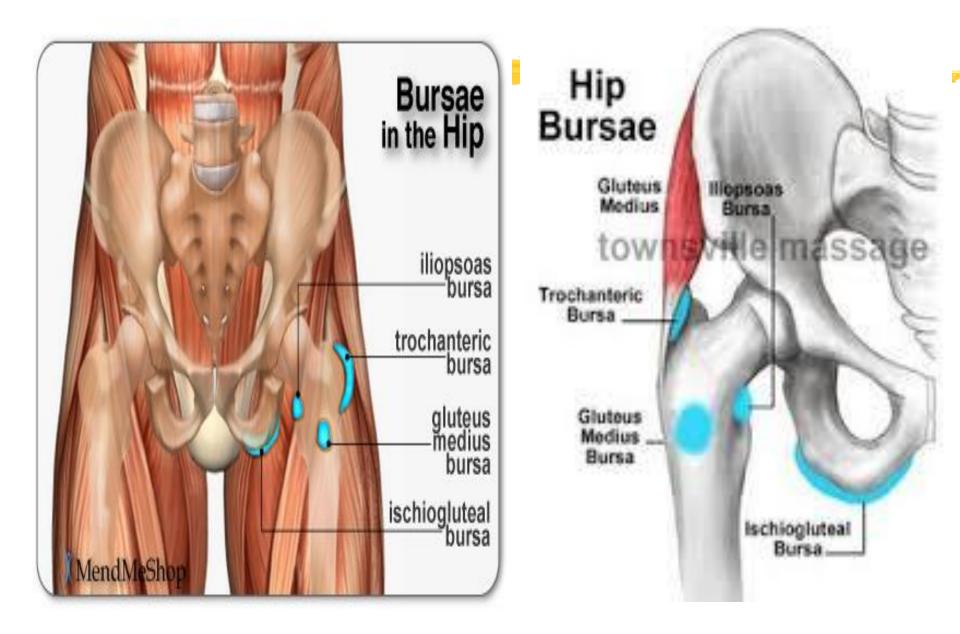


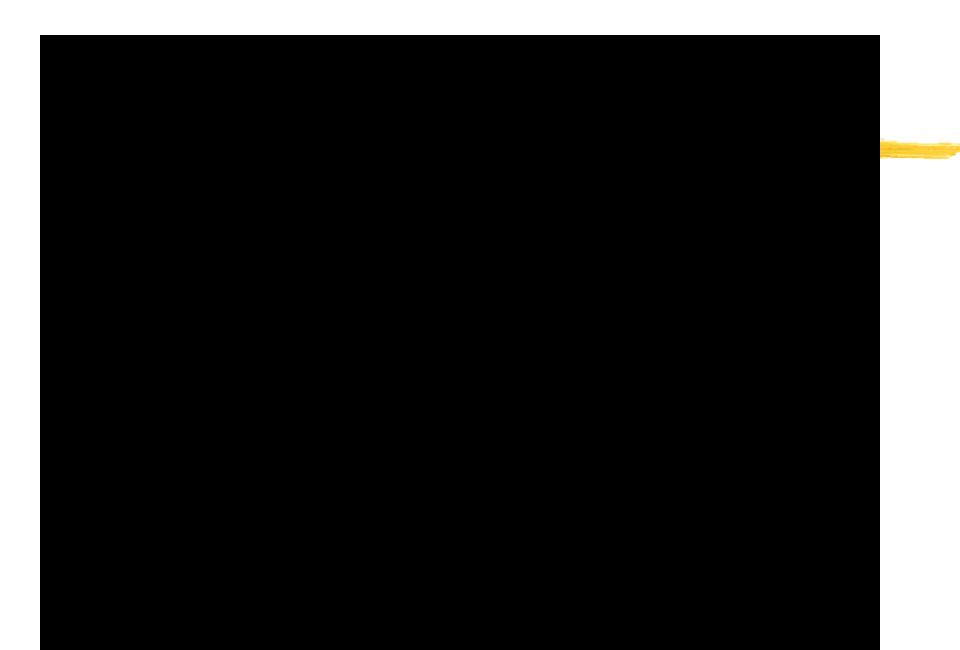
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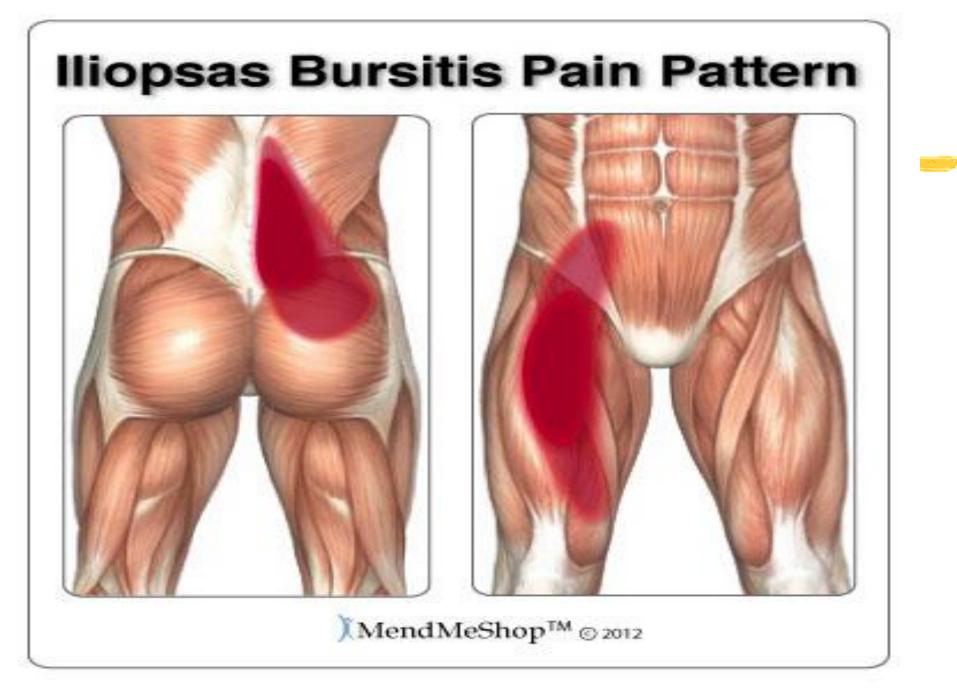
- Ischiofemoral ligament: posterior stability
- Ligamentum teres supplies a direct attachment from rim of acetabulum to head of femur



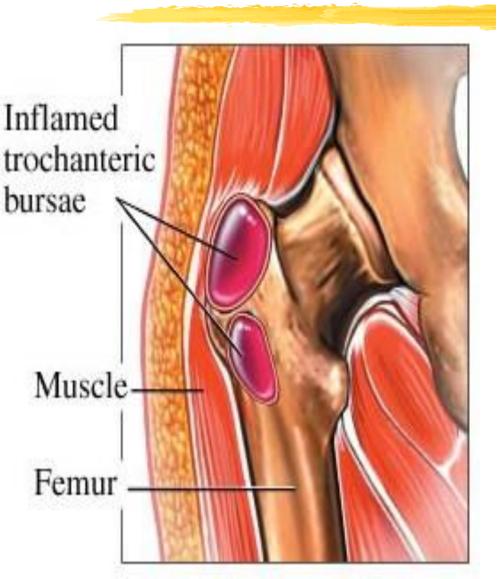
lliopsoas burs b/w illiopsoas & capsule

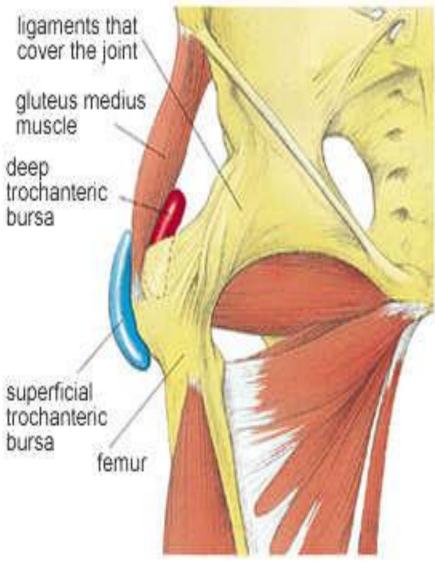






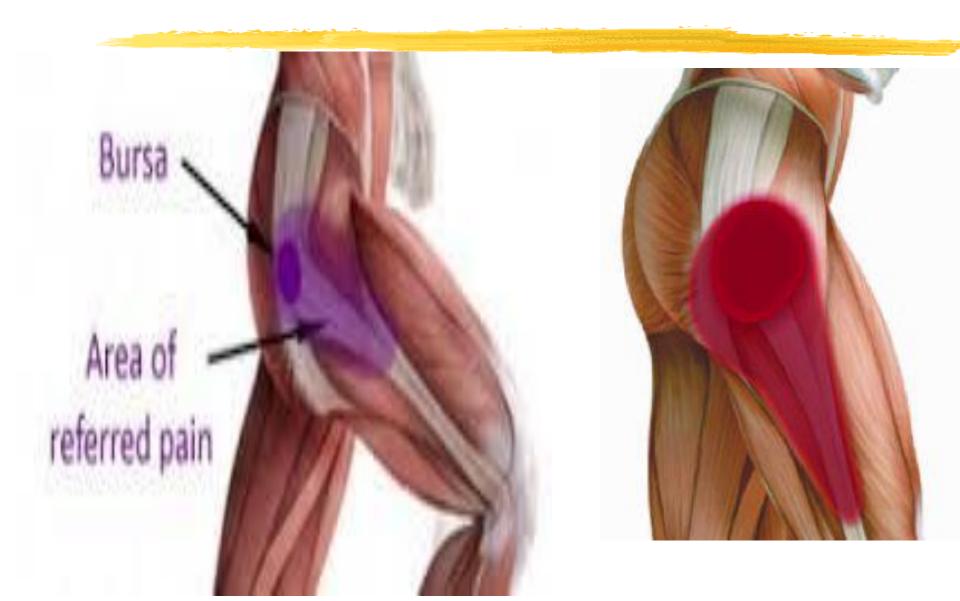
Deep trochanteric bursa b/w G.maximus & G.trochanter





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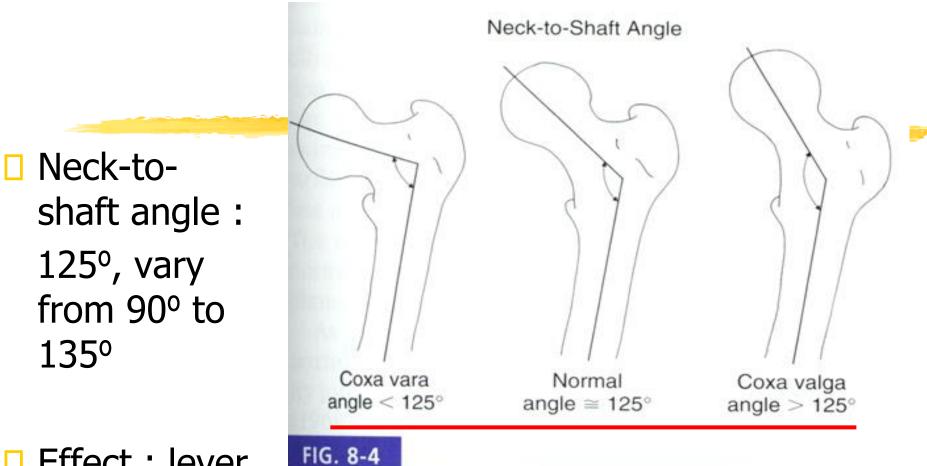
Trochantric bursitis



The femoral neck

Frontal plane (the neck-to-shaft angle/ angle of inclination),

Transverse plane (the angle of anteversion)



Effect : lever arms

The normal neck-to-shaft angle (angle of inclination of the femoral neck to the shaft in the frontal plane) is approximately 125°. The condition in which this angle is less than 125° is called coxa vara. If the angle is greater than 125°, the condition is called coxa valga.

1.ANGLE IF INCLINATION OF FEMUR

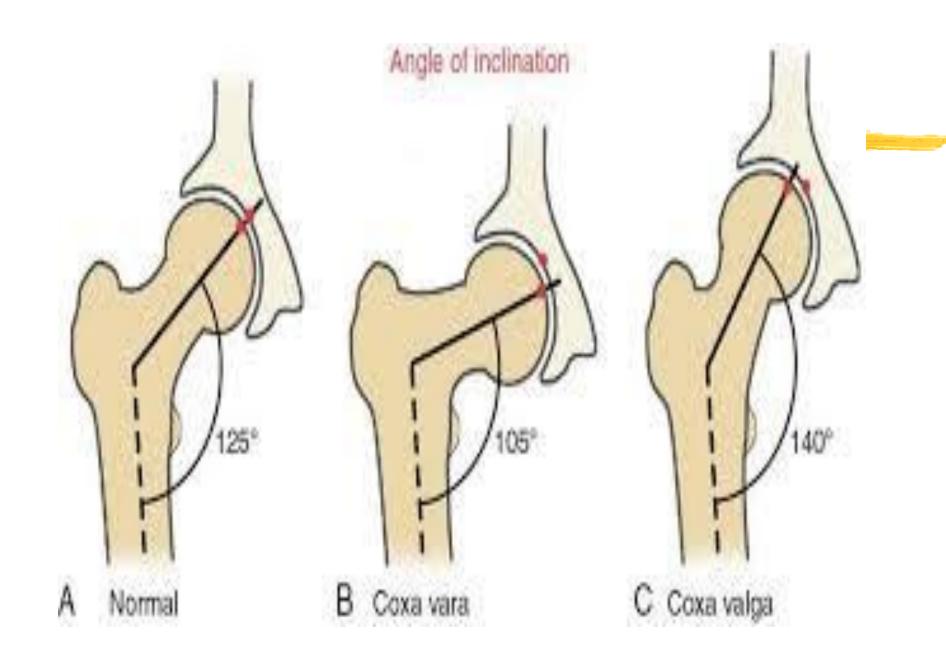
- The angle of inclination of the femur approximates 125°
- Normal range from 110° to 144° in the unimpaired adult
- With a normal angle of inclination, the greater trochanter lies at the level of the center of the femoral head
- A pathological increase in the medial angulation between the neck and shaft is called coxa valga
- A pathological decrease is called coxa vara

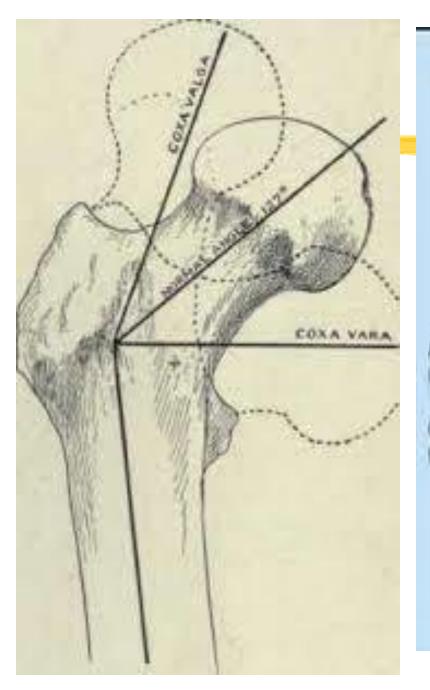


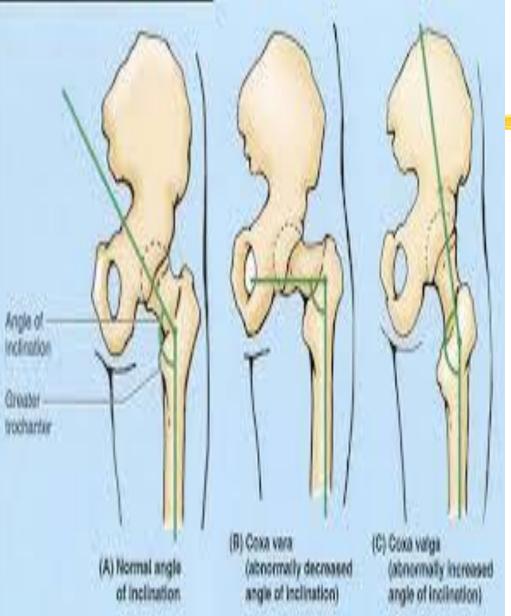
- In adolescence, growth of the bone results in a more oblique orientation of the epiphyseal plate
- The epiphyseal obliquity makes the plate more vulnerable to shear forces at a time when the plate is already weakened by the rapid growth that occurs during this period of life

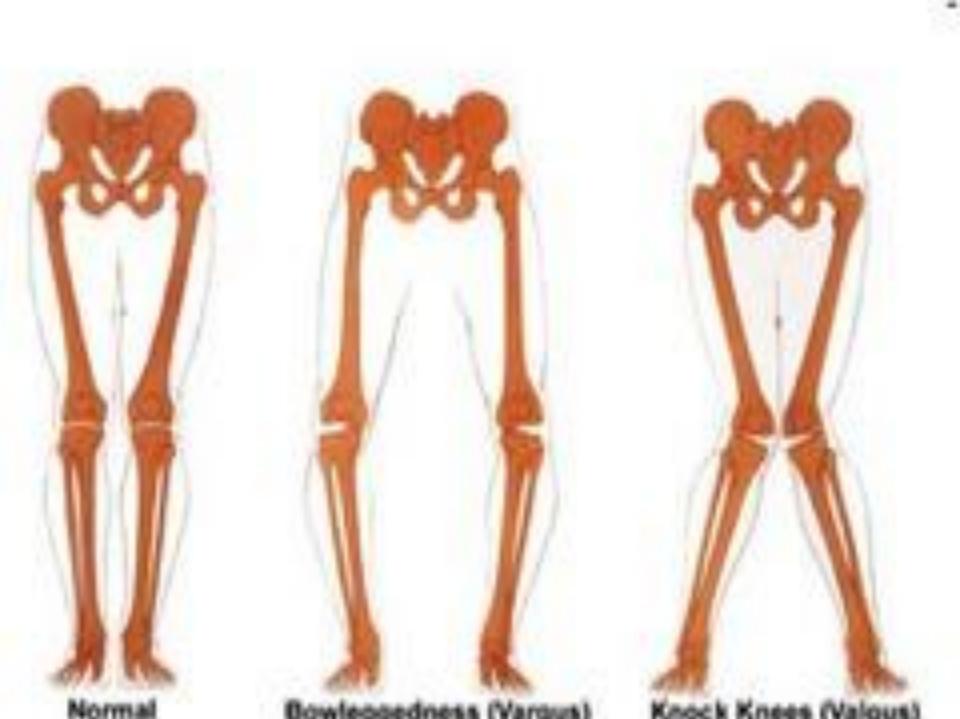
COXA VALGA

- Coxa valga also decreases the amount of femoral articular surface in contact with the dome of the acetabulum.
- As the femoral head points more superiorly, there is a decreasing amount of coverage from the acetabulum superiorly.
- Consequently, decreases the stability of the hip and predisposes the hip to dislocation
- The resulting need for additional abductor muscle force may predispose the joint to arthrosis or may functionally weaken the joint, producing energy-consuming and wearing gait deviations





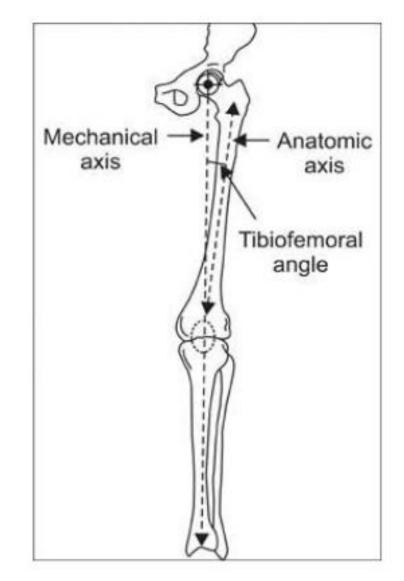




Axis of lower limb

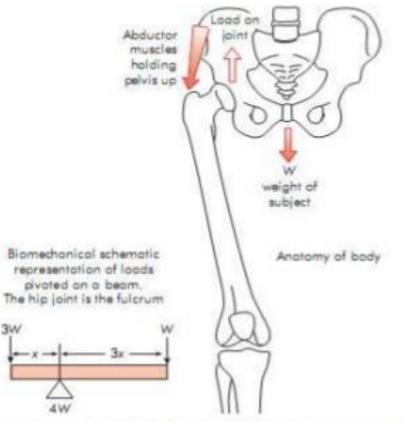
- Mechanical axis line passes between center of hip joint and center of ankle joint.
- Anatomic axis line is between tip of greater trochanter to center of knee joint.

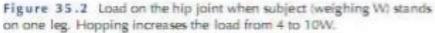
Angle formed between these two is around 7⁰





- Forces acting across hip joint
- Body weight
- Abductor muscles force
- Joint reaction force



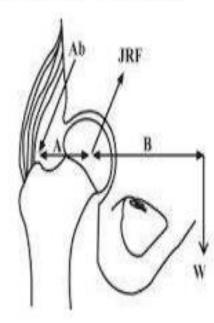


Joint reaction force

defined as force generated within a joint in response to forces acting on the joint

➢in the hip, it is the result of the need to balance the moment arms of the body weight and abductor tension

- maintains a level pelvis
- ➢ Joint reaction force
 - -2W during SLR
 - 3W in single leg stance
 - -5W in walking
 - -10W while running

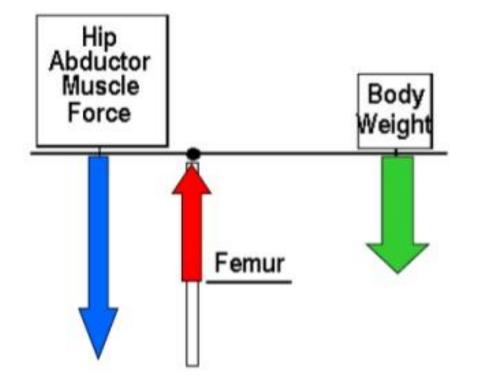


Ab - Abductor force A - Abductor moment arm B - Moment arm of body weight JRF - Joint reaction force W - Body weight

Normal hip

Joint reaction force (JRF) calculation

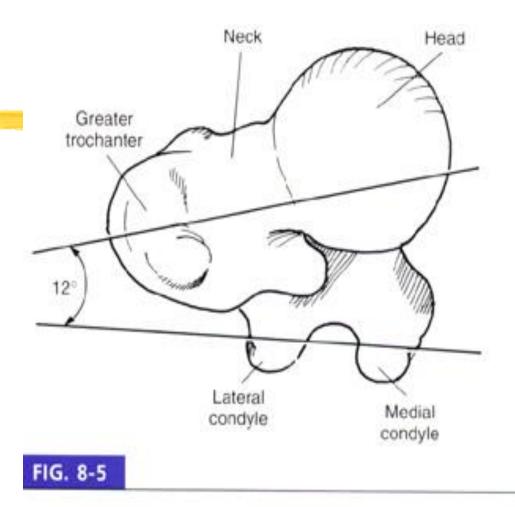
JRF (1) = Body Weight (1) + Abductor Force (1)



JRF is always higher than the body weight

Angle of anteversion :12°

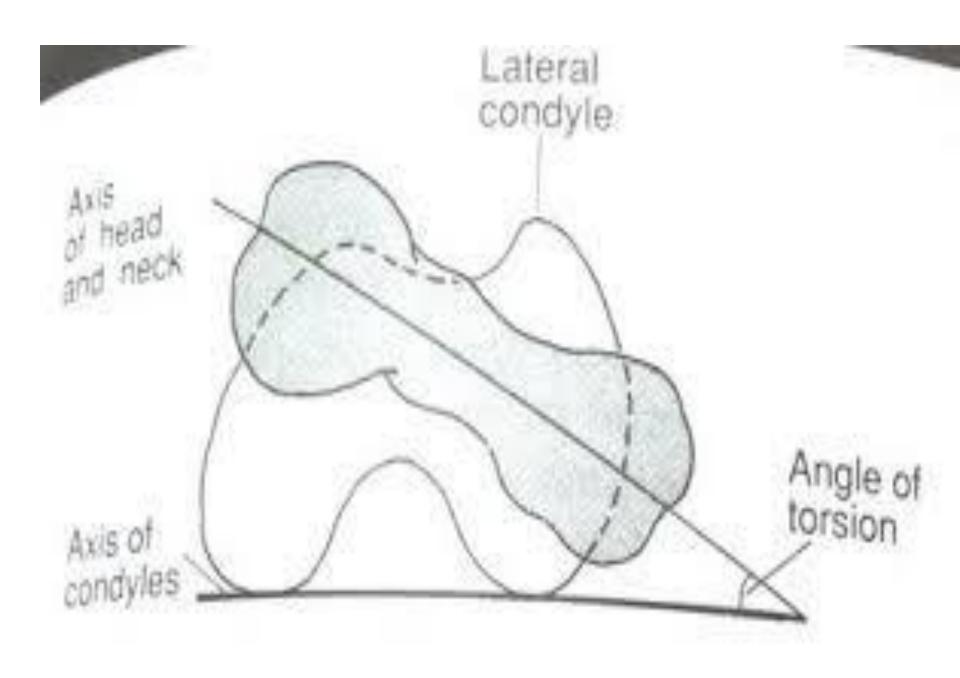
- Effect : during gait
- >12° :internal rotation
- <12° :external rotation

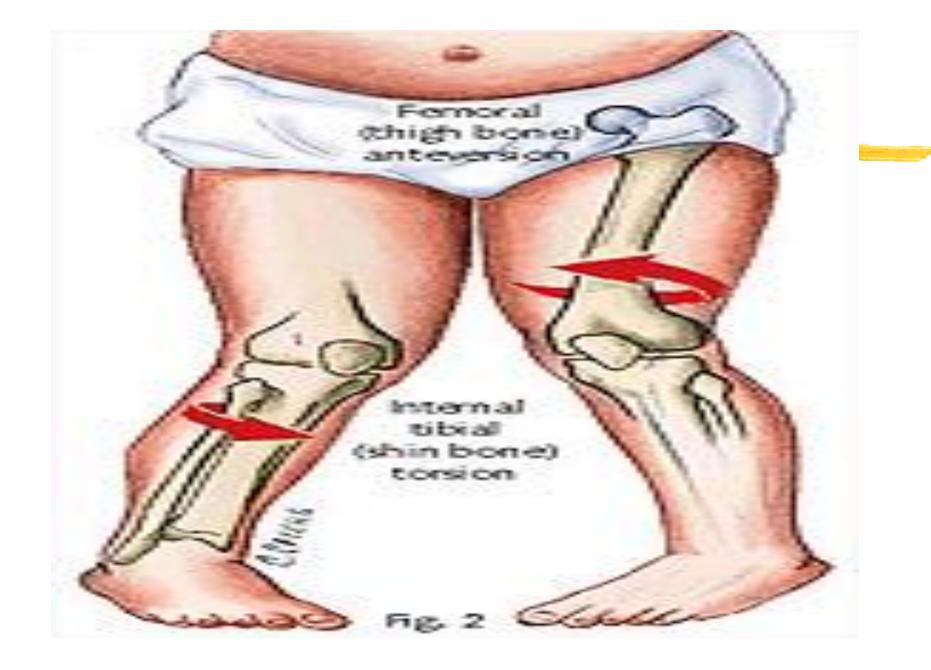


Top view of the proximal end of the left femur showing the angle of anteversion, formed by the intersection of th long axis of the femoral head and the transverse axis of the femoral condyles. This angle averages approximately 12° in adults.

- When the femoral head is anteverted, pressure from the anterior capsuloligamentous structures and the anterior musculature may push the femoral head back into the acetabulum, causing the entire femur to rotate medially
- The knee joint axis through the femoral condyles is now turned medially
- Medial rotation of the femoral condyles alters the plane of knee flexion/extension and results, at least initially,in a toe-in gait and a compensatory lateral tibial torsion develop

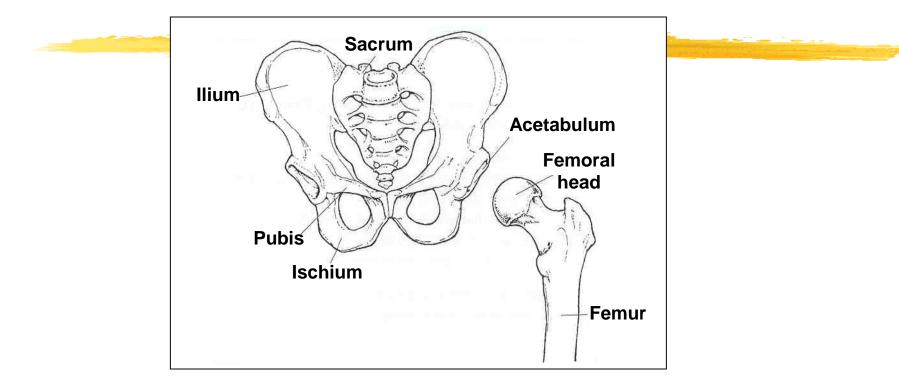
- An anteverted femur will also affect the biomechanics of the patellofemoral joint at the knee and of the subtalar joint in the foot
- The effect of femoral anteversion may also be seen at the knee joint







Structure of the Hip



The **pelvic girdle** includes the two ilia and the sacrum,. It can be rotated forward, backward, and laterally to optimize positioning of the hip.

MOTION OF PELVIS ON THE FEMUR

 Whenever the hip joint is weight-bearing, the femur is relatively fixed, and motion of the hip joint is produced by movement of the pelvis on the femur Anterior and Posterior Pelvic Tilt

- Anterior and posterior pelvic tilts are motions of the entire pelvic ring in the sagittal plane around a coronal axis
- In the normally aligned pelvis, the anterior superior iliac spines (ASISs) of the pelvis lie on a horizontal line with the posterior superior iliac spines and on a vertical line with the symphysis pubis
- Anterior and posterior tilting of the pelvis on the fixed femur produce hip flexion and extension

- Hip joint extension through posterior tilting of the pelvis
- Hip flexion through anterior tilting of the pelvis

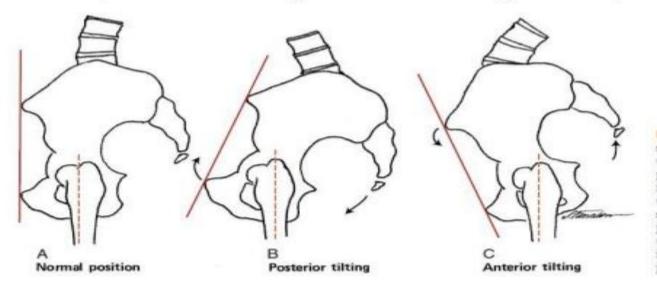


Figure 10–20 Flexion and extension of the hip occurring as tilting of the pelvis in the sagittal plane. A. The pelvis is shown in its normal position in erect stance. B. Posterior tilting of the pelvis moves the symphysis pubis superiorly on the fixed femur. The hip joint extends. C. In anterior tilting, the anterior superior iliac spines move inferiorly on the fixed femur. The hip joint flexes.

Lateral Pelvic Tilt

- Lateral pelvic tilt is a frontal plane motion of the entire pelvis around an anteroposterior axis
- In the normally aligned pelvis, a line through the anterior superior iliac spines is horizontal
- In lateral tilt of the pelvis in unilateral stance, one hip joint (e.g., the left hip joint) is the pivot point or axis for motion of the opposite side of the pelvis (e.g., the right side) as that side of the pelvis elevates (pelvic hike) or drops (pelvic drop).

- If a person stands on the left limb and hikes the pelvis, the left hip joint is being abducted because the medial angle between the femur and a line through the anterior superior iliac spines increases.
- If a person stands on the left leg and drops the pelvis, the left hip joint will adduct because the medial angle formed by the femur and a line through the anterior superior iliac spines will decrease

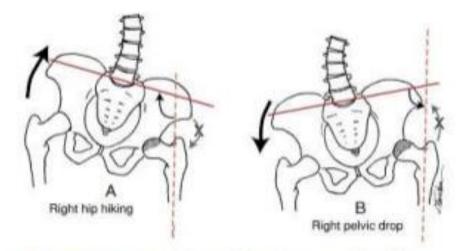


Figure 10–21 Lateral tilting of the pelvis around the left can occur either as hip hiking (elevation of the opposite side of the pelvis) or as pelvic drop (drop of the opposite side of the pelvis). A. Hiking of the pelvis around the left hip joint results in left hip abduction. B. Dropping of the pelvis around the left hip joint results in left hip joint adduction. Although it is visually tempting to name the direction of lateral tilt by the motion of the side of the pelvis *nearest* the hip (gray arrows that are "crossed out"), this is incorrect. Lateral Shift of the Pelvis

- With pelvic shift, the pelvis cannot hike; it can only drop.
- Because there is a closed chain between the two weight-bearing feet and the pelvis, both hip joints will move in the frontal plane in a predictable way as the pelvic tilt (or pelvic shift) occurs

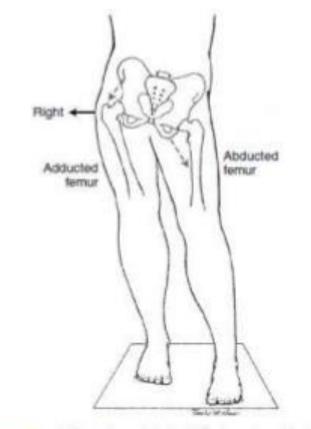


Figure 10-22 When the pelvis is shifted to the right in bilateral stance, the right hip joint will be adducted and the left hip joint will be abducted. To return to neutral position while continuing to bear weight on both feet, the right abductor and left adductor muscles work synergistically to shorten and shift the weight back to center.

 Forward (anterior) rotation of the pelvis occurs in unilateral stance when the side of the pelvis opposite to the weight-bearing hip joint moves anteriorly from the neutral position

 Forward rotation of the pelvis produces medial rotation of the weight-bearing hip joint

- Backward (posterior) rotation of the pelvis occurs when the side of the pelvis opposite the weight-bearing hip moves posteriorly
- Backward rotation of the pelvis produces lateral rotation of the supporting hip joint

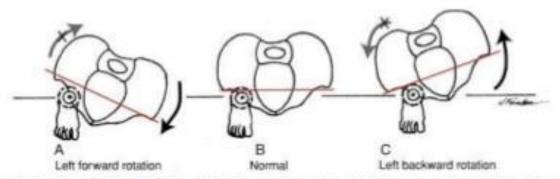
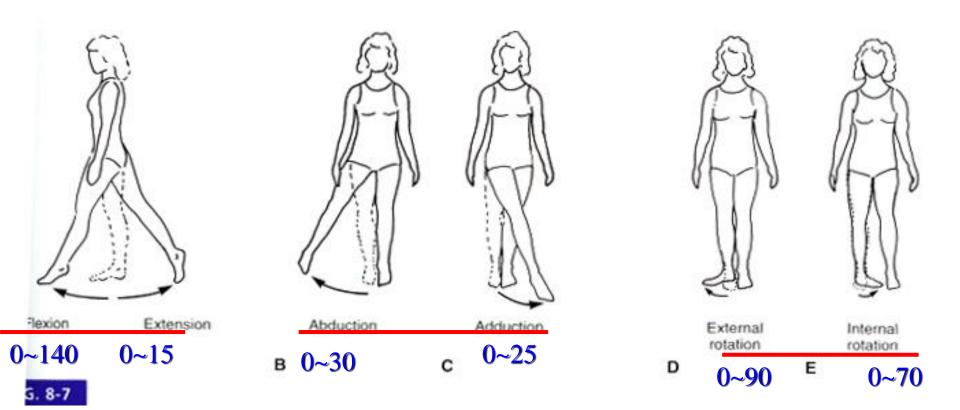


Figure 10–23 A superior view of rotation of the pelvis in the transverse plane. A. Forward rotation of the pelvis around the right hip joint results in medial rotation of the right hip joint. B. Neutral position of the pelvis and the right hip joint. C. Backward rotation of the pelvis around the right hip joint results in lateral rotation of the right hip joint. The reference for forward and backward rotation is the side *opposite* the supporting hip, although the eye often erroneously catches the opposite motion of the pelvis on the same side (gray crossed-out arrows).

Kinematics

Rang of motion in all three planes: sagittal, frontal, transverse







movements of the femur are facilitated by pelvic tilt

Pelvic tilt directionFemoral movementposteriorflexionanteriorextensionlateral (to oppositeabductionside)

What muscles contribute to **flexion** at the hip? • iliacus

- Psoas Major
- Assisted by:
 - Pectineus
 - Rectus femoris
 - Sartorius
 - Tensor fascia latae

extension at the hip joint?

- Gluteus maximus
- •Hamstrings
 - Biceps Femoris
 - Semimembranosus
 - Semitendinosus

abduction at the hip joint

- gluteus medius
- assisted by:
 - gulteus minimus

adduction at the hip joint?

- adductor magnus
- adductor longus
- adductor brevis
- assisted by:
 - gracilis

lateral rotation at the hip joint?

- Piriformis
- Gemellus superior
- Gemellus inferior
- Obturator internus
- Obturator externus
- Quadratus femoris

medial rotation at the hip joint?

- gluteus minimus
- •Assisted by:
 - TFL
 - Semimembranosus
 - Semitendinosus
 - •Gluteus medius

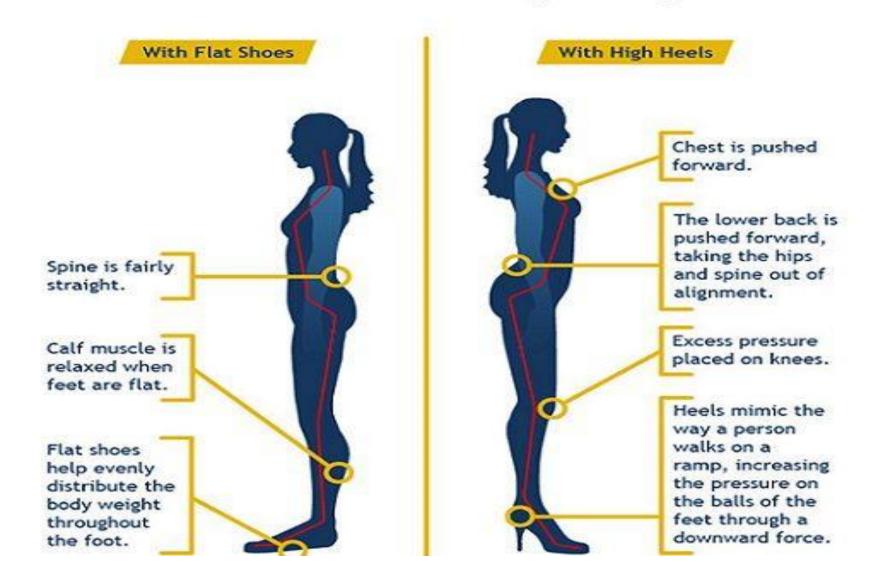
LOADS ON THE HIP

□Highly specialized and well designed
□Compressive forces due to following::::
•Amount of load (more than ½ of body weight above hip +tension in surrounding muscles)...
•Effect of speed→increase speed increase load.,
Foot wear also effect load.

Load decrease due to smooth gait pattern & soft heel strike...

- •Training surface.....
- •Painful conditions.....

A woman's body will attempt to compensate for the off-kilter balance heels cause by flexing or forward bending the hips and spine. In order to maintain balance, the calf, hip, and back muscles become tense. At the end of the day, this makes for excess muscle fatigue and strain. Over time, wearing high heels can also cause the calf muscles to cramp and bulge.^(2.1)

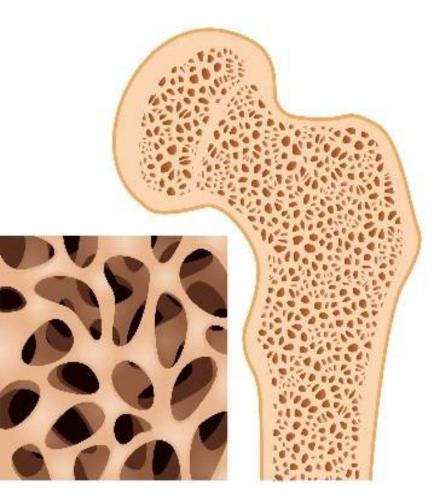


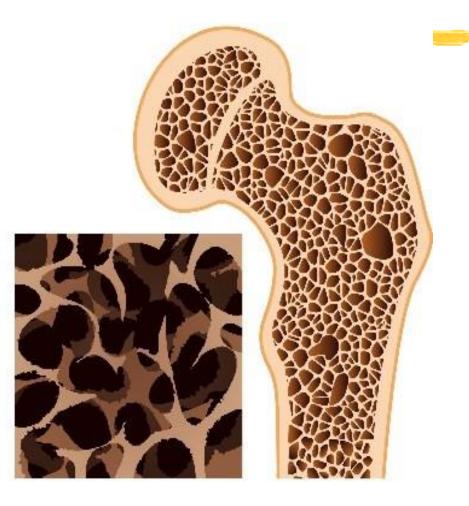
COMMON INJURIES OF THE HIP Fractures

- Hip is subjected to high repetitive loads---4-7 times the body weight during locomotion
- Fractures of femoral neck...(aging, osteoporosis)
- Loss of balance and fall
- fracture.....
- •Treatment:
- Regular physical activity



Osteoporosis





Healthy bone

Osteoporosis

Injuries contd... CONTUSIONS

- •Anterior aspect muscles--- prime location for direct injury in Contact sports----→Internal hemorrhaging----
- \rightarrow Appearance of bruises mild to
- severe
- □Uncommon but **serious complication** as syndrome in which internal hemorrhage- \rightarrow compression on nerves, vessels, muscle----- \rightarrow tissue death

Injuries contd...

STRAINS

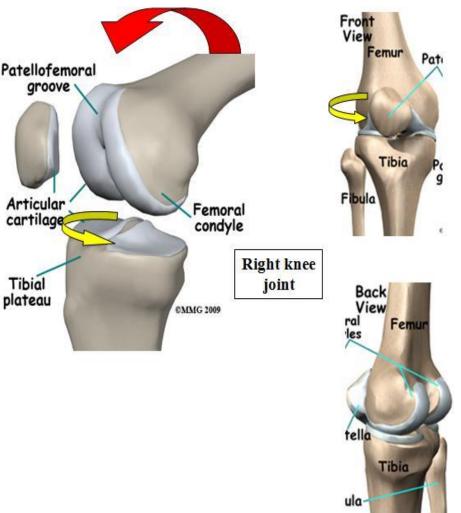
- •Hamstring strain.....late stance or late swing phase as ecentric contraction.
- (simultaneous hip flexion
- &knee extension)
- •Groin Strain....forceful thigh
- movement in abduction
- causes strain in adductors(ice hockey players



KNEE BIOMECHANICS

Structure of the Knee

- Modified hinge joint. Formed by Tibofemoral & patello femoral joit **Tibiofemoral joint**?
- Dual condyloid articulations between medial and lateral condyles of tibia and the femur; composing the main hinge joint of the knee



Femur

Medial and lateral condyles
 Convex, asymmetric
 Medial larger than lateral



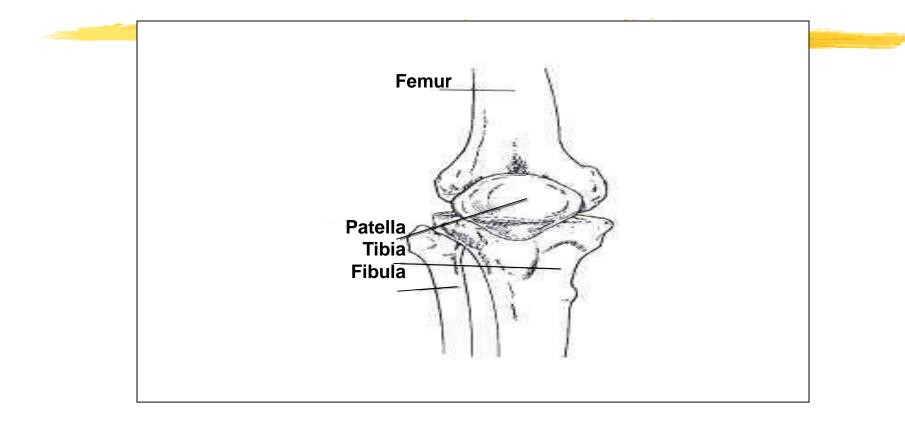


Tibia

Medial tibial condyle: concave Lateral tibial condyle: flat or concave Medial 50% larger than lateral

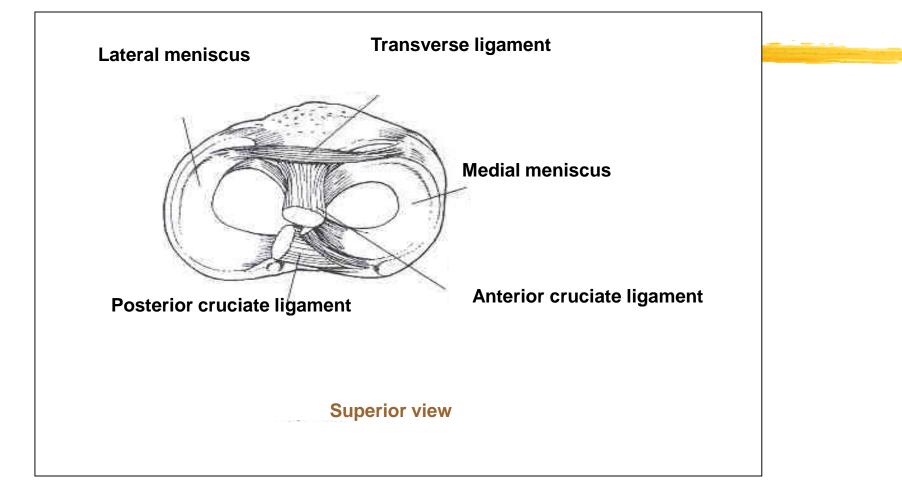


Structure of the Knee



Bony structure of the tibiofemoral joint.

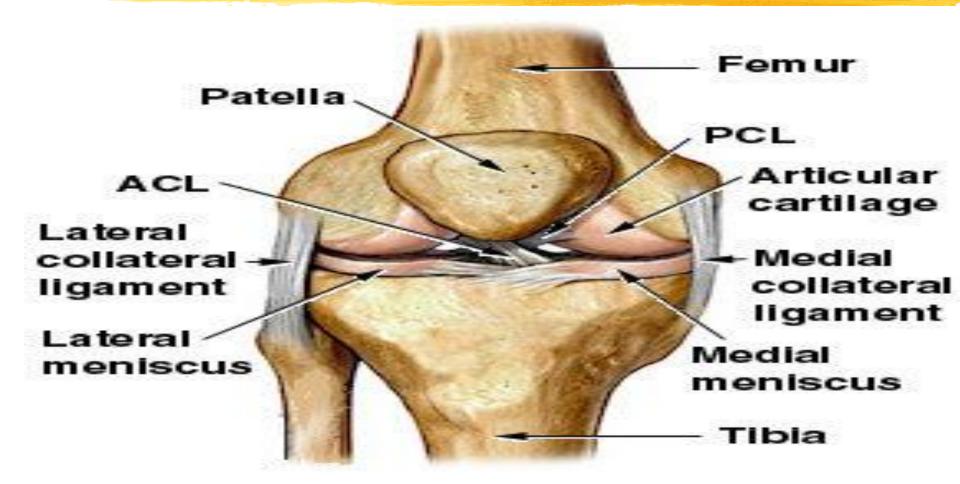
Structure of the Knee



• The menisci of the knee. Medial meniscus is also attached directly to the medial collateral ligament

- The menisci of the knee.
- Deepens the articulating depression of
- tibial plateaus
- Load transmission and shock absorption
- •Without menisci the weight of the femur would be concentrated to one point on the tibia and stress may reach up to 3 times
- Increased likelihood of degenerative conditions

Knee Ligaments:



Medial & lateral stabilizers (mostly ligaments)

- Ligaments
 - most important static & dynamic stabilizers by ligaments & muscles
 - Itensile strength related to composition of muscle
 - Primary valgas restraint -57-78% restraining moment of knee(MCL)
 - Tense in lateral rotation, lax in flexion

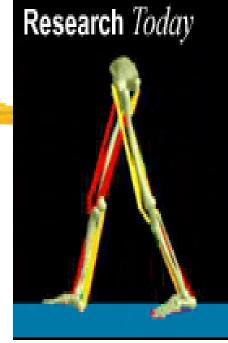
Lateral side

Primary Varus restraint lax in extension Taut in medial rot

Cruciates



- Primary static restraint to anterior displacement
- tense in extension, 'lax' in flexion
 PCL



Primary restraint to post Displacement - 90%
relaxed in extension, tense in flexion
restraint to Varus/ valgus force
resists rotation, esp.int rot of tibia on femur

Back of right knee

Posterior cruciate ligament(PCL)





Structure of the Knee

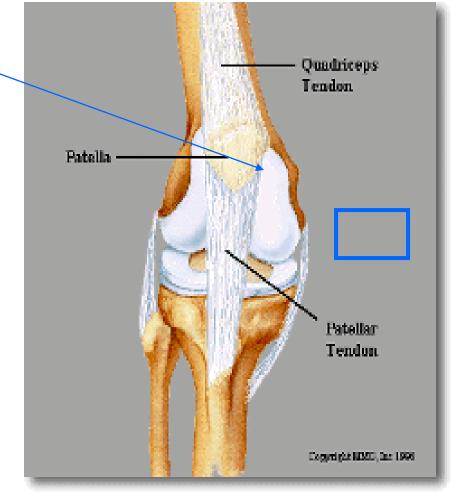
What is the patellofemoral joint?

- articulation between the patella and the femur
- (the patella improves the mechanical advantage of the knee extensors by as much as 50%)
- •Close pack position= full extension

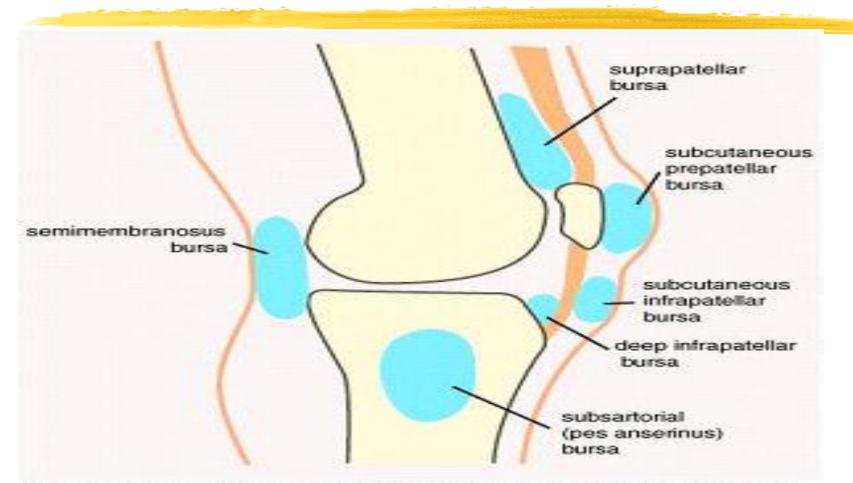
Other Important Structures

Articular cartilage

- □ 1/4 inch thick
- tough and slick
- Patella and patellar tendon
 - Tibial tuberoscity
 - Patellofemoral groove
 - Patella acts like a fulcrum to increase the force of the quadriceps muscles



Bursae OF KNEE



Interactive Knee 1.1 © 2000 Primal Pictures Ltd.

Patellofemoral joint motion

- Gliding movements == 7 cm in vertical direction
- Superior glide
- Inferior glide
- Lateral and medial shifting (v.little)

Muscles

Quadriceps extension

Hamstrings flexion

IT band from the gluteus maximus and tensor fascia latae



Screw home –locking mechanism:

- A key element to knee stability for standing upright, is the rotation between the tibia and femur.
- It occurs at the end of knee extension, between full extension (0 degrees)&20 degrees of knee flexion.
- The tibia rotates internally during the swing phase and externally during the stance phase.
- External rotation occurs during terminal degrees of knee extension and results in tightening of both cruciate ligaments, which locks the knee.
- The tibia is then in the position of maximal stability with respect to the femur.
- Vice versa by poplitius muscle



Open chain:

When distal part of joint moves during movement & proximal part of joint remain stationary.(flex, ext etc)

closed chain movements?

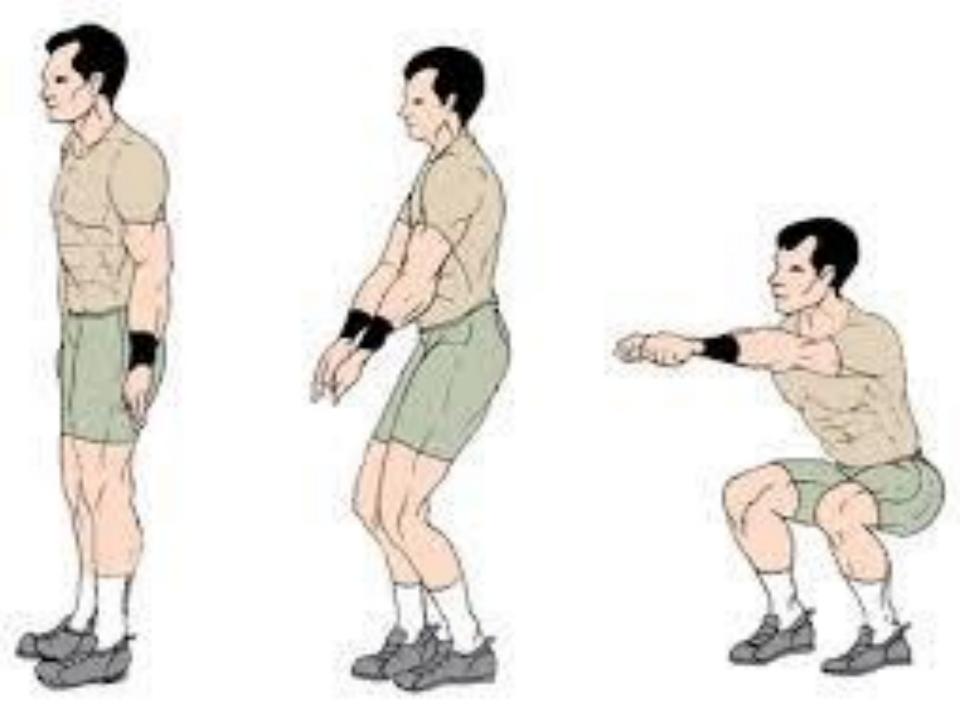
When proximal part of joint moves during movement & distal part remain stationary.(squat movement, pushups)



Loads on the knee joint

Tibiofemoral joint:

- Compression loading more in stance phase
- Shear loading = tendency of the femur to displace anteriorly on tibial plateaus(glide)
- Knee flexion angle exceeding than 90 degree result in larger shear forces.
- Full squats not recommended for novice athletes

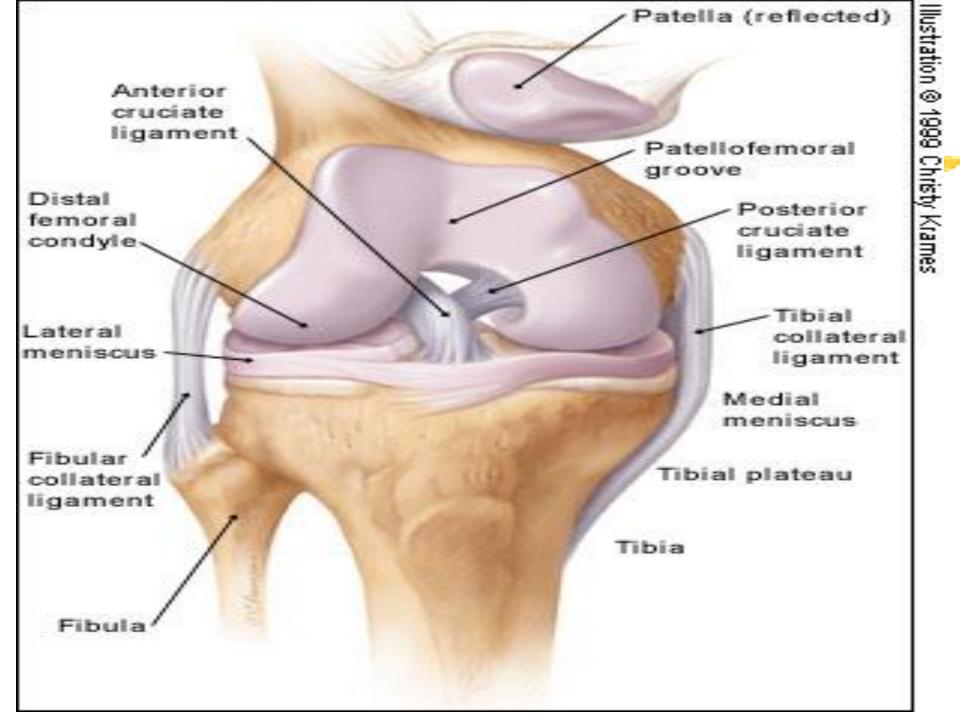


forces at Patellofemoral joint

- 1/3rd of body weight compressive forces during normal walking
- □ 3 times the body weight during stair climbing--→High compressive forces during knee flexion
- Squatting highly stressful to the knee complex



Common Injuries of the Knee & Lower Leg



Patella Fractures

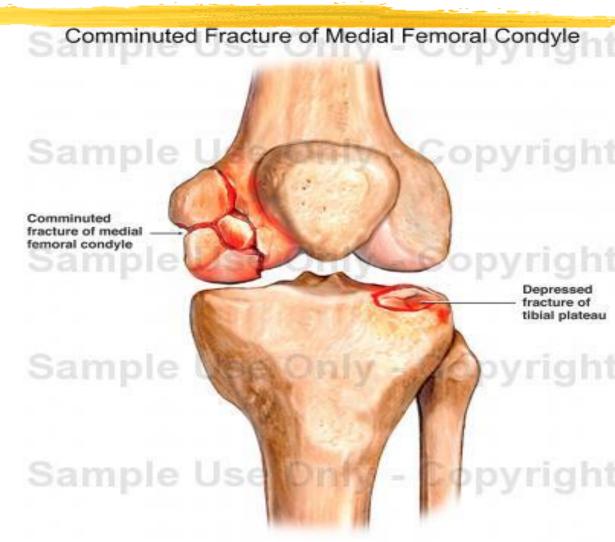
Result from direct blow such as knee hitting dashboard in MVA, fall on flexed knee, forceful contraction of quad. Muscle.

Transverse fractures most common



Femoral Condyle Fractures

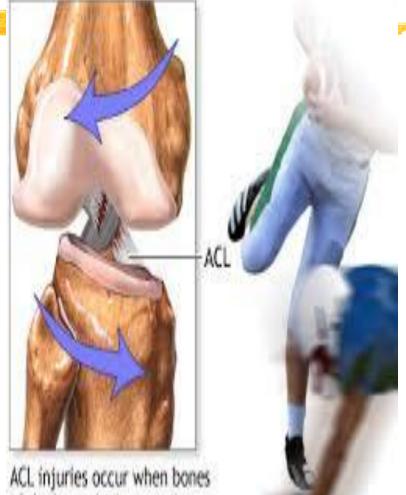
These injuries secondary to direct trauma from fall w/axial loading or blow to distal femur.



Anterior view of left knee

Anterior Cruciate Ligament

- Can withstand approximately 400 pounds of force
- Common injury particularly in sports (3% of all athletic injuries)
- a deceleration, hyperextension or internal rotation of tibia on femur
- May hear "pop", swelling, assoc. w/medial meniscal tear
- Excessive anterior translation or rotation of femur on the tibia



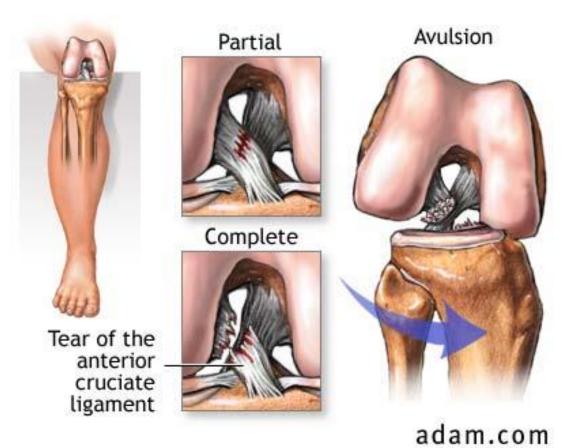
ACL injuries occur when bones of the leg twist in opposite directions under full body weight

Incidence of ACL injuries is more in females

- Notable lessening of flexion extension range of motion at the knee due to quadriceps avoiding
- Altered joint kinetics== subsequent inset of osteoarthritis



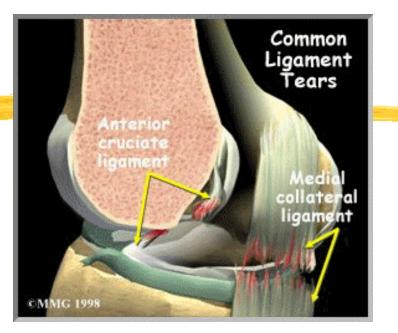
Types of ACL Tears

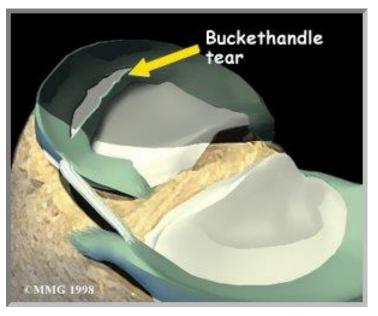


- Surgical repair through middle third of patellar tendon
- Notable weakness in quadriceps, impaired joint range and proprioception
- Muscle inhibition: inability to activate all motor units of a muscle during maximal voluntary contraction

Unhappy Triad

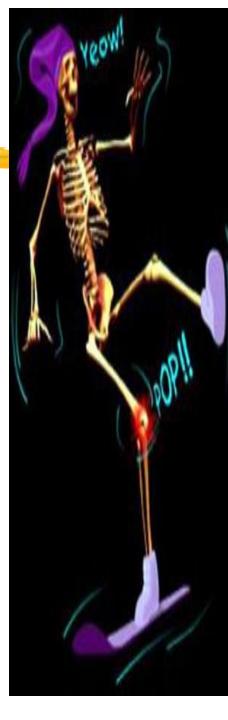
- 1. <u>ACL</u>
- 2. <u>Medial collateral</u> <u>ligament</u>
- 3. Medial meniscus





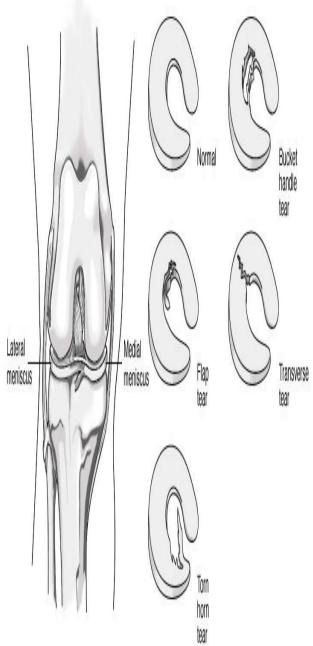
Meniscus Injuries

- One of the most commonly injured parts of the knee
- Mechanism is usually squatting or twisting maneuvers. OR
- Meniscal tears occur during twisting motions with the knee flexed
- Also, they can occur in combination with other injuries such as a torn ACL (anterior cruciate ligament).
- Older people can injure the meniscus without any trauma as the cartilage weakens and wears thin over time, setting the stage for a degenerative tear.
 Combination injuries



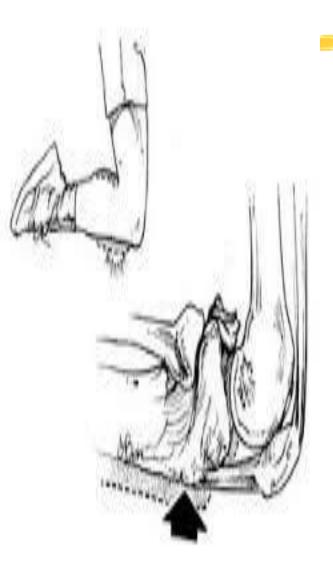
Meniscal injuries

- Symptoms include pain, catching and buckling
- Signs include tenderness and possible clicking
- There is locking of the knee on flexion or extension that is painful or limits activity.
- Medial meniscus more commonly damaged due to its attachment with the MCL



Posterior Cruciate Ligament

- Less common than ACL injury
- Mechanism is hyperflexion of knee with foot plantarflexed
- PCL sprains usually occur because the ligament was pulled or stretched too far, <u>anterior force to the knee</u>, or a simple misstep.



PCL Injuries

- Impact with dash board during motor vehicle accident
- Direct force on proximal anterior tibia
- PCL injuries disrupt knee joint stability because the <u>tibia can</u> <u>sag posteriorly</u>.
- The ends of the femur and tibia rub directly against each other, causing wear and tear to the thin, smooth articular cartilage.
- This abrasion may lead to arthritis in the knee.

Figure: Mary Albury-Noyes

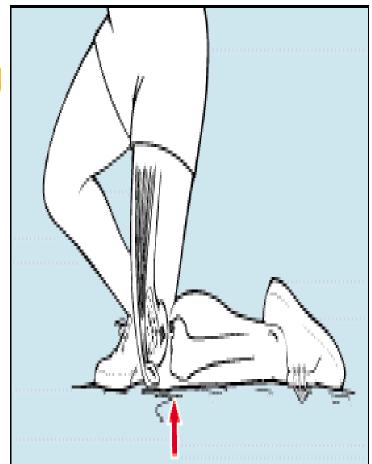
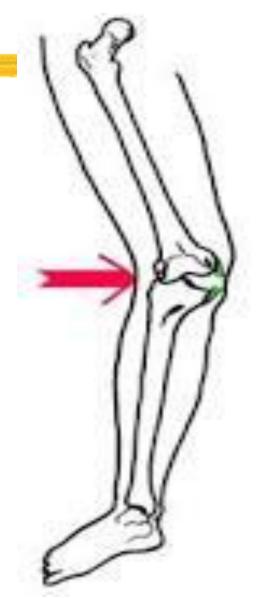


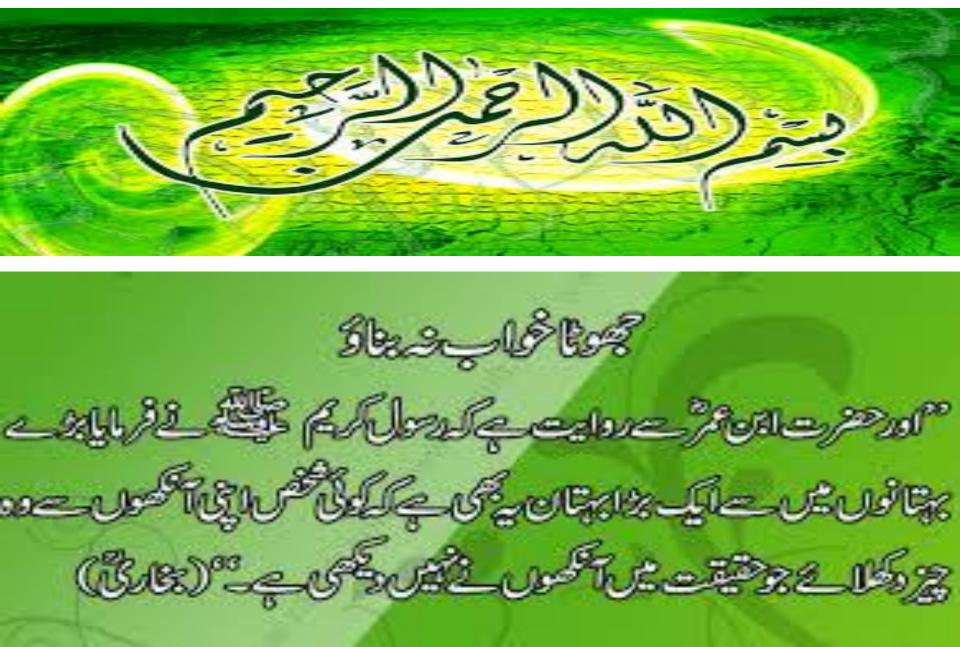
Figure 1. One of the mechanisms of injury for a posterior cruciate ligament (PCL) tear is a fall onto a flexed knee with the foot plantar flexed, which applies posterior force to the proximal tibia.

Medial collateral ligament injury

- Blows to the lateral side more common
- Valgus stress
- Contact sports = football = MCL injury more common
- Both MCL and LCL injured in wrestling







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Prophylactiion: knee bracing

To prevent knee ligament injuries in contact sports....(Matter of contention

- Protection from torsional loads
- Reduced sprinting speed and earlier onset of fatigue

Patellar Tendonitist

- Due to high <u>deceleration or eccentric forces</u> of the quadriceps at the knee during landing
- As you land the hamstrings cause your knee to flex to absorb the shock of impact
- In order to control or decelerate the flexion produced by the hamstrings, the quadriceps muscles contract eccentricly
- Eccentric contractions occur as the muscle is being lengthened or stretch
- Eccentric contractions produces <u>high amounts of</u> <u>force</u>, and therefore stress to the patellar tendon

Iliotibial band friction syndrome

Friction of posterior edge of Iliotibial band against the lateral condyle of the femur during foot strike

- Very common in distance runners, hence referred as runner's knee
- Training errors and anatomical malalignments

Excessive tibial lateral torsion, femoral anteversion, genu valgum, genu varum, increased Q angle etc,

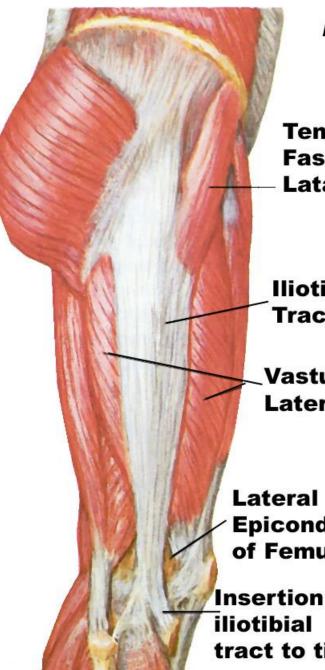


Diagram showing friction of iliotibial tract on lateral femoral epicondyle as the fasical tract glides back and forth.

Area of diffuse pain and tenderness.

Iliotibial Band Friction Syndrome

Tensor Fascia Lata

lliotibial Tract

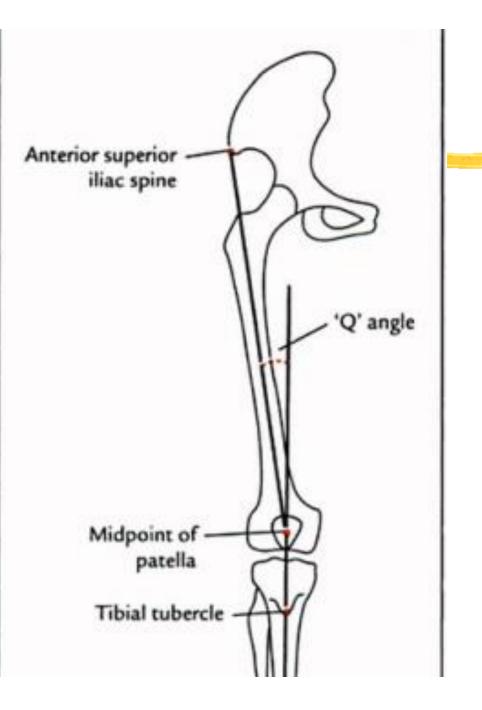
Vastus Lateralis

Epicondyle of Femur

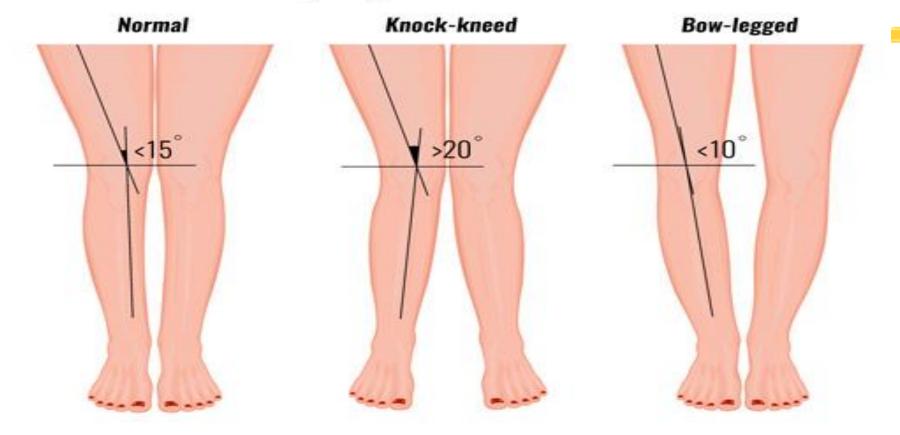
Insertion of tract to tibia.

Q ANGLE

- Two lines; ASIS to Mid of Patella; the other from Tibial Tuberiosity to Mid of Patella. Angle of intersection called 'Q angle'.
- Normal angle=10-15



Q Angle of the Knee



The greater the Q angle, the greater the tendency to move the patella laterally against the lateral femoral condyle.

A large Q angle plus strong quad contraction can dislocate pat.

Anterior Superior lliac Spine Midpoint of the Patella Tibial Tuberosity

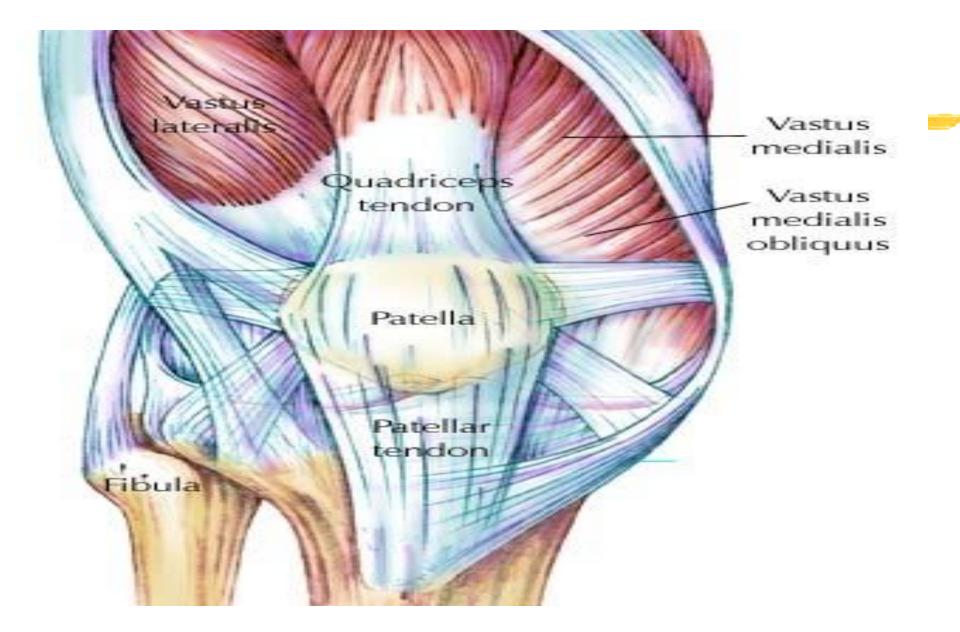
Breaststroker's knee

- Forceful whipping together of the lower leg produces propulsive thrust
- Excessive abduction of the knee
- Irritation of the MCL and medial border of the patella
- Hip abduction less than 37 or greater than 42 degree == increased onset of knee pain



Patellofemoral pain syndrome

- Painful Patellofemoral joint motion involving anterior knee pain after activities requiring repeated flexion at the knee
- Anatomical malalignments
- Weak Vastus Medialis Oblique and Vastus Lateralis strong
- Large Q angle responsible
- Patellar maltracking

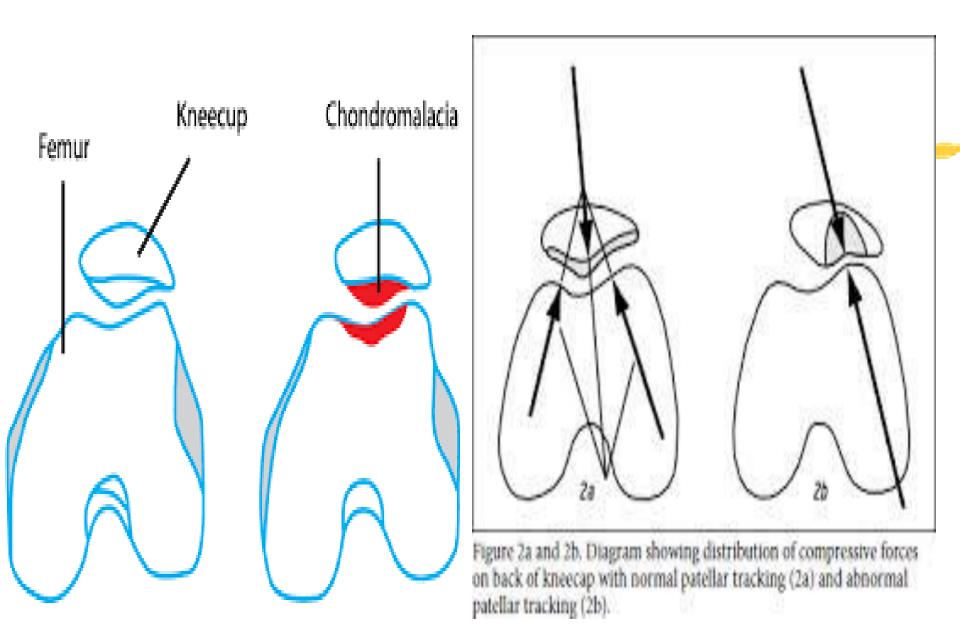


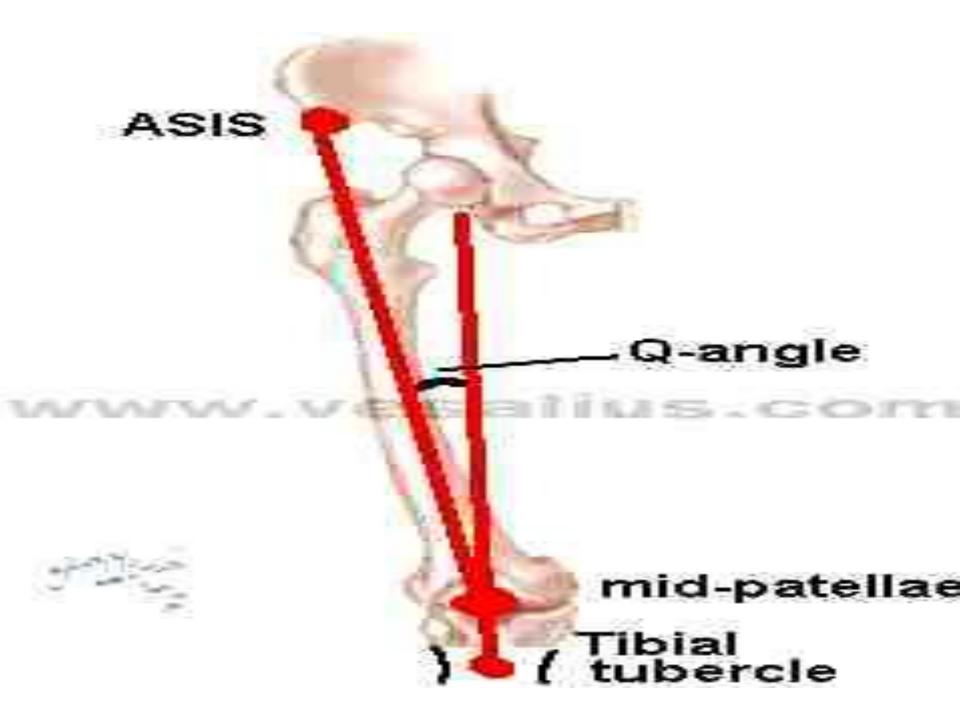
Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome

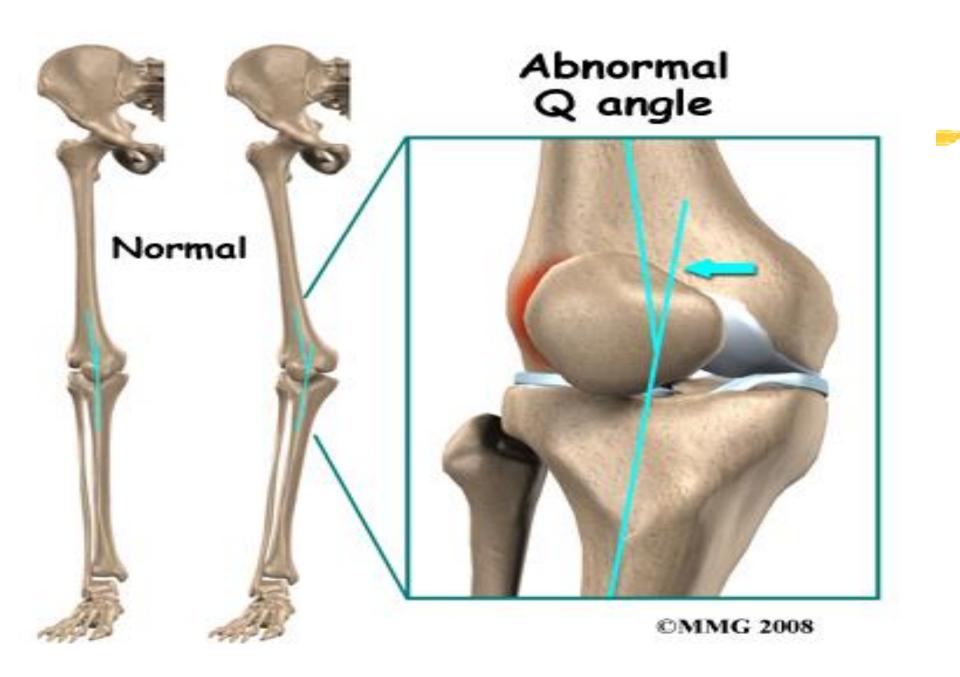


Patellofemoral Pain









Chondromalacia Patellae Overuse syndrome of patellar cartilage characterized by softening & fissuring of the articular cartilage of the patella

- Caused by aging and mechanical defects that include::: patellofemoral malalignments which leads to tracking abnormality of patella putting excessive lateral pressure on articular cartilage
- Seen in young active women, pain worse w/stair climbing and rising from a chair

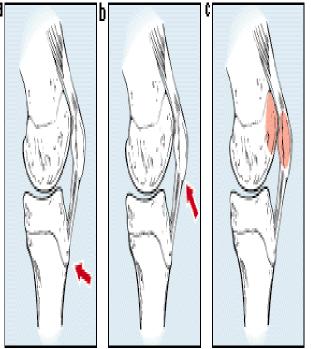
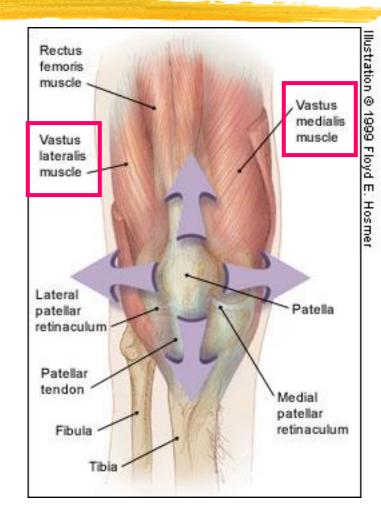
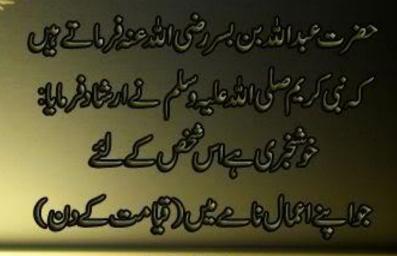


Figure 3. Chronic anterior knee pain in adolescents may be a result of OSD or other conditions. OSD is a disturbance at the junction of the patellar tendon and the tibial tubercle apophysis (a, arrow). Sinding-Larsen-Johansson disease involves pain, swelling, and tendemess of the inferior patellar pole at the origin of the patellar tendon (b, arrow). Patients who have patellofemoral syndrome (c, shaded areas) have poorly localized peripatellar pain.

Risk Factors: Subluxation and Chondromalacia

- 1. Training errors
 - Increasing intensity too soon
- 2. Weak vastus medialis muscle
- 3. Large Q angle
 - Greater than 25 for women and 20 for men
- 4. Gender more common in women
- 5. Poor footwear and/or surface



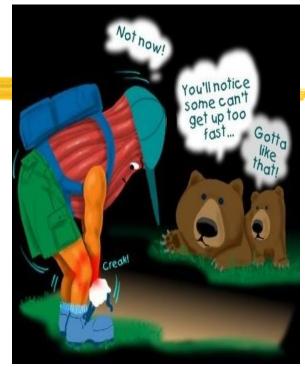


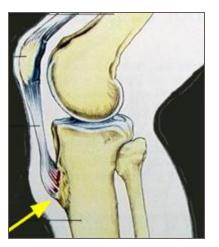
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4. Osgood- Schlatter Disease

- Overuse syndrome, not a diesease.
- Osgood–Schlatter disease (OSD), also known as apophysitis of the tibial tubercle, is inflammation of the patellar ligament at the tibial tuberosity.
- It is characterized by a painful bump just below the <u>knee</u> that is worse with activity and better with rest.
- Episodes of pain typically last a few months.
- One or both knees may be affected and flares may recur
- Most common in adolescents (8-13 year olds girls and 10-15 year old boys); age of rapid bone growth





Shin Splints

Generalized pain along the anterolateral or posteromedial aspect of the lower leg is commonly known as shin splints

Overuse injury often associated with running, dancing on the hard surface and running uphill

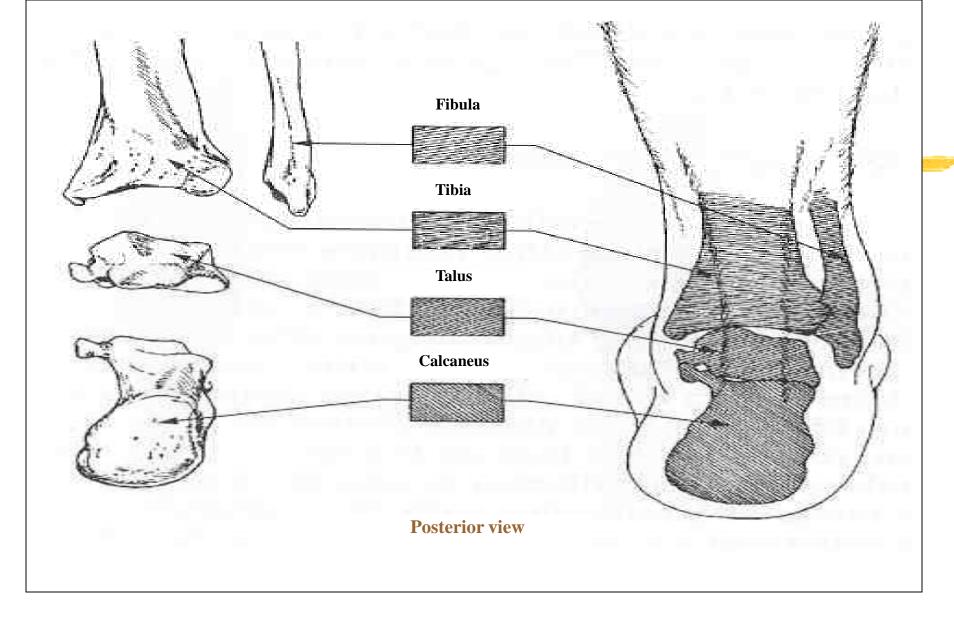


Structure of the Ankle

Tibiotalar joint

• Hinge joint where the convex surface of the superior talus articulates with the concave surface of the distal tibia

• considered to be *the* ankle joint



The bony structure of the ankle.

Movements at the Ankle

Dorsiflexion at the ankle

- Tibialis anterior
- extensor digitorum longus
- peroneus tertius
- assisted by:
 - extensor hallucis longus

Movements at the Ankle

plantar flexion at the ankle

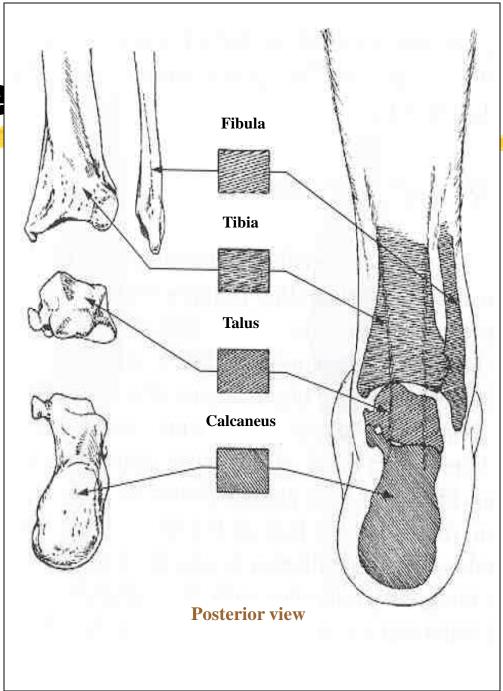
- Gastrocnemius
- soleus
- assisted by:

Tibialis posterior, Plantaris, peroneus longus, peroneus brevis ,flexor hallucis longus,, flexor digitorum longus

Structure

Subtalar joint

(the anterior and posterior facets of the talus articulate with the sustentaculum tali on the superior calcaneus)





tarsometatarsal and intermetatarsal joints

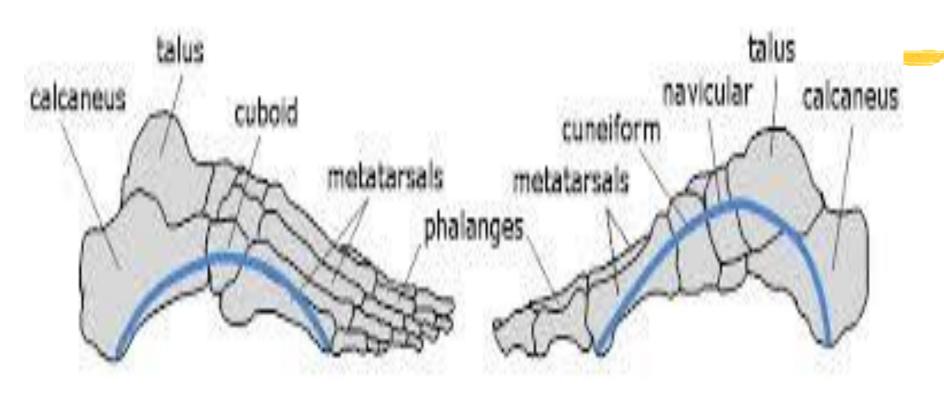
- Nonaxial joints that permit only gliding movements
- Enable the foot to function as a semirigid unit and to adapt flexibly to uneven surfaces during weight bearing

metatarsophalangeal and interphalangeal joints

- Condyloid and hinge joints, respectively
- Toes function to smooth weight shift to the opposite foot during walking and help maintain stability during weight bearing by pressing against the ground when necessary

plantar arches

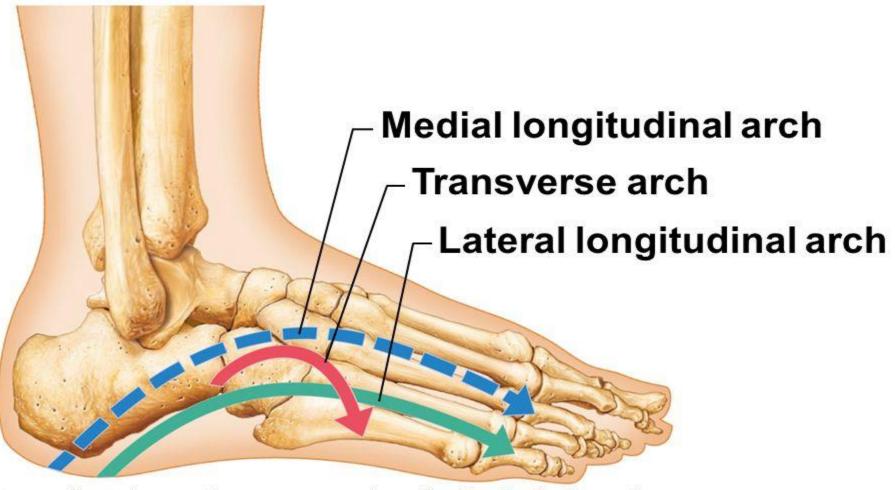
- The medial and lateral longitudinal arches stretch **form the calcaneus to the metatarsals and tarsals**
- The transverse arch is formed by the base of the metatarsal bones



Lateral Arch

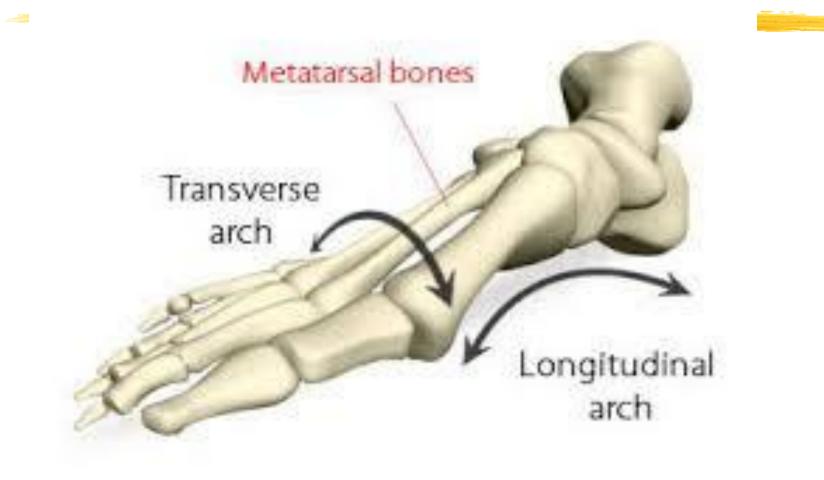
Medial Arch

Figure 7.35a Arches of the foot.



(a) Lateral aspect of right foot

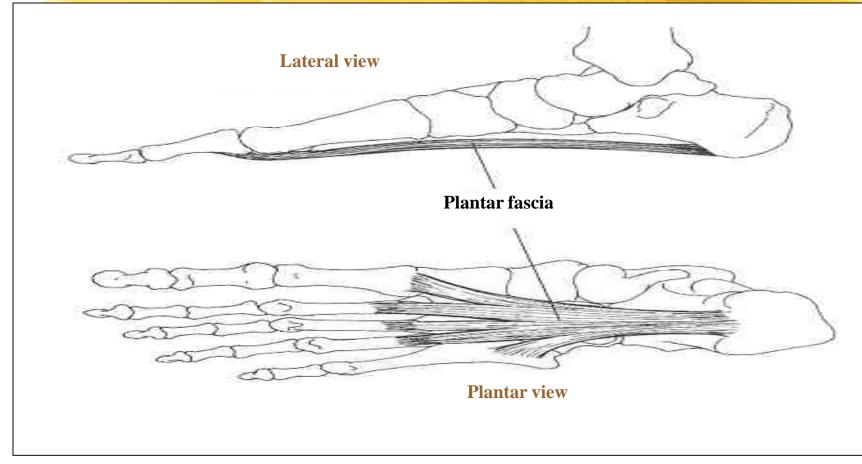
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Plantar Fascia

- Thick bands of fascia that cover the plantar aspects of the foot
- During weight bearing= mechanical energy is stored in the stretched ligaments,
- tendons, and plantar fascia of the foot.
- This energy is released to assist with push-off of the foot from the surface.





The plantar fascia.

Movements of the Foot

Toe flexion and extension

- Flexion flexor digitorum longus, flexor digitorum brevis, lumbricals,
 Interossei
- Extension extensor hallucis longus, extensor digitorum longus, extensor digitorum brevis

Movements of the Foot

Inversion and eversion

- **Inversion** Tibialis posterior, Tibialis anterior
- Eversion peroneus longus, peroneus brevis, assisted by peroneus tertius

Inversion

Damaged Ligaments

Eversion

Damaged Ligaments

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Common injuries of the ankle and foot

- •Ankle injuries
- •Inversion sprains= stretching or rupture of lateral ligaments (ATFL, PTFL, CFL)
- •Medial = deltoid ligament very strong (ATTL, PTTL, TCL, TNL)
- •Ankle bracing or taping (Mild injury treatment)

Ankle sprain

- Greater inversion increases the potential for overstretching of the lateral ligaments.
- Most sprains involve the lateral ligaments from excessive inversion.
- Deltoid ligament is sprained less often (25% of ankle sprains)
- Of the lateral ligments, the ATFL is sprained the most often followed by the CFL
- Sprains occur most often with the foot in plantar flexion and inversion
- The medial malleolus is shorter than the lateral mallelous so there is naturally more inversion than eversion.









- •Achilles tendinitis
- •Plantar fascitis
- •Stress fractures



Achilles Tendonitis

•*Dancing en pointe* = stressed second metatarsal



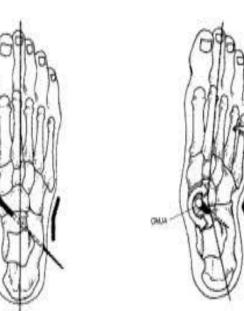
Alignment anomalies of the foot

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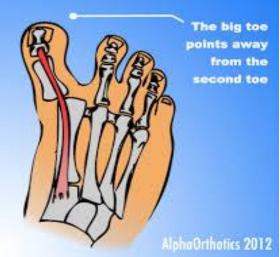
Forefoot
Valgus
Forefoot Varus
Hallux Valgus
Hallux Varus







Hallux varus





Injuries related to high and low arch structures

High arches(pes cavus)= increased incidence of ankle sprains, plantar fascitis, ITB friction syndrome, 5th metatarsal fracture

Low arches (pes planus)= knee pain, patellar tendinitis, plantarfascitis,



