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Foot Injuries and Disorders

Each of your feet has 26 bones, 33 joints, and more than 100 tendons, muscles, and ligaments. No wonder a lot of things can go wrong. Here are a few common problems:

- Bunions [<https://medlineplus.gov/toeinjuriesanddisorders.html>] - hard, painful bumps on the big toe joint
- Corns and calluses [<https://medlineplus.gov/cornsandcalluses.html>] - thickened skin from friction or pressure
- Plantar warts - warts on the soles of your feet
- Fallen arches - also called flat feet

Ill-fitting shoes often cause these problems. Aging and being overweight also increase your chances of having foot problems.


Start Here

- Adult Foot Health [<https://www.footcaremd.org/foot-ankle-health/adult-feet>] (American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society)
- Foot Problems [<https://familydoctor.org/symptom/foot-problems/?adfree=true>] (American Academy of Family Physicians)
Also in Spanish [<https://es.familydoctor.org/sintoma/problemas-de-los-pies/?adfree=true>]

Symptoms

- Plantar Fasciitis [<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/plantar-fasciitis.html>] (Nemours Foundation) - **In English and Spanish**
Also in Spanish [<https://kidshealth.org/es/parents/plantar-fasciitis.html>]

Diagnosis and Tests

- Bone X-Ray [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/en/info/bonerad>]
 (American College of Radiology; Radiological Society of North America)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.radiologyinfo.org/es/info/bonerad>]
- Foot Problems [<https://familydoctor.org/symptom/foot-problems/?adfree=true>] (American Academy of Family Physicians)
Also in Spanish [<https://es.familydoctor.org/sintoma/problemas-de-los-pies/?adfree=true>]
- Foot Push-Up Test [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/article/foot-push-up-test>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
- How to Evaluate Your Feet [<https://www.footcaremd.org/foot-ankle-health/how-to-evaluate-your-feet>]
(American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society)
- Search the Foot and Ankle Conditions: Interactive Foot Diagram [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/foot-ankle-conditions/search-the-foot-ankle>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
- X-Ray Exam: Foot [<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/xray-foot.html>] (Nemours Foundation)


Prevention and Risk Factors

- Preventing Trench Foot or Immersion Foot [<https://www.cdc.gov/natural-disasters/psa-toolkit/preventing-trench-foot-or-immersion-foot.html>] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Treatments and Therapies

- **Cavus Foot Surgery** [<https://www.footcaremd.org/foot-and-ankle-treatments/midfoot/cavus-foot-surgery>] (American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society)
- **Prescription Custom Orthotics and Shoe Inserts** [<https://www.apma.org/patients-and-the-public/conditions-affecting-the-foot-and-ankle/prescription-custom-orthotics-and-shoe-inserts/>] (American Podiatric Medical Association)
- **Sprains, Strains and Fractures** [<https://www.apma.org/patients-and-the-public/conditions-affecting-the-foot-and-ankle/sprains-strains-and-fractures/>] (American Podiatric Medical Association)
- **Subtalar Arthroscopy** [<https://www.footcaremd.org/foot-and-ankle-treatments/ankle/subtalar-arthroscopy>] (American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society)


Living With

- **Acute Inflammation** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/acute-inflammation>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/acute-inflammation?lang=es-MX>]
- **Foot and Ankle Rehabilitation Exercises** [<https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/recovery/foot-and-ankle-conditioning-program/foot-pdf/>] (American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons) - **PDF**
- **Mobility Aids: MedlinePlus Health Topic** [<https://medlineplus.gov/mobilityaids.html>]  (National Library of Medicine)
Also in Spanish [<https://medlineplus.gov/spanish/mobilityaids.html>]
- **Smoking and Bone Healing - A Risky Surgical Combination** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/article/smoking-and-bone-healing-%E2%80%93-a-risky-surgical-combin>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)

Related Issues

- **Bone Healing** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/bone-healing>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/bone-healing?lang=es-MX>]




Specifics

- **Bunions (Hallux Abducto Valgus)** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/bunions>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/bunions?lang=es-MX>]
- **Burning Feet** [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/symptoms/burning-feet/basics/definition/SYM-20050809?p=1>] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/symptoms/burning-feet/basics/definition/SYM-20050809?p=1>]
- **Cavus Foot (High-Arched Foot)** [[https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/cavus-foot-\(high-arched-foot\)](https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/cavus-foot-(high-arched-foot))] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [[https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/cavus-foot-\(high-arched-foot\)?lang=es-MX](https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/cavus-foot-(high-arched-foot)?lang=es-MX)]
- **Charcot Foot** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/charcot-foot>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/charcot-foot?lang=es-MX>]
- **Equinus** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/equinus>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/equinus?lang=es-MX>]
- **Flatfeet** [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/flatfeet/symptoms-causes/syc-20372604?p=1>] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
- **Flexible Flatfoot** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/flexible-flatfoot>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/flexible-flatfoot?lang=es-MX>]
- **Foot Drop Syndrome** [<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/health-information/disorders/foot-drop-syndrome>]  (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)
- **Fractures of the Fifth Metatarsal** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/fractures-of-the-fifth-metatarsal>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)

Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/fractures-of-the-fifth-metatarsal?lang=es-MX>]

- **Ganglion Cyst** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/ganglion-cyst>] (American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/ganglion-cyst?lang=es-MX>]
- **Itchy Hands or Feet** [<https://skinsight.com/disease-groups/itchy-hands-or-feet/?lmiw9cApl>] (VisualDX)
- **Lisfranc (Midfoot) Injury** [<https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/diseases--conditions/lisfranc-midfoot-injury/>]
(American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons)
- **Metatarsalgia** [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/metatarsalgia/symptoms-causes/syc-20354790?p=1>]
(Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/diseases-conditions/metatarsalgia/symptoms-causes/syc-20354790?p=1>]
- **Morton's Neuroma (Intermetatarsal Neuroma)** [[https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/morton-s-neuroma-\(intermetatarsal-neuroma\)](https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/morton-s-neuroma-(intermetatarsal-neuroma))]
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- **Neuromas** [<https://www.apma.org/patients-and-the-public/conditions-affecting-the-foot-and-ankle/neuromas/>]
(American Podiatric Medical Association)
- **Osteoarthritis of the Foot and Ankle** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/osteoarthritis-of-the-foot-and-ankle>]
(American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/osteoarthritis-of-the-foot-and-ankle?lang=es-MX>]
- **Peroneal Tendon Injuries** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/peroneal-tendon-injuries>]
(American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/peroneal-tendon-injuries?lang=es-MX>]
- **Plantar Fibroma and Plantar Fibromatosis** [<https://www.footcaremd.org/foot-and-ankle-conditions/heel/plantar-fibroma-and-plantar-fibromatosis>]
(American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society)
- **Plantar Warts** [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/plantar-warts/symptoms-causes/syc-20352691?p=1>]
(Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.mayoclinic.org/es/diseases-conditions/plantar-warts/symptoms-causes/syc-20352691?p=1>]
- **Progressive Collapsing Foot Deformity (Flatfoot)** [<https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/diseases--conditions/posterior-tibial-tendon-dysfunction/>]
(American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons)
- **Puncture Wounds** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/puncture-wounds>]
(American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/puncture-wounds?lang=es-MX>]
- **Rheumatoid Arthritis of the Foot and Ankle** [<https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/diseases--conditions/rheumatoid-arthritis-of-the-foot-and-ankle>]
(American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society)
- **Tailor's Bunion (Bunionette)** [[https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/tailor-s-bunion-\(bunionette\)](https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/tailor-s-bunion-(bunionette))]
(American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [[https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/tailor-s-bunion-\(bunionette\)?lang=es-MX](https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/tailor-s-bunion-(bunionette)?lang=es-MX)]
- **Tarsal Coalition** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/tarsal-coalition>]
(American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)
Also in Spanish [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/tarsal-coalition?lang=es-MX>]
- **Tarsal Tunnel Syndrome** [<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/tarsal-tunnel-syndrome>]
(American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons)

Genetics

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- **Feingold syndrome: MedlinePlus Genetics** [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/feingold-syndrome>]
 (National Library of Medicine)
- **Hand-foot-genital syndrome: MedlinePlus Genetics** [<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/hand-foot-genital-syndrome>]
 (National Library of Medicine)




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- **Common Foot Problems** [<https://skinsight.com/disease-groups/common-foot-problems/?lmiw9cApl>] (VisualDX)

- Pitted Keratolysis [<https://skinsight.com/skin-conditions/pitted-keratolysis/?lmiw9cApl=1>] (VisualDX)

- Plantar Wart [<https://skinsight.com/skin-conditions/plantar-wart-hpv/?lmiw9cApl=1>] (VisualDX)

Clinical Trials

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- American Podiatric Medical Association [<https://www.apma.org/>]
- Find a Foot and Ankle Orthopaedic Surgeon [<https://www.aofas.org/find-a-foot-and-ankle-orthopaedic-surgeon>]
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Toe Injuries and Disorders [<https://medlineplus.gov/toeinjuriesanddisorders.html>]

National Institutes of Health

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