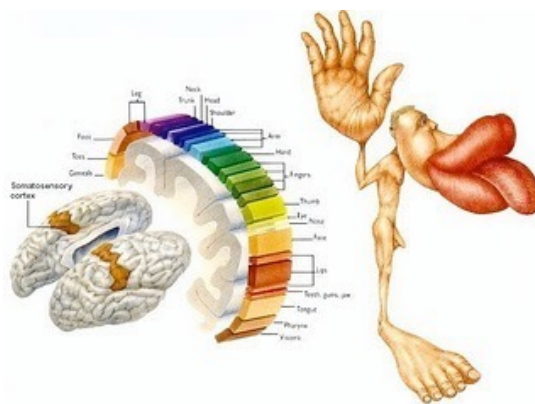
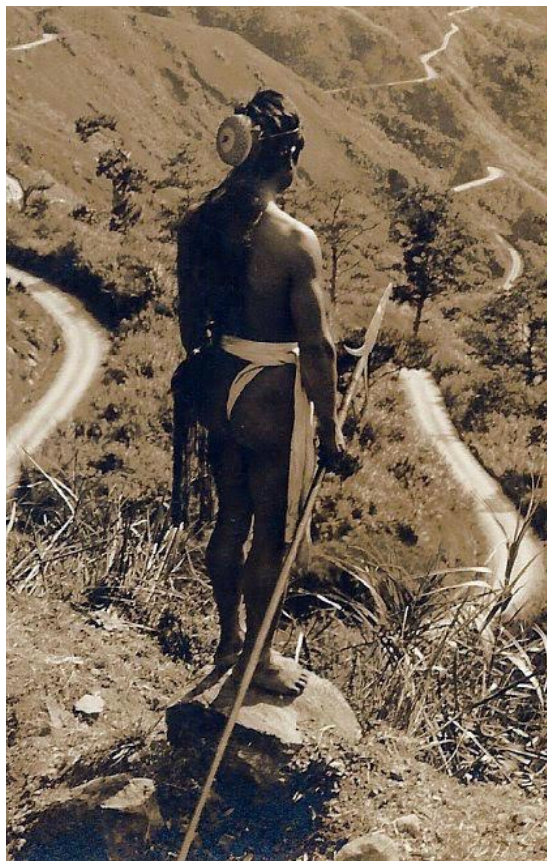
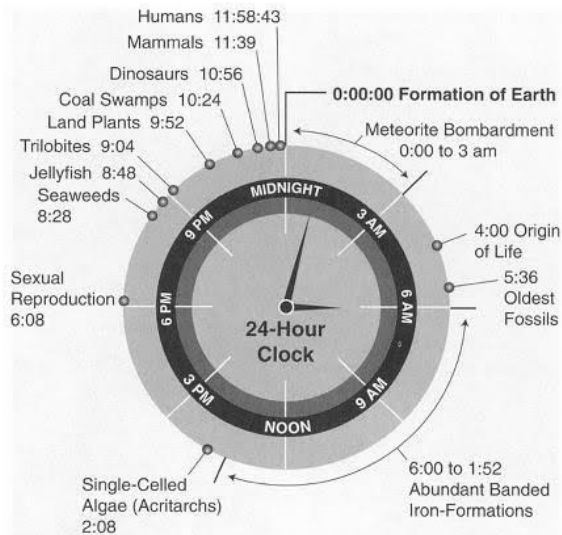


# **II) Evolutionary - Primal Tuning of Upright Posture - how modern lifestyle has lead to an inactivity crisis**

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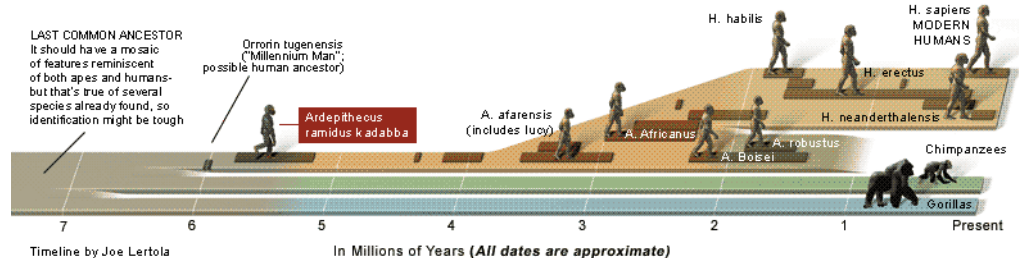
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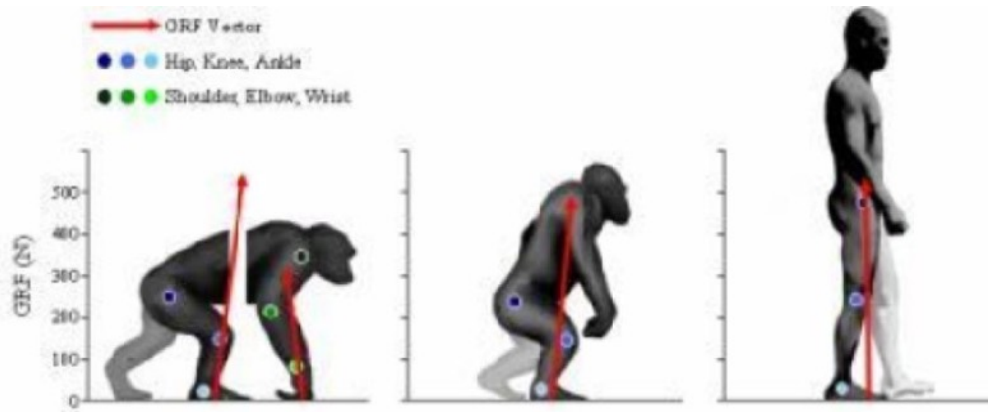
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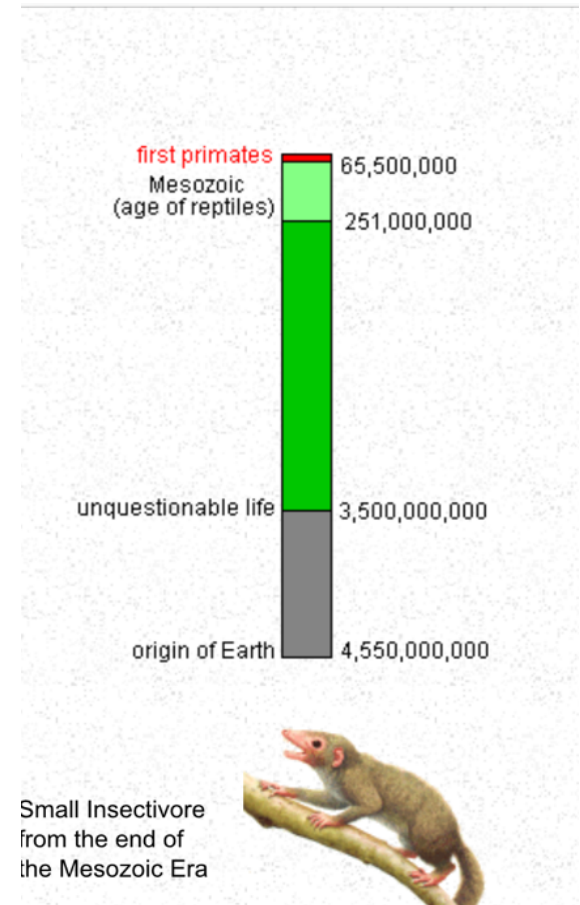


- 1st Life - 3 billion years
- Last Common Ancestor - > 7 million years
- Human - 200,000 years

# EVOLUTION OF UPRIGHT POSTURE



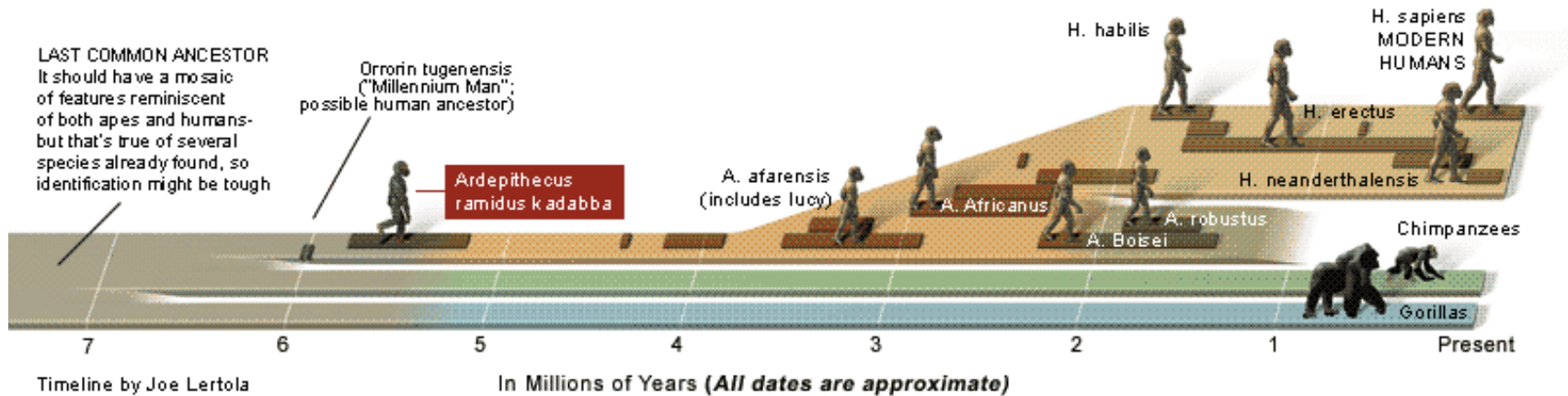
- Primates - 65 million
- Hominoids - >6 million
- Homo Sapien - 250,000



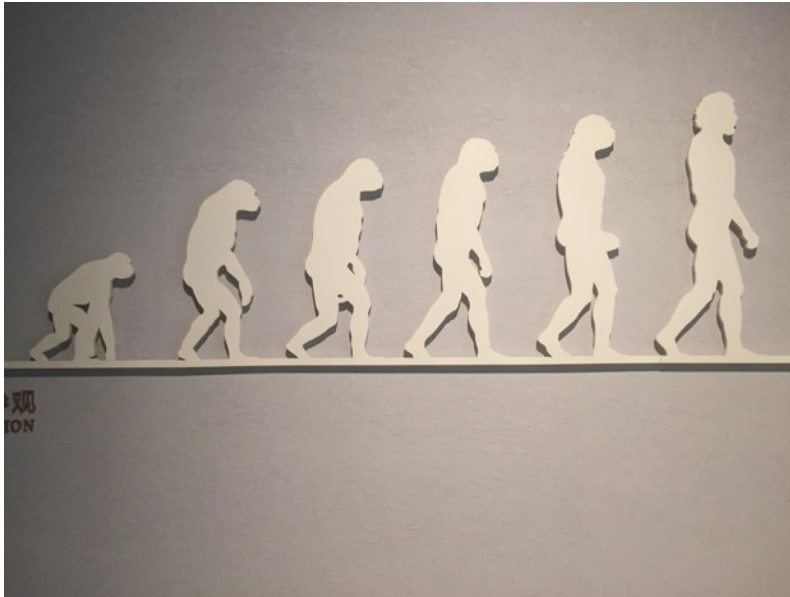


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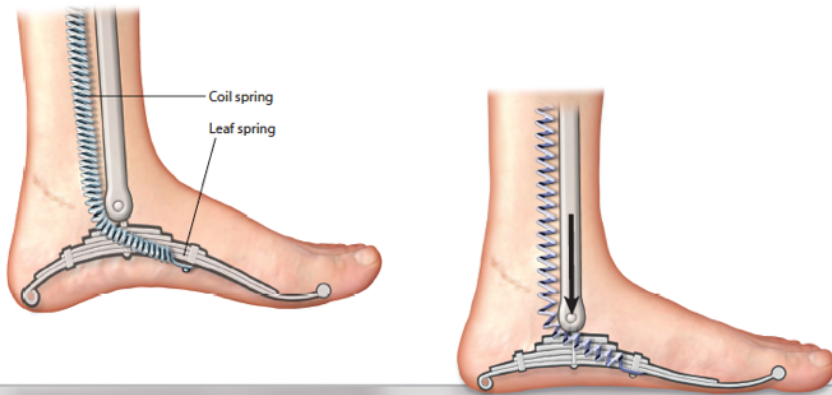
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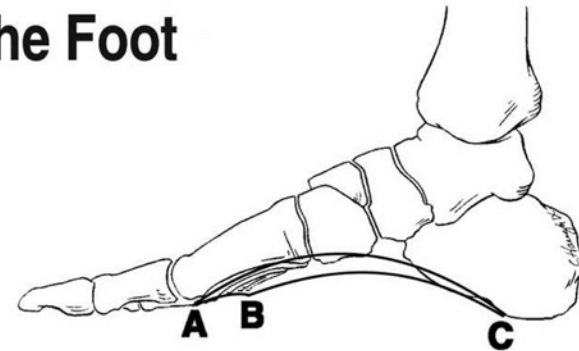
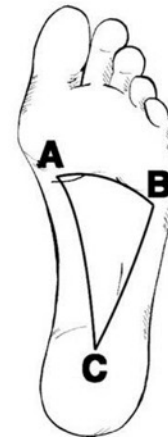
1. Springy arches in foot
2. Big toe function for propulsion
3. Lateral facing pelvis with glutes
4. Nuchal line
5. Arched L spine

# SPRINGY ARCHES IN FOOT

Natural Spring Down Motion



## Arches of the Foot

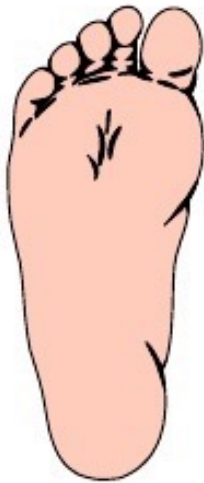


A-B Anterior Transverse Arch  
B-C Lateral Longitudinal Arch  
A-C Medial Longitudinal Arch

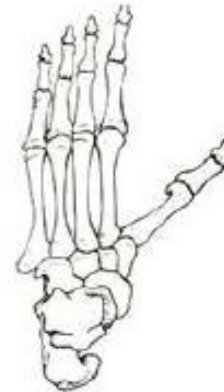


# BIG TOE FUNCTION FOR PROPULSION

## Big Toe Oriented Forward



human



chimpanzee



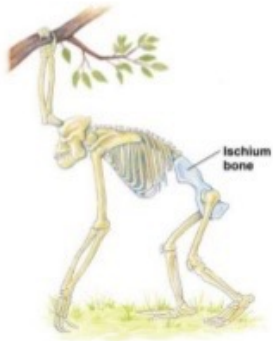
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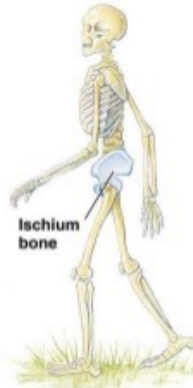
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# ENDURANCE RUNNING & THE EVOLUTION OF HOMO

Comparison between quadrupedal and bipedal locomotion



Gorillas: the ischium bone is long and the entire pelvis is tilted toward the horizontal

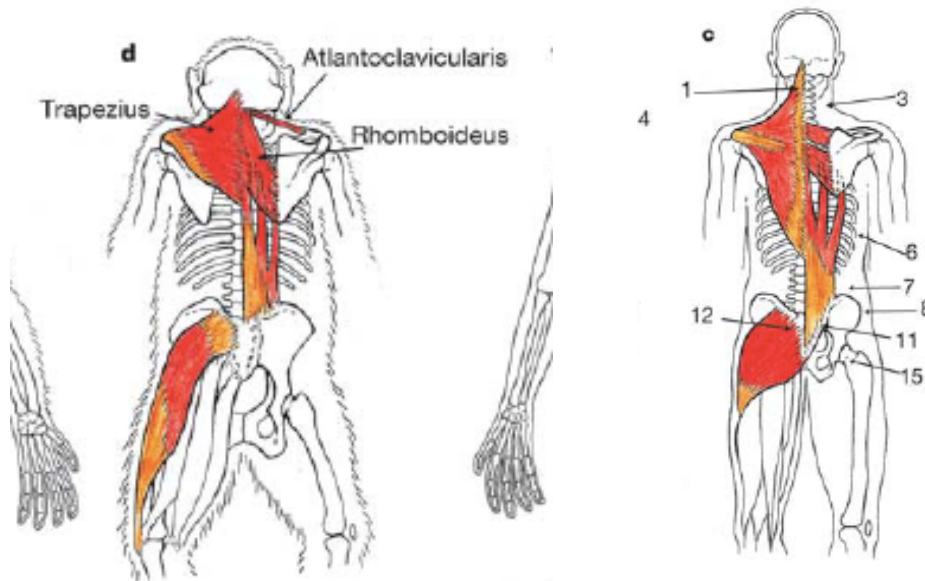


Humans: the ischium bone is much shorter and the pelvis is vertical

- Lateral facing pelvis with glutes
- Broader w/ more surface area

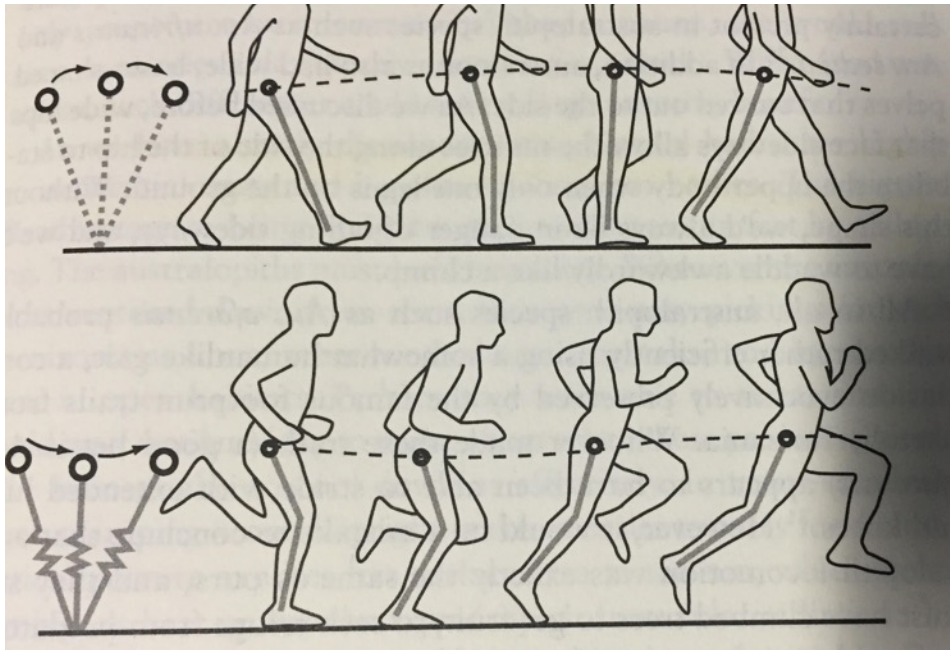


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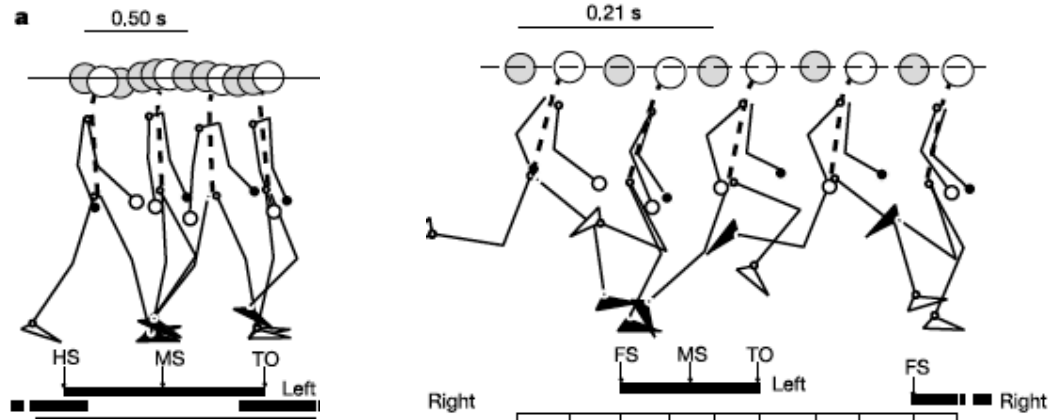
# NUCHAL LINE



- Walking is upright
- Running is with a forward lean
- What is the role of the role of nuchal line?

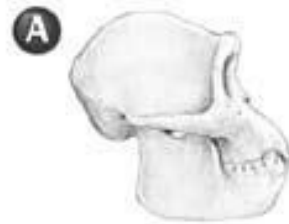
# NUCHAL LINE

Nuchal line anchors posterior chain  
which check reins forward lean

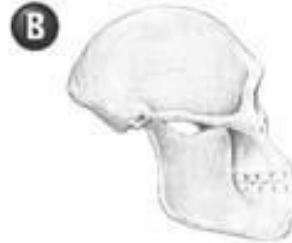


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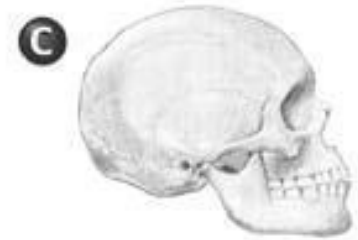
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*Pan Troglodytes*



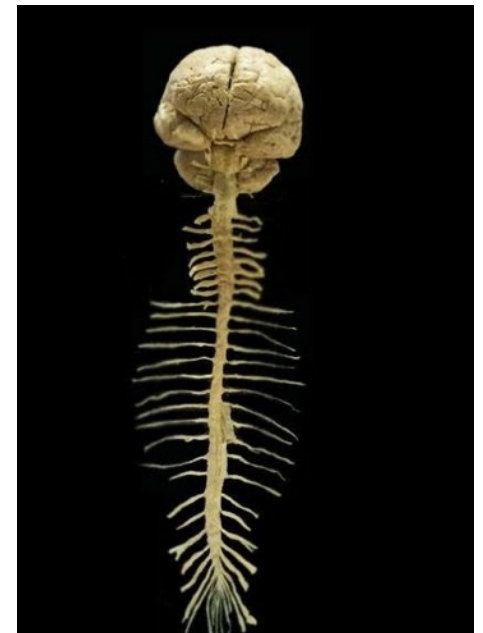
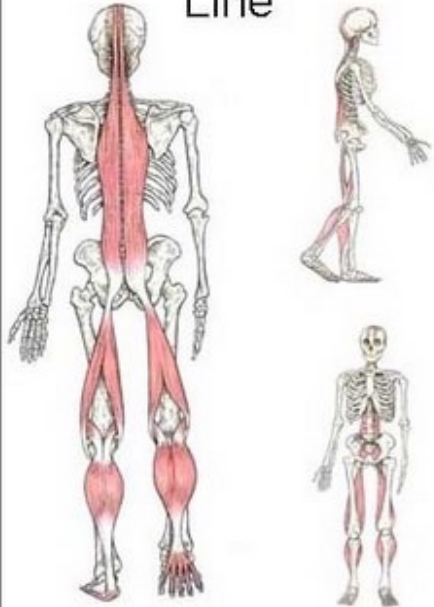
**Ancient Hominid**  
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**Human**  
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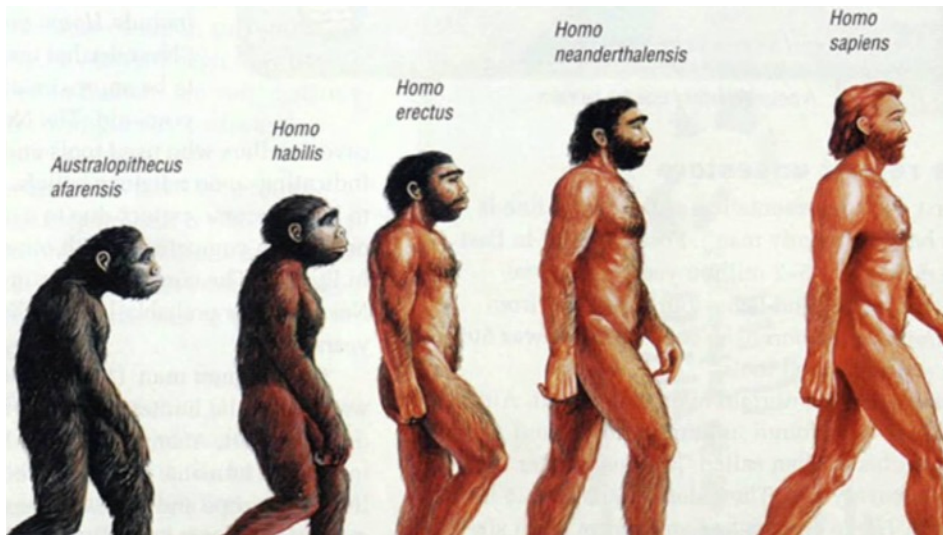
**Superficial Back  
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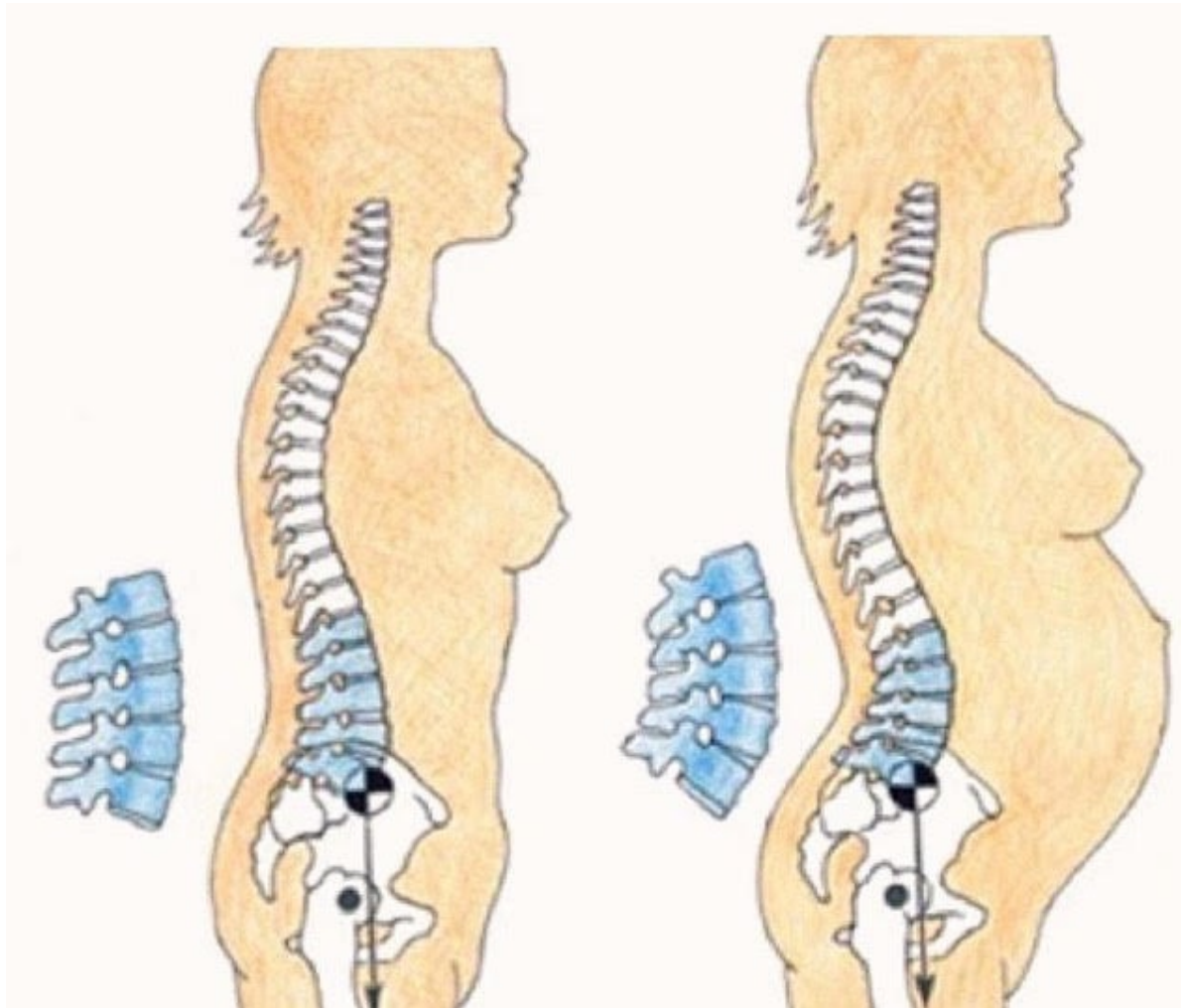


# ARCHED L SPINE



- Apes have 1 arched vertebrae
- Humans 2 or 3
- Men 2
- Women 3
- WHY?

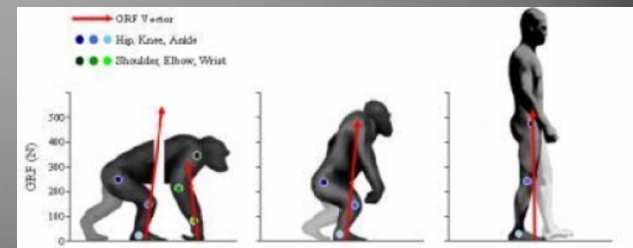
# WHY DON'T PREGNANT WOMEN TIP OVER?



# EVOLUTION OF UPRIGHT POSTURE

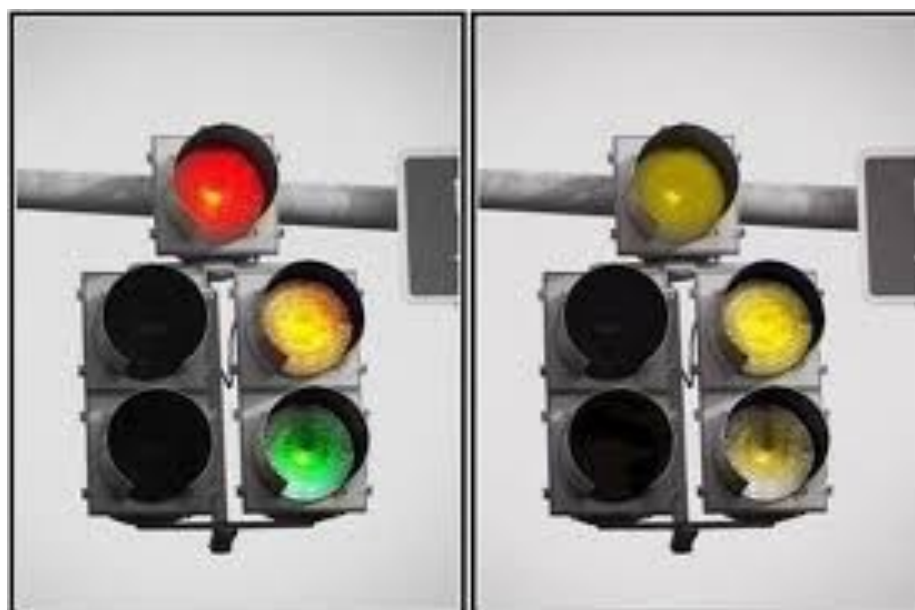


## Lumbar Lordosis The Evolutionary Advantage in Human Walking



“In females, the lordosis is subtly different than that of males, because the curvature extends across three vertebrae, while the male lordosis curves across only two vertebrae,” says Whitcome. “Loading across three vertebrae allows an expectant mother to increase her lordosis, realigning her center of gravity above her hips and offsetting the destabilizing weight of the baby.”

Nature, Dec 2010



A photograph of a computer monitor with a black bezel, displaying a white rectangular area containing text. The monitor is on a stand and is positioned against a plain, light-colored wall. The text on the screen is centered and reads: "Our ability to **interact with the ground** is the foundation to movement efficiency." The words "interact with the ground" are in a bold, dark red font, while the rest of the sentence is in a bold, black font.

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## Our First Teacher...

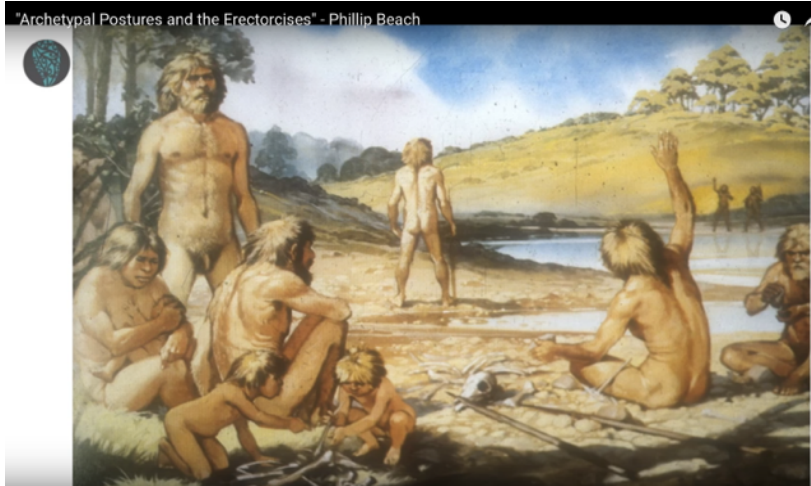
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“The first *teacher* you meet is  
all around you-it is called the  
environment.”

–Nick Winkelman, PhD



# ACTIVE RECOVERY





*Foreword by Leon Chaitow*

# Muscles and Meridians

The manipulation of shape



**Phillip Beach**

CHURCHILL  
LIVINGSTONE  
HARPER

# 90:90 SHIN BOX



# REGRESSION





# PRIMAL REST POSES



1) Toe Sitting

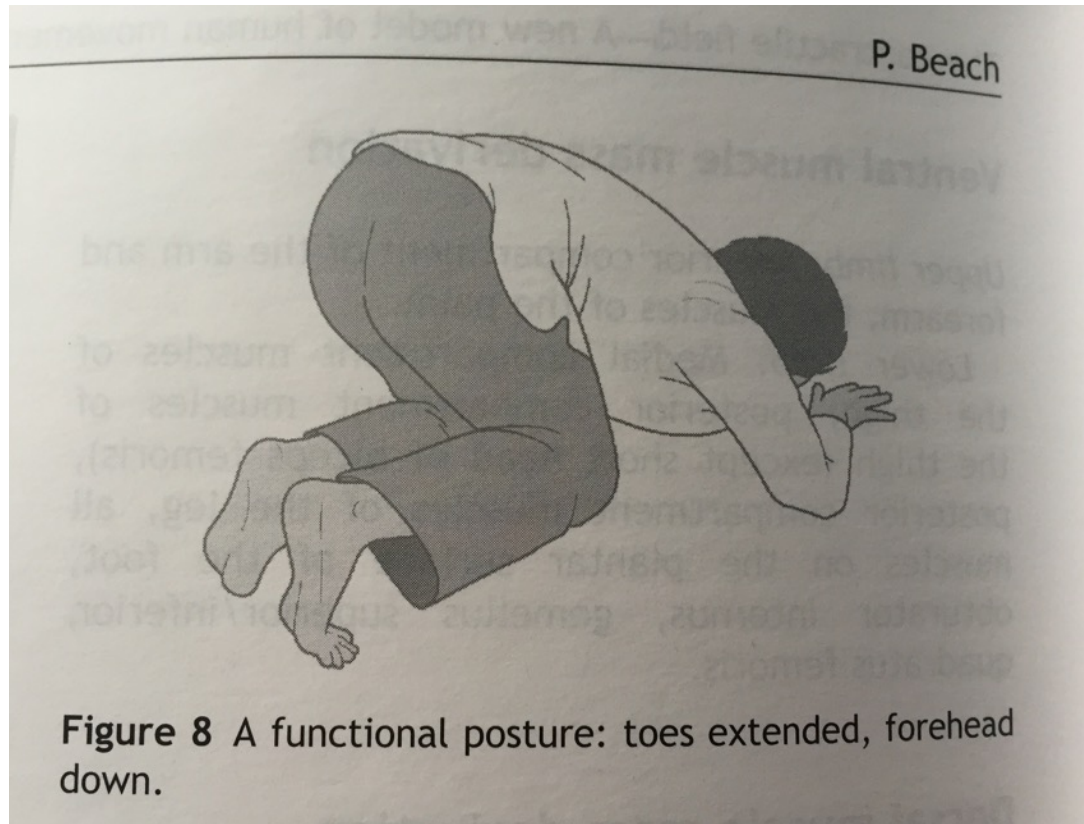


# PRIMAL REST POSES



2) Japanese

# TOES UNDER BENT FORWARD



## 3) Drinking Pose/Prayer





#### 4) Cowboy Sit







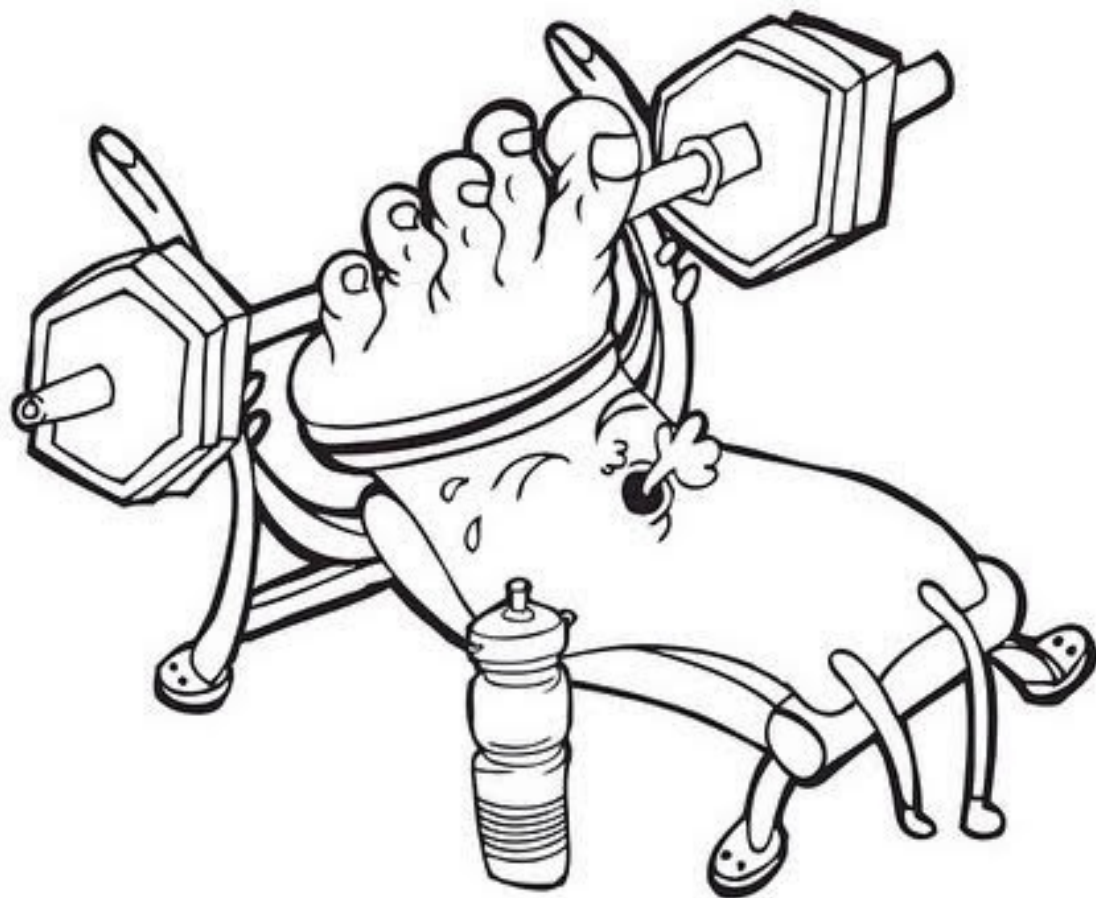


# III) Foot ankle stability: What is the role of the dead foot?



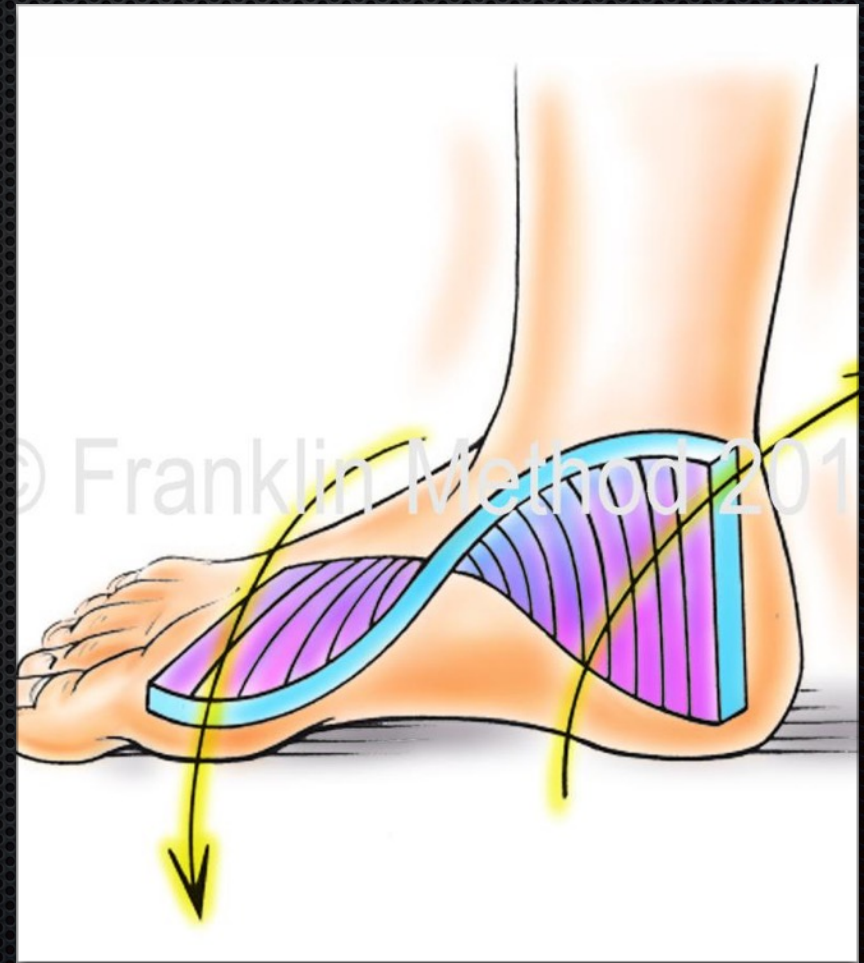
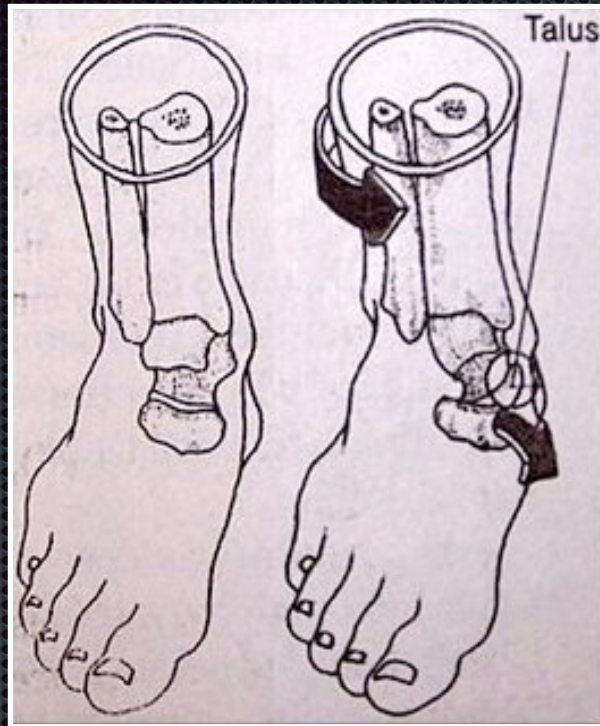


YOUR FOOT IS WEAK\*

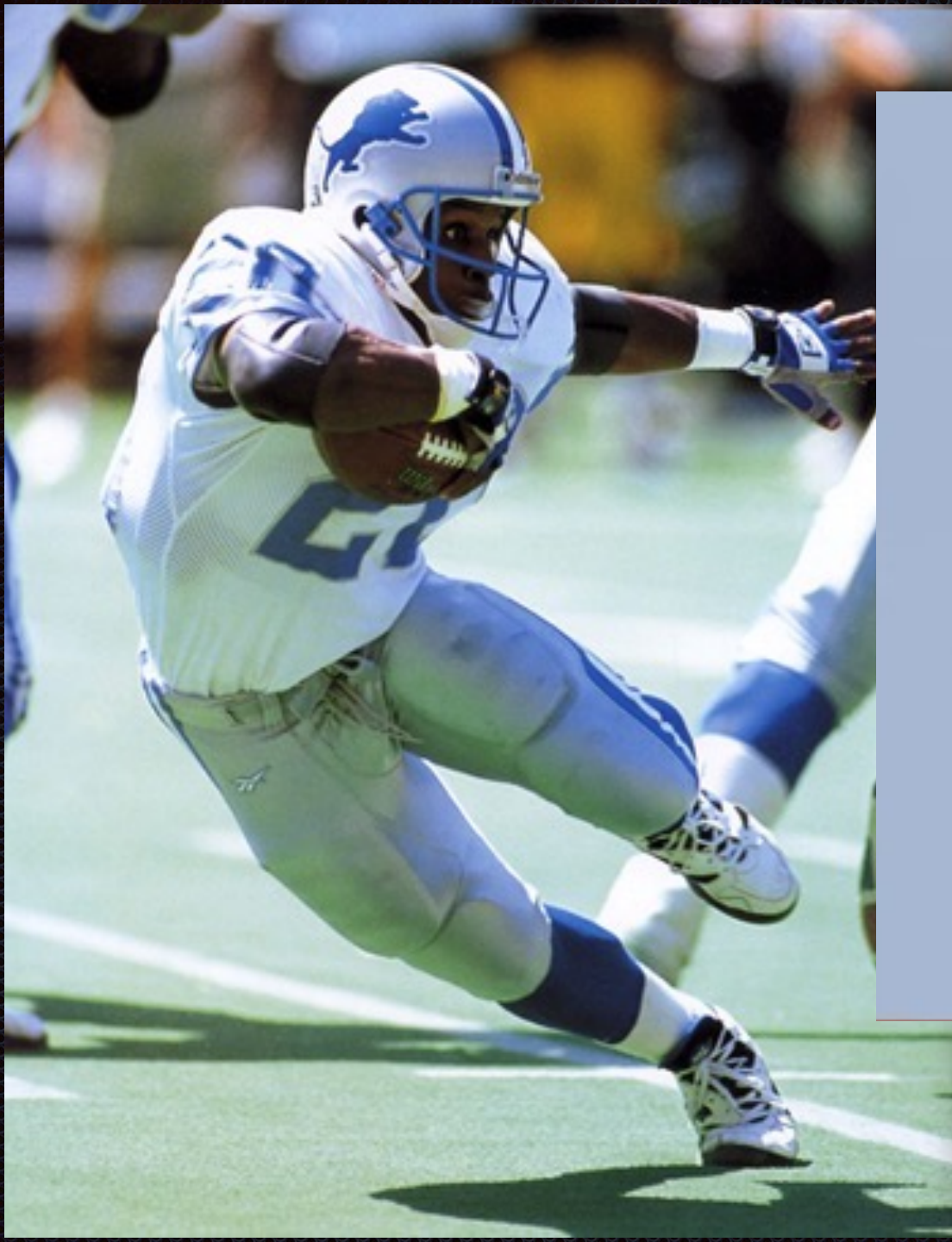




# Loss of Healthy Arches











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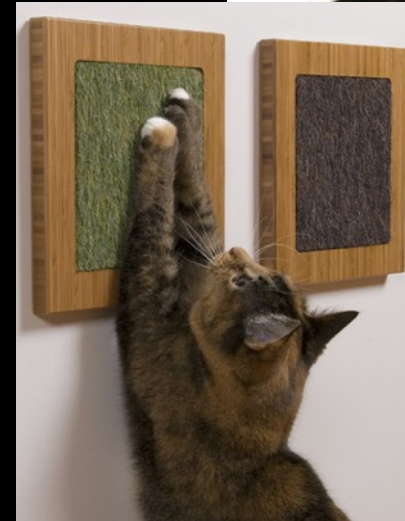






# A. Keeping the body in “tune”

- ACTIVE RECOVERY
- MOBILIZATION
- LOAD MANAGEMENT
- TISSUE SPARING
- SLEEP HYGIENE
- MINDFULNESS PRACTICE





# Full Squat







## Full Squat





# Full Squat







## Full Squat



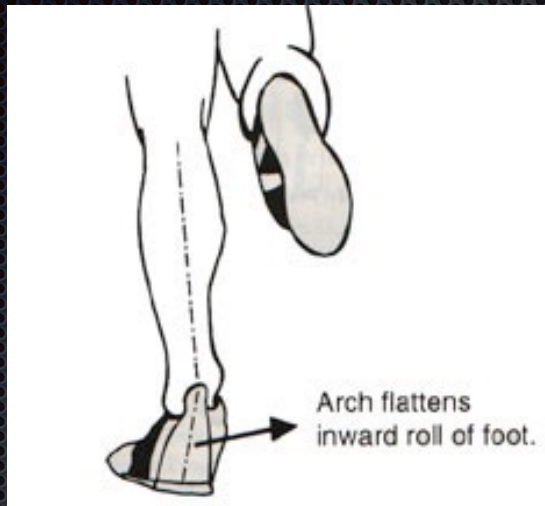


# B. Typical Foot Problems

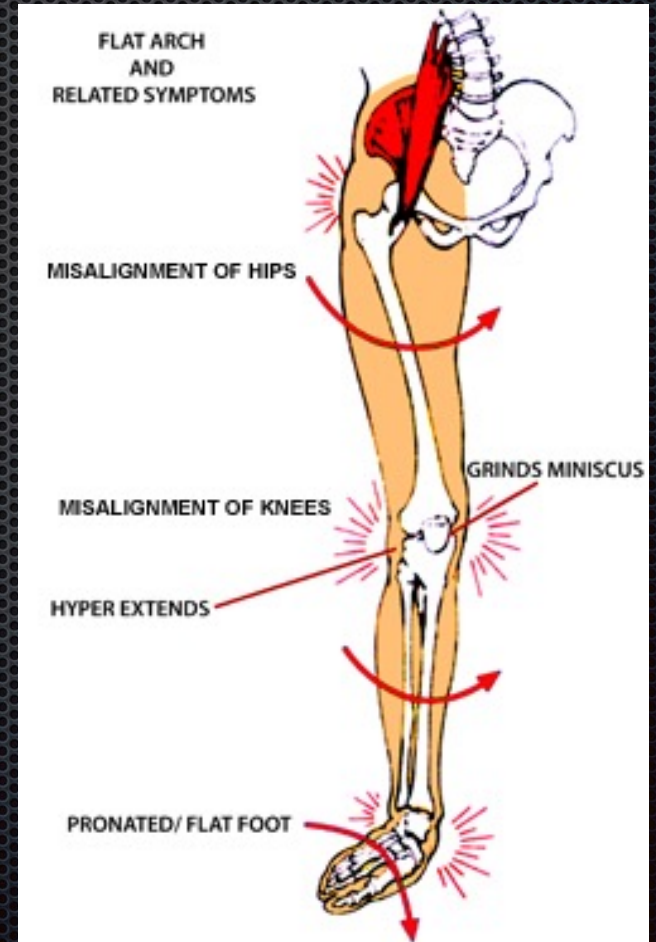




# Typical Dysfunction



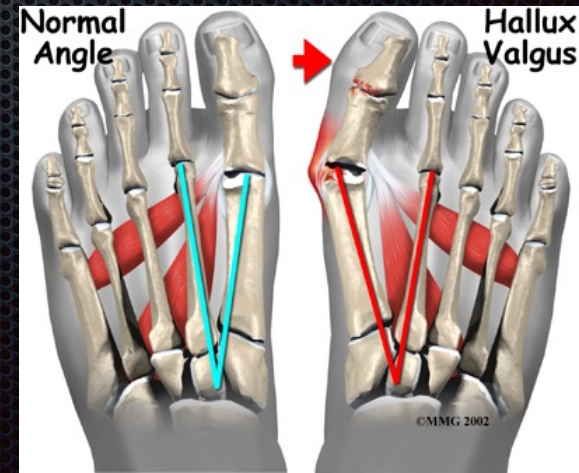
- ✦ Sole tends to be “dead”
- ✦ Ankle tends to be stiff





# Hyperpronation should be our primary focus in injury prevention - True?

- ✱ Digital flexion has a protective role in plantar fasciitis, **whereas medial longitudinal arch height was found to be unrelated to this syndrome** (Wearing, 2004).







## SHORT ACHILLES - RAPID ENERGY ABSORPTION AND RELEASE

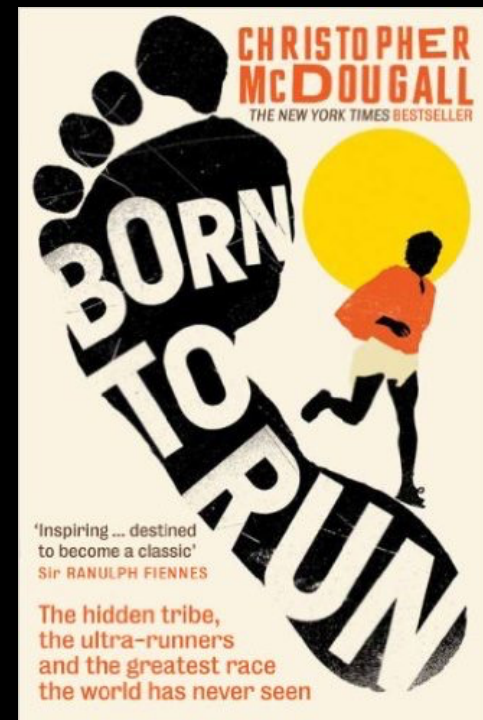


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Is short Achilles tendon better for jumpers?  
The hypothesis presented in this video is  
based on the article:

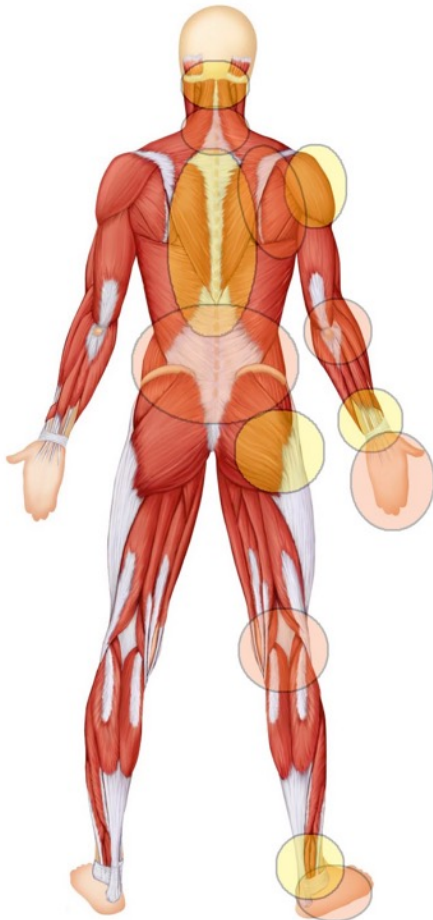
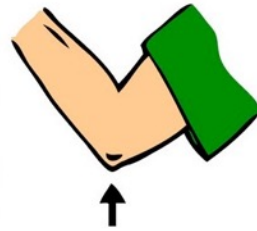
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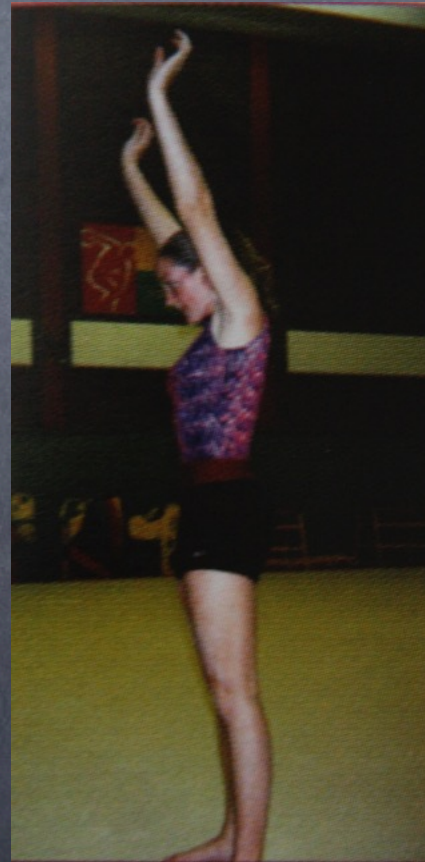


# Joint by Joint FUNCTIONAL Approach



**Stability**

**Mobility**



## Muscle Hypertrophy

Muscles which tend to inhibition	Muscles which tend to tightness
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sole of foot



# FUNCTION

- Foot needs stability
- Ankle needs mobility





# In Function





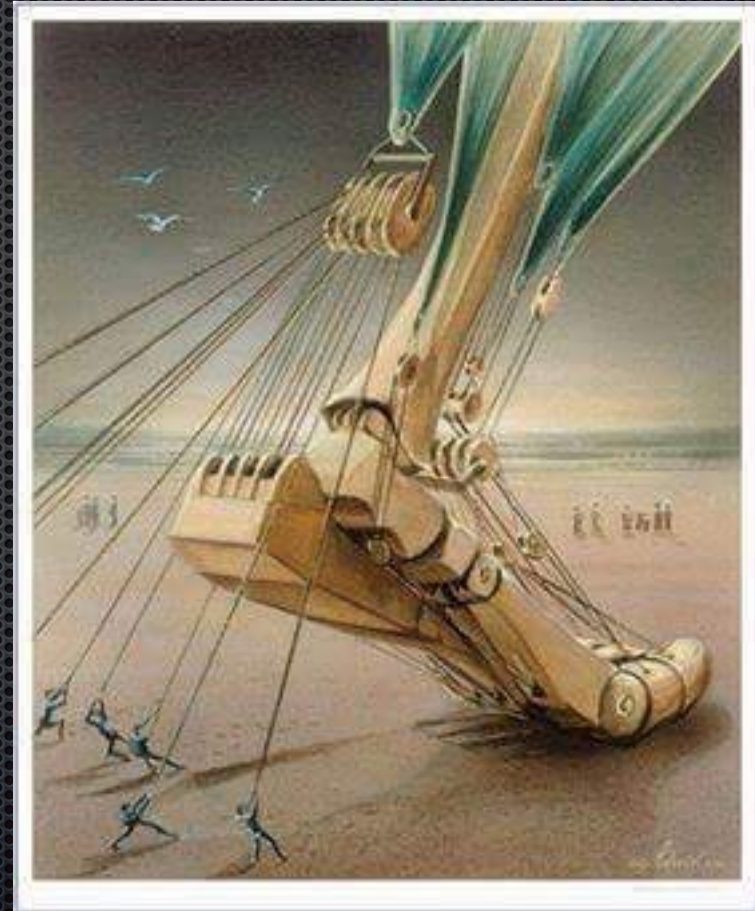
# Acceleration





# Clinical Pearl

- ✧ Restoring 1<sup>st</sup> metatarsophalangeal (MTP) mobility will have a stabilizing effect during early heel rise





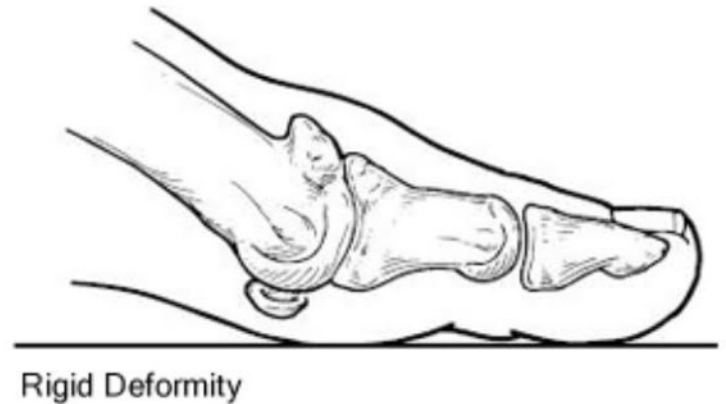
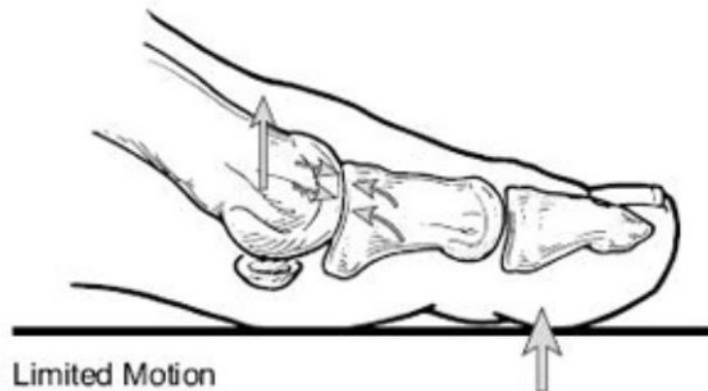
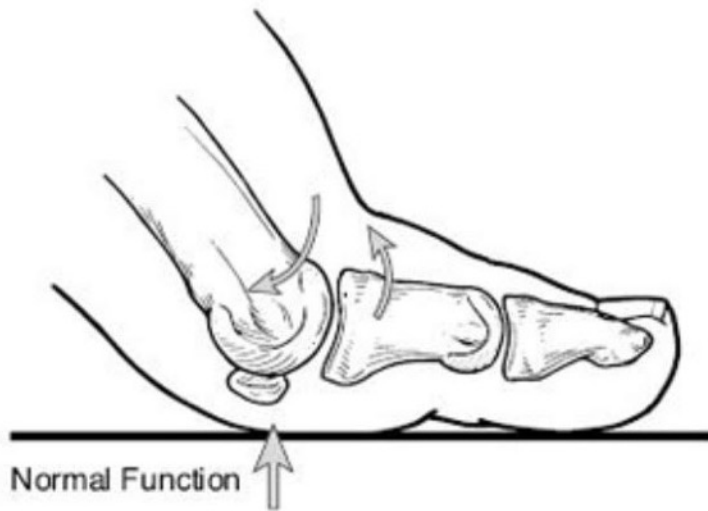
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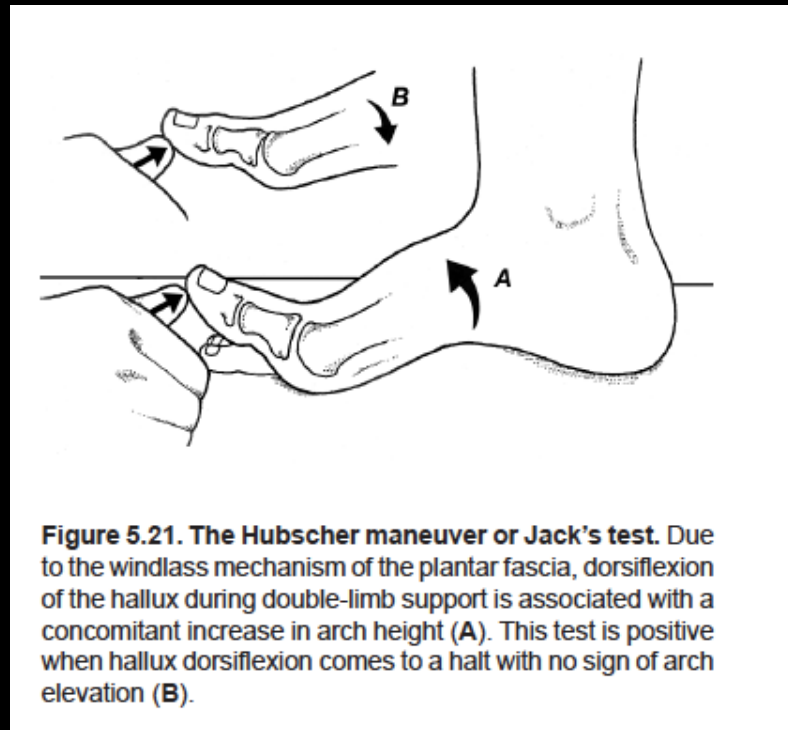
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Another case today. Right hallux limited dorsiflexion range. Causing early heel rise in late midstance phase of gait because the forefoot rocker was impaired. Thus, the

# Big toe function

- 1st MTP needs at least 40-55 deg. for normal gait
- For running at least 65 deg.
- Michaud T. Human Locomotion, 2011.





# The Sole of the Foot

- ✦ Postural Correction starts from the base of support







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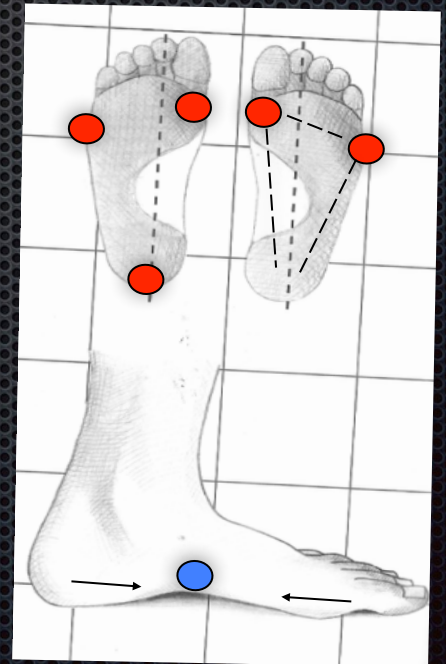
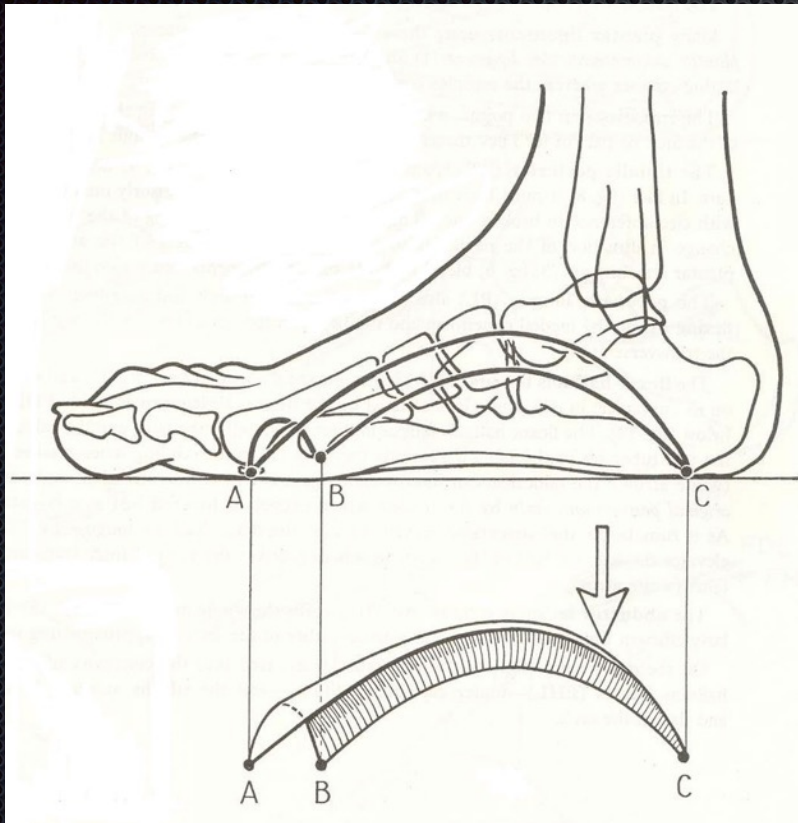


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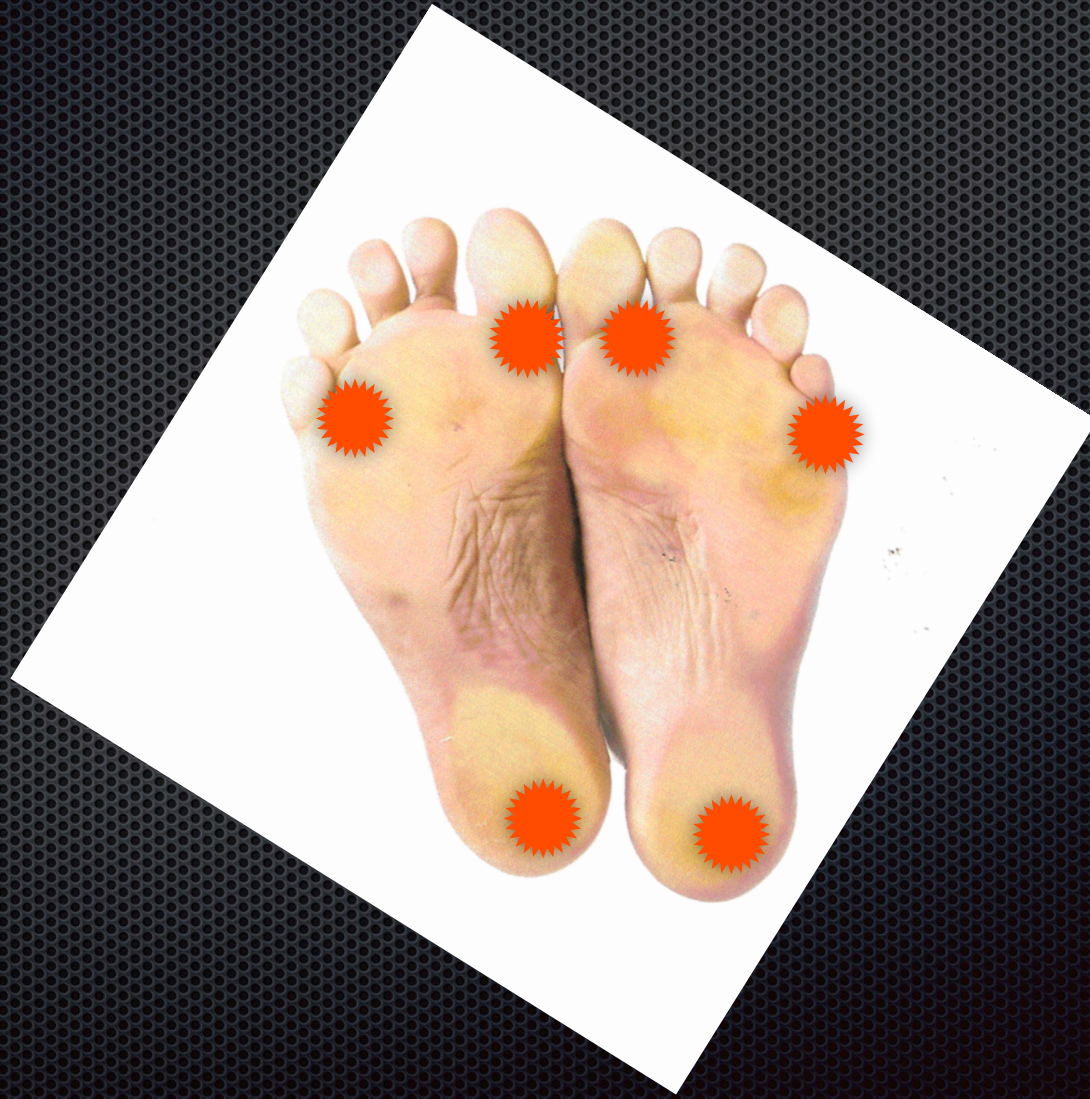


# Transverse and Longitudinal Arches





# 3-POINT DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT IN THE FOOT





# C. Functional Assessment





# 1. Janda's Perturbation Test/ Training (The Foot/Spine Connection)

Is the foot  
important for  
stability?





## 2) Vele's Forward Inclination Test

### Sign of Instability

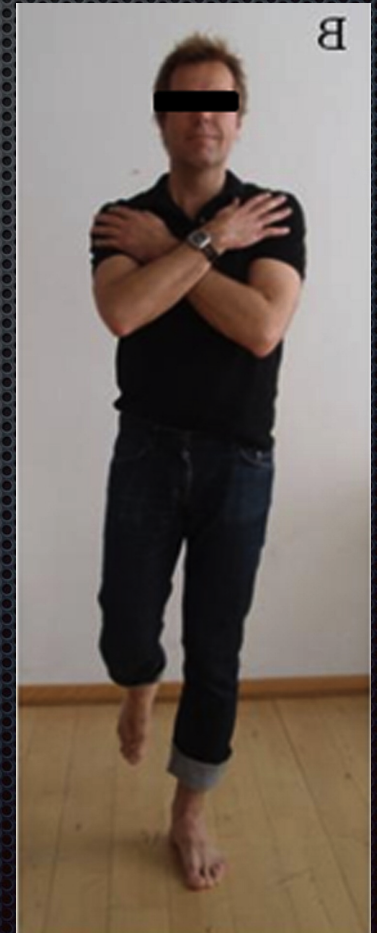
- L/P hinge
- Failure of toes to grip
- Asymmetric grip
- See also - Janda's Lunge



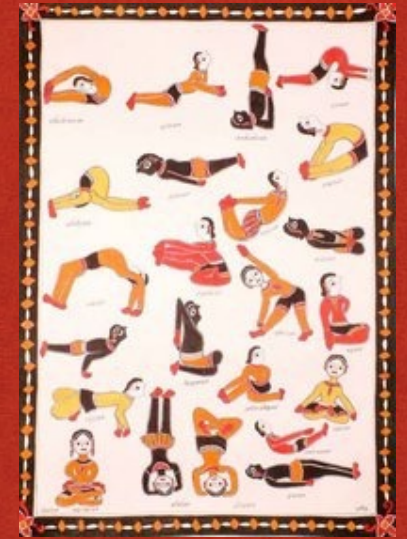


# 3. 1 Leg Balance Test – p248-249, 807-809

- ✦ Maribo T, Iverson E, Andresen N, Stengaard-Pedersen K, Schiottz-Christensen B. Intra-observer and interobserver reliability of one leg stand test as a measure of postural balance in low back pain patients. *Int Musc Med* 2009;31:172-177







## 4. MOBILITY

ANKLE



# WALL LEAN CALF FLEXIBILITY/ DOWN DOG



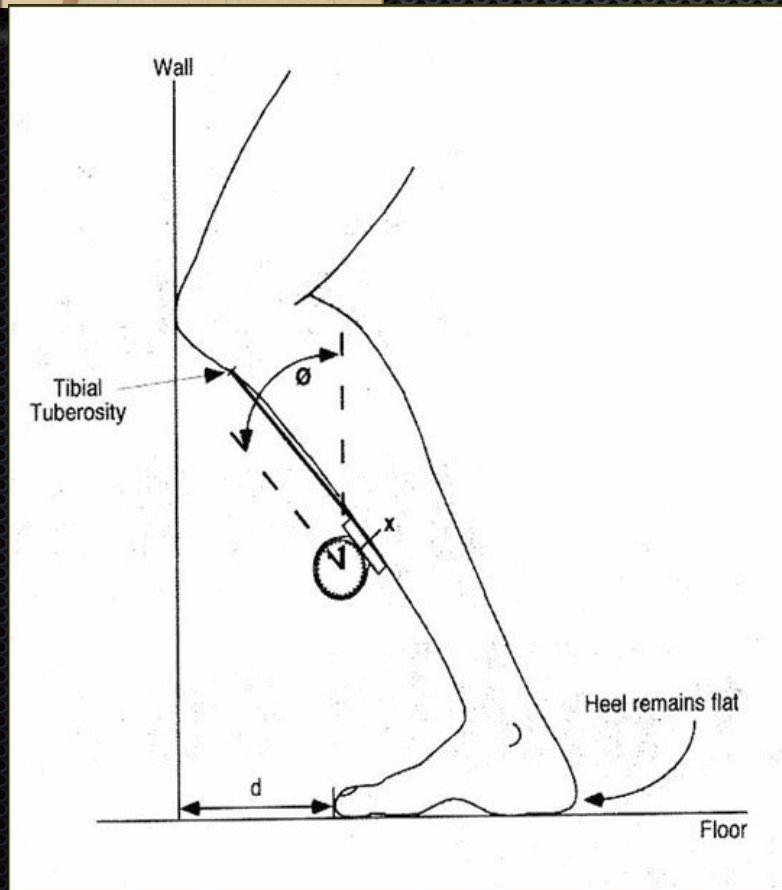


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Goniometer  
43.2 +/- 5.8

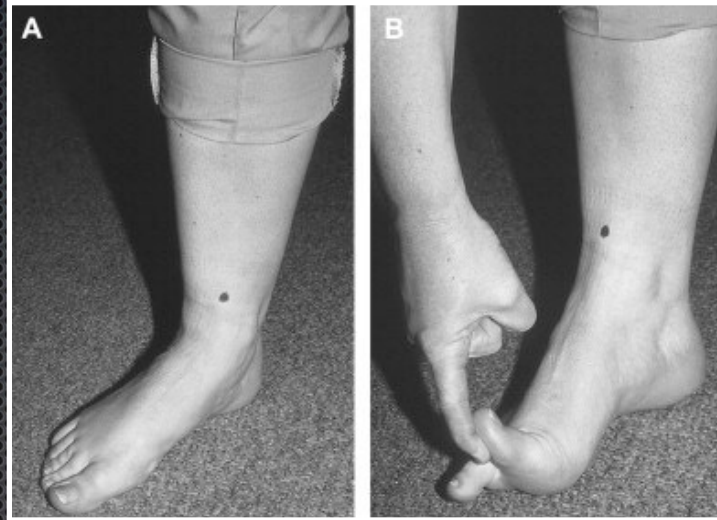


Inclinometer  
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# 1st MTP Mobility



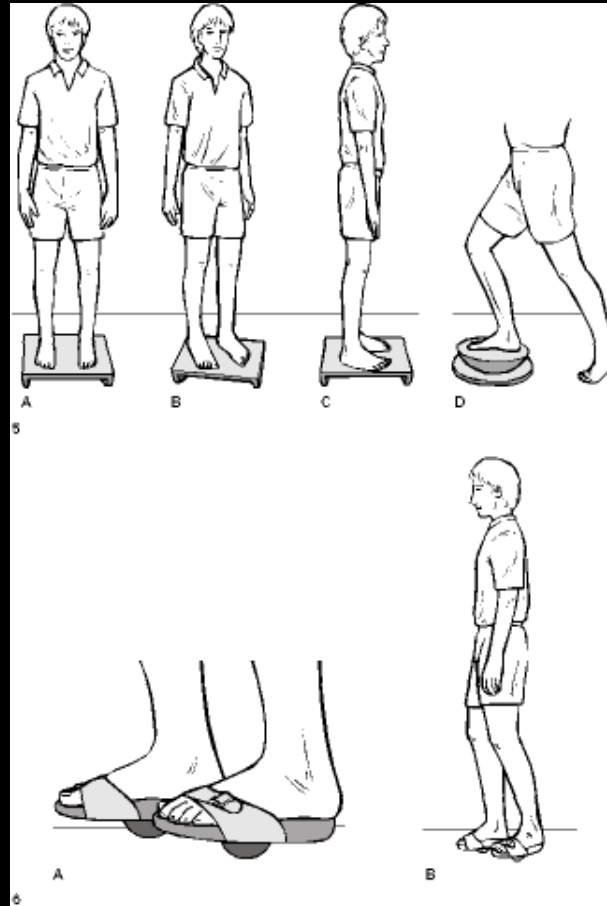
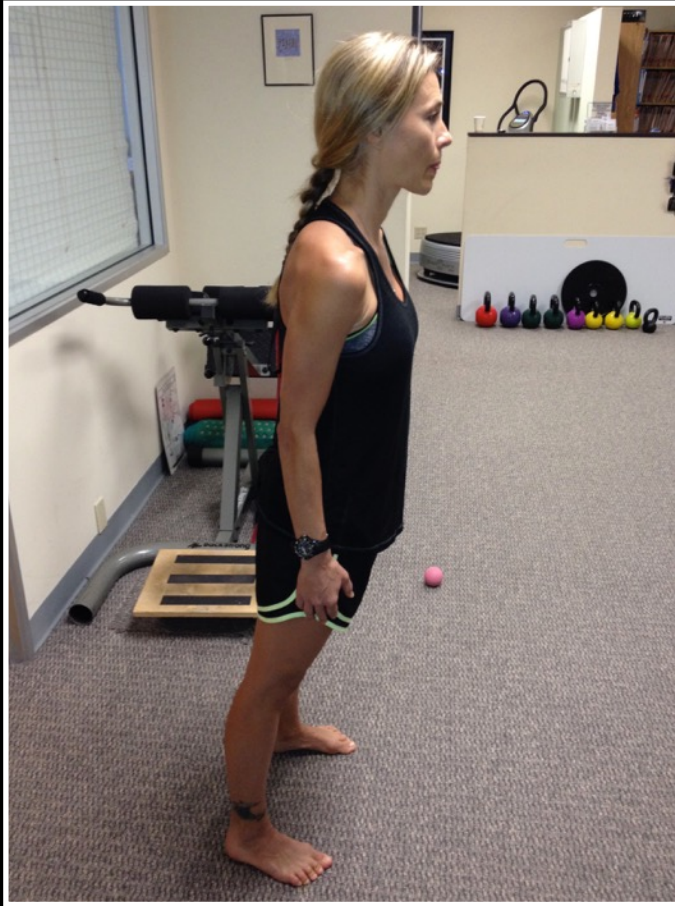
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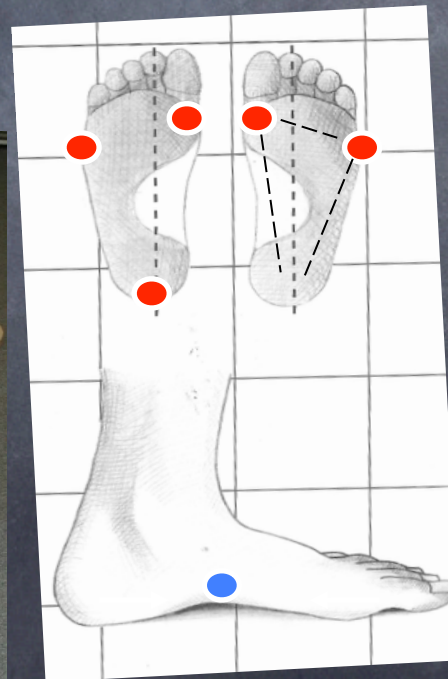


# D. Training





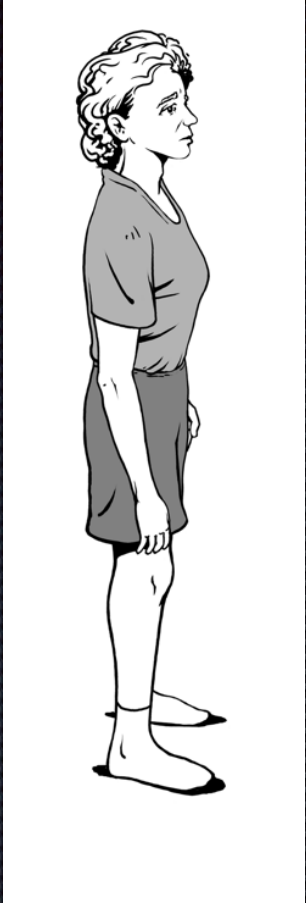
# 1. Vele's Transverse Arch Facilitation





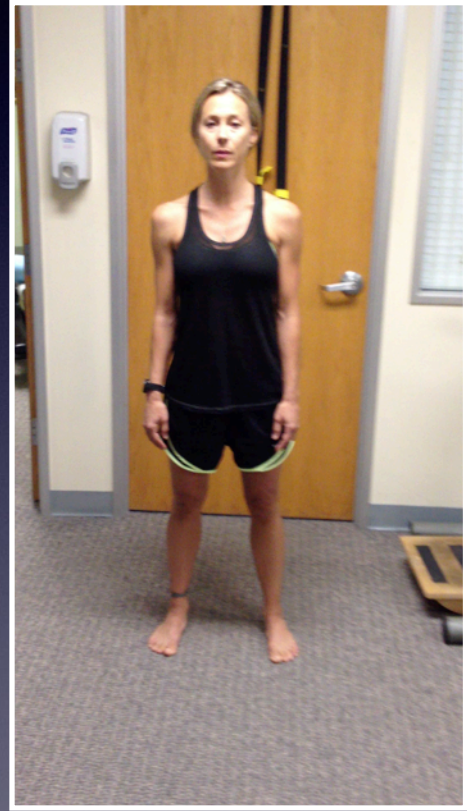
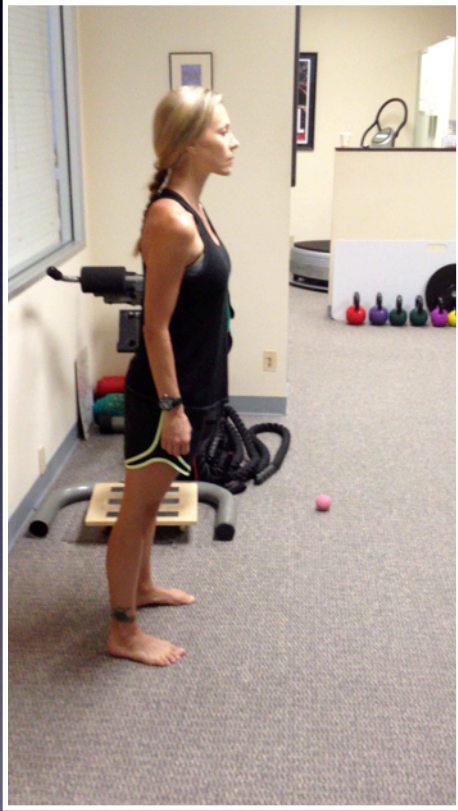


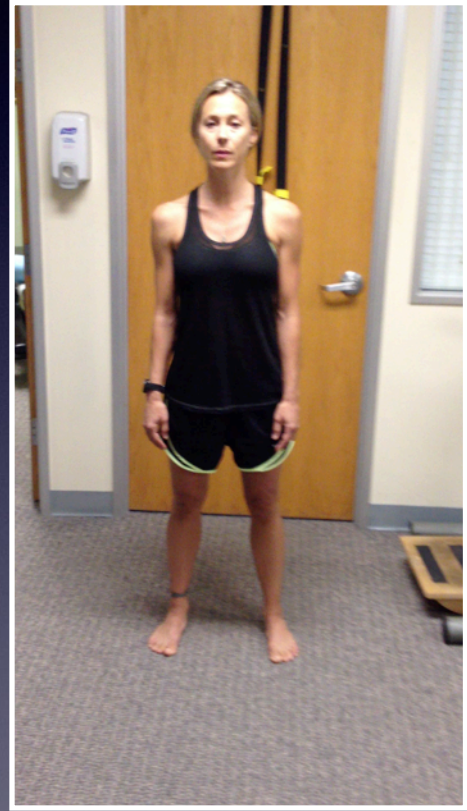
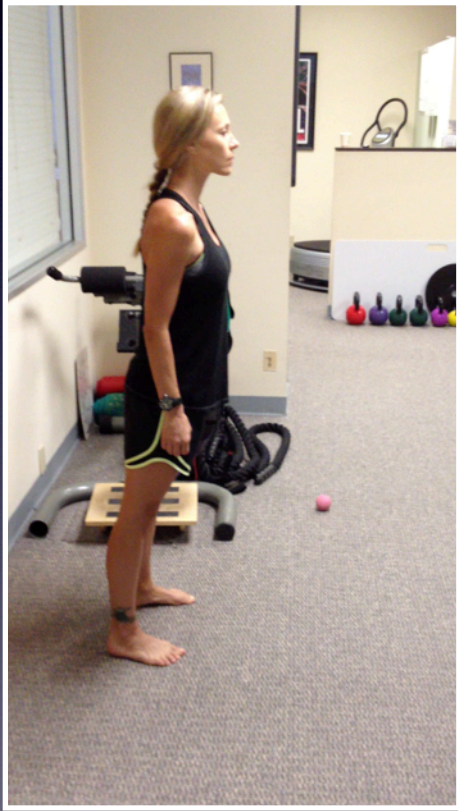




- Lean forward w/out lifting heels until transverse arch activates









# SUSTAINABLE ATHLETICISM



Proper positioning with “hips locked in”



Improper position with “hips breaking”





## **1 THE FOLD**

Prop the pizza on the upturned fingertips of both hands, at chin height, perpendicular to the body. Gently squeeze the outer edges of the crust until they meet in the middle. Crease the slice longways and direct the sharp end toward the mouth.





## 2 THE BEND

As the pizza approaches, lean forward at an angle of approximately 35 degrees, enabling the mozzarella grease to drip harmlessly onto the ground, thereby avoiding irremovable stains on the shirt or pants. Insert slice into mouth.





### **3 THE NIP**

Still leaning,  
bite down and  
pull away,  
creating a  
string of cheese



between mouth and pizza. Do NOT  
attempt to stretch the string to its  
breaking point. Instead, nibble to the  
edge of the slice and nip with the  
incisors. Swallow and repeat.



## 2. Standing Anti-Rotation

“Fall Forward”





# Anti-Rotation Lean - Arms

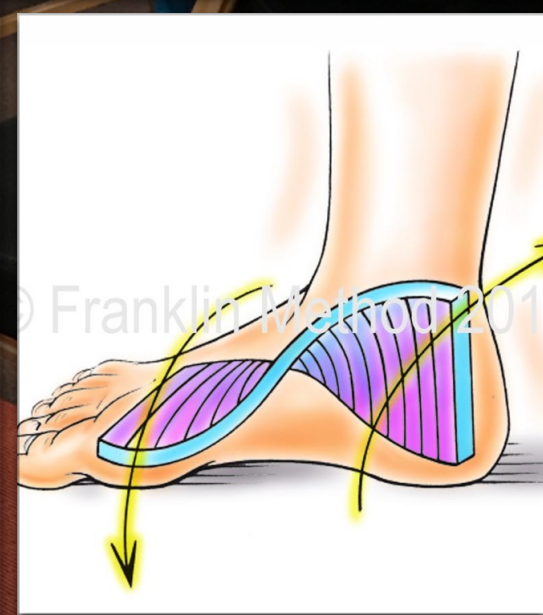




# 3) Toe Training











- ✦ Check Great Toe Standing & Sitting
- ✦ Re-Check w/ Tibial Ex Rot
- ✦ Place card under 1st MTP & raise/lower big toe
- ✦ Perform in Lateral Squat











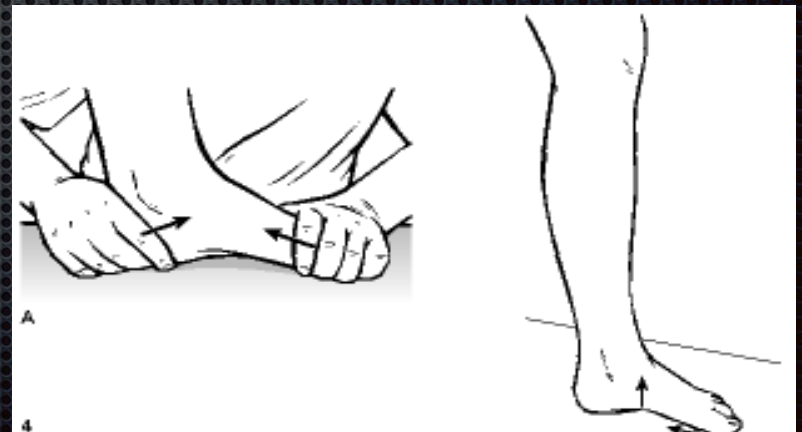




# 4) Janda's Small Foot



- ✦ Approximate the 1st MTP & medial calcaneous
- ✦ Passive modeling
- ✦ Active assistance
- ✦ Active modeling





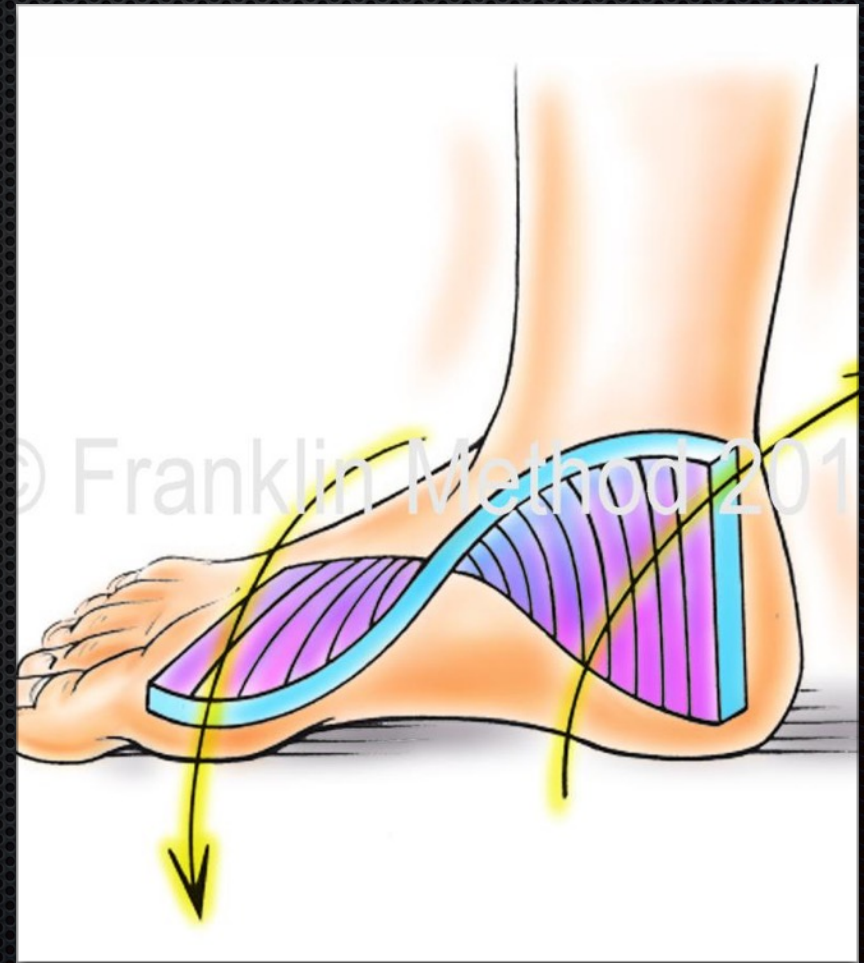
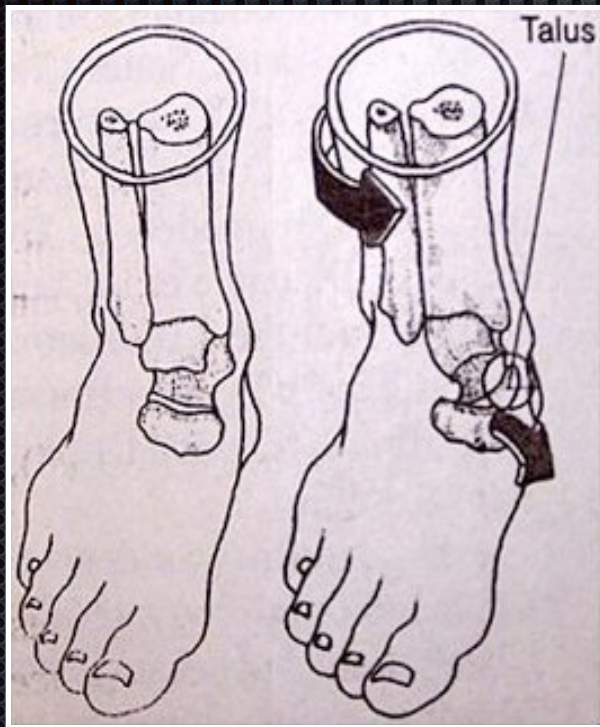


## 4. MOBILITY

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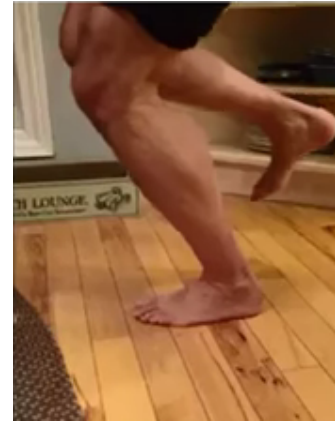
# Rooting





# 1 Leg Squat

- Arch Stability
- Positive Shin Angle for Ankle Dorsiflexion Mobility





# Ankle Rocker





# Scissor Lunges

- Arch Stability during Jumping
- Positive Shin Angle for Ankle Dorsiflexion Mobility during Landing





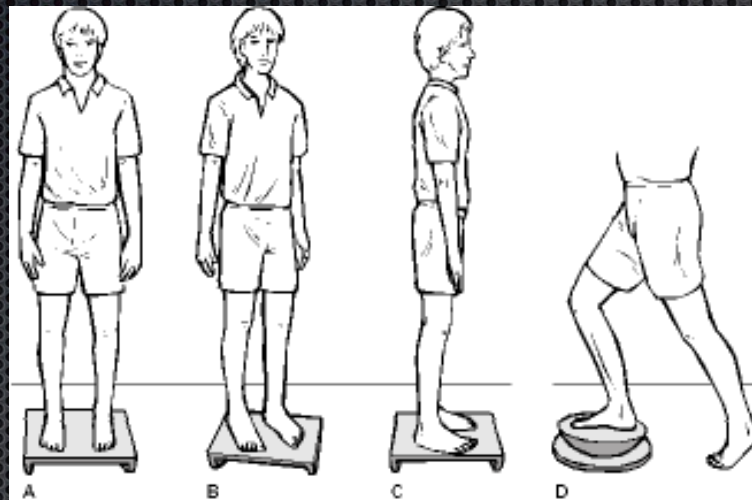
# 5) Rocker/Wobble Board Training – p523 & 642



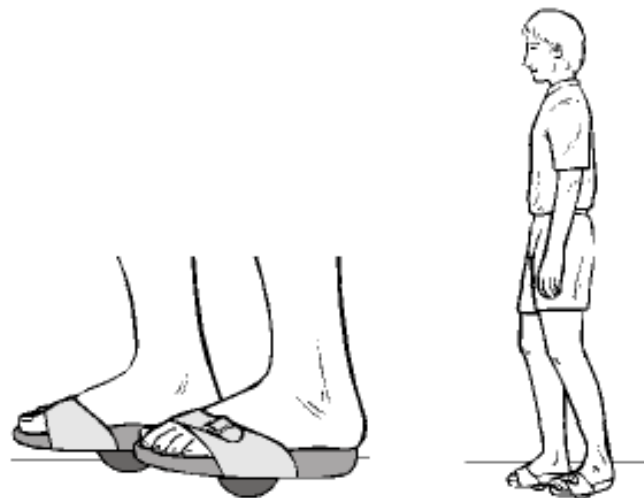
- ✦ Why (rationale)
  - ✦ Improve whole body stability (equilibrium)
- ✦ When (indications)
  - ✦ LBP (acute – chronic)
  - ✦ Fall prevention
  - ✦ Ankle sprain or instability
  - ✦ Knee instability



# Rocker/Wobble Board & Balance Sandal Training – p523 & 642



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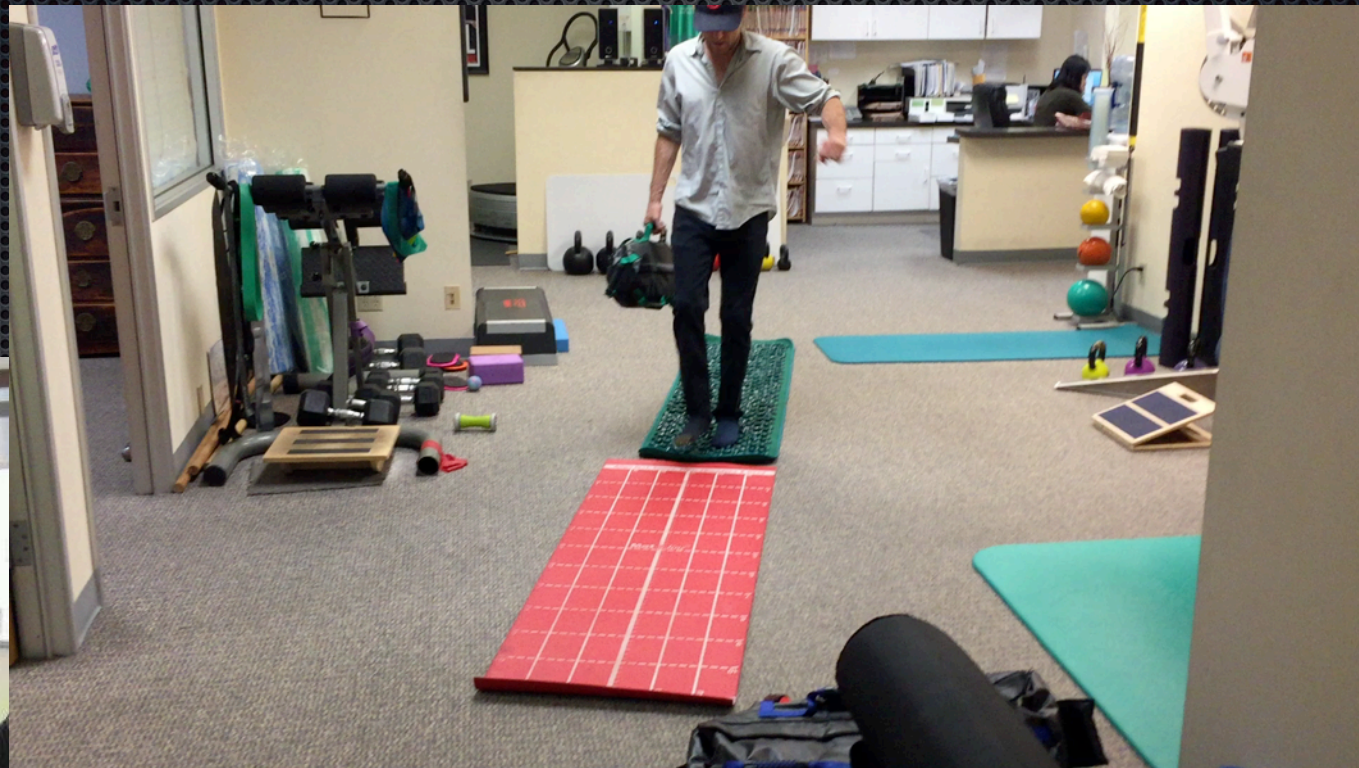
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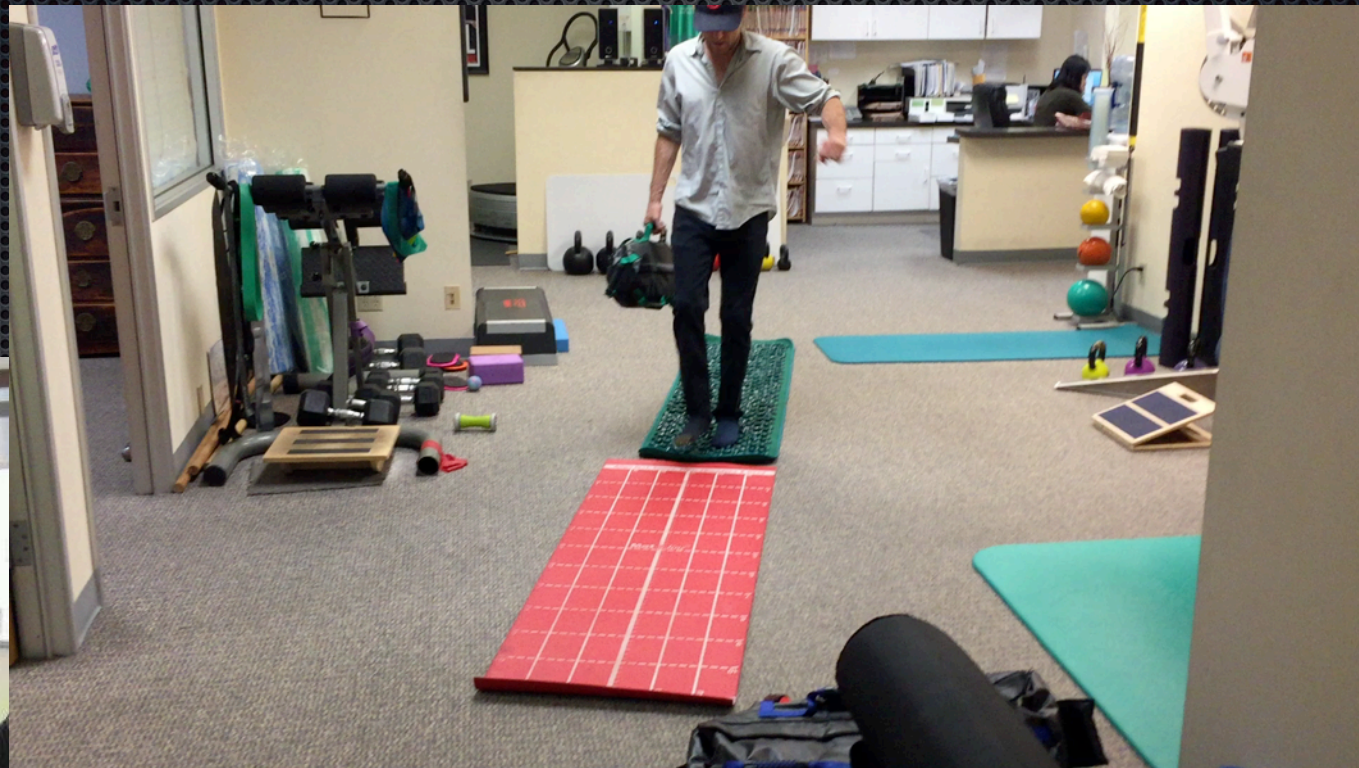


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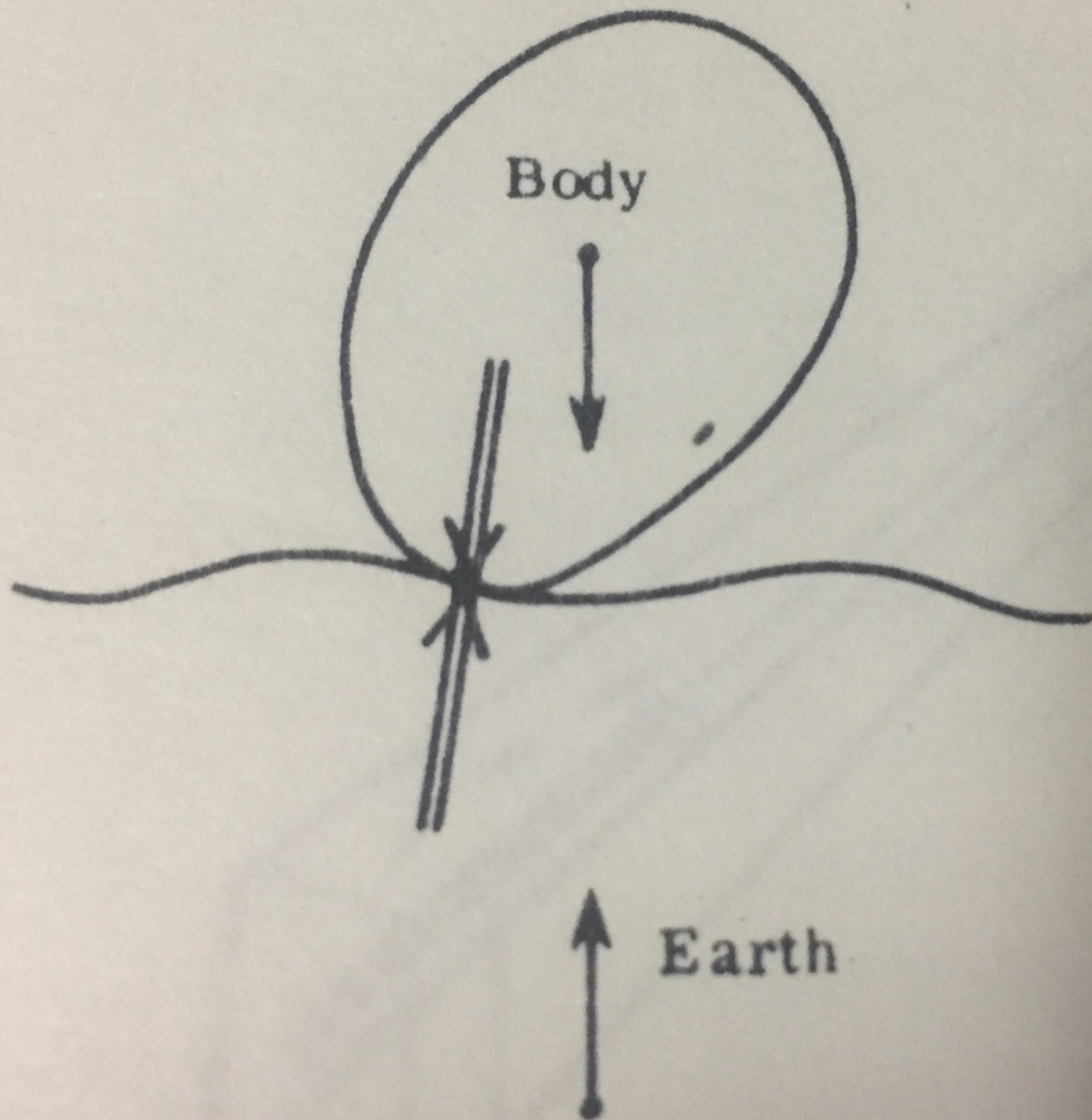




# 6) Balance Pad Training









## 8) Ankle Mobilizations





# ● LEG SWINGS





## 9) Hill Sprints

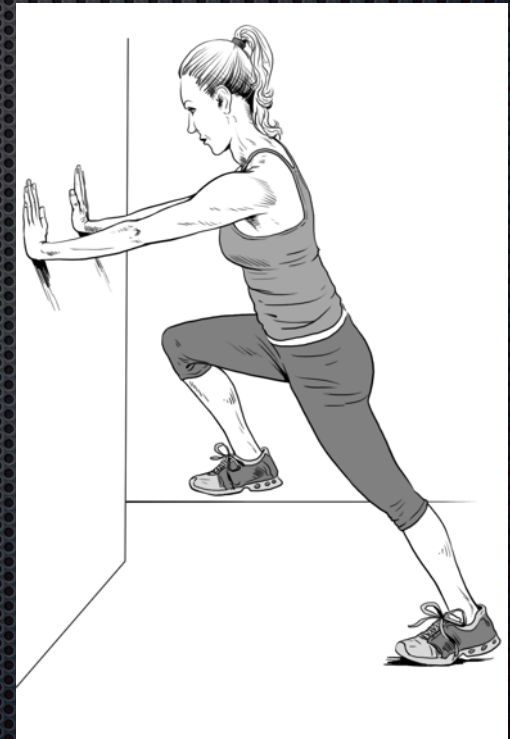




# 10. Wall Drill

## March/Pillar Running

- ✦ Forward Lean/Plank
- ✦ Triple Flexion
- ✦ Slow/Quick 1-2/Quick 1-2-3 (leg drive against stable core)
- ✦ Avoid bending at waist







- Single

- 1-2-3





● Single

● 1-2-3







# Reaction Time

1. Clap Split Stance
2. Hip Drive (1/2) Wall Drill
3. Arm/Hip Drive Split Stance
4. Front Foot Elevated Jump w/  
tension



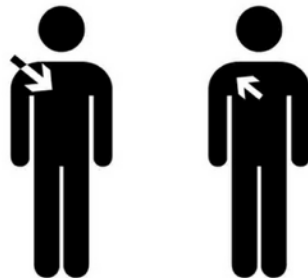


“A main issue in my work is  
not the output of training,  
but rather the outcome!”

*Kraaijenhof*



Internal vs External Cues





# **11) Ankle Stiffness/Reactive Strength**



# Reactive Speed Clap - Arm Drive



# Reactive Speed Clap - Arm Drive (Continuous)



# More Resources on the Foot

