



# *Podo-Plastic Surgery*

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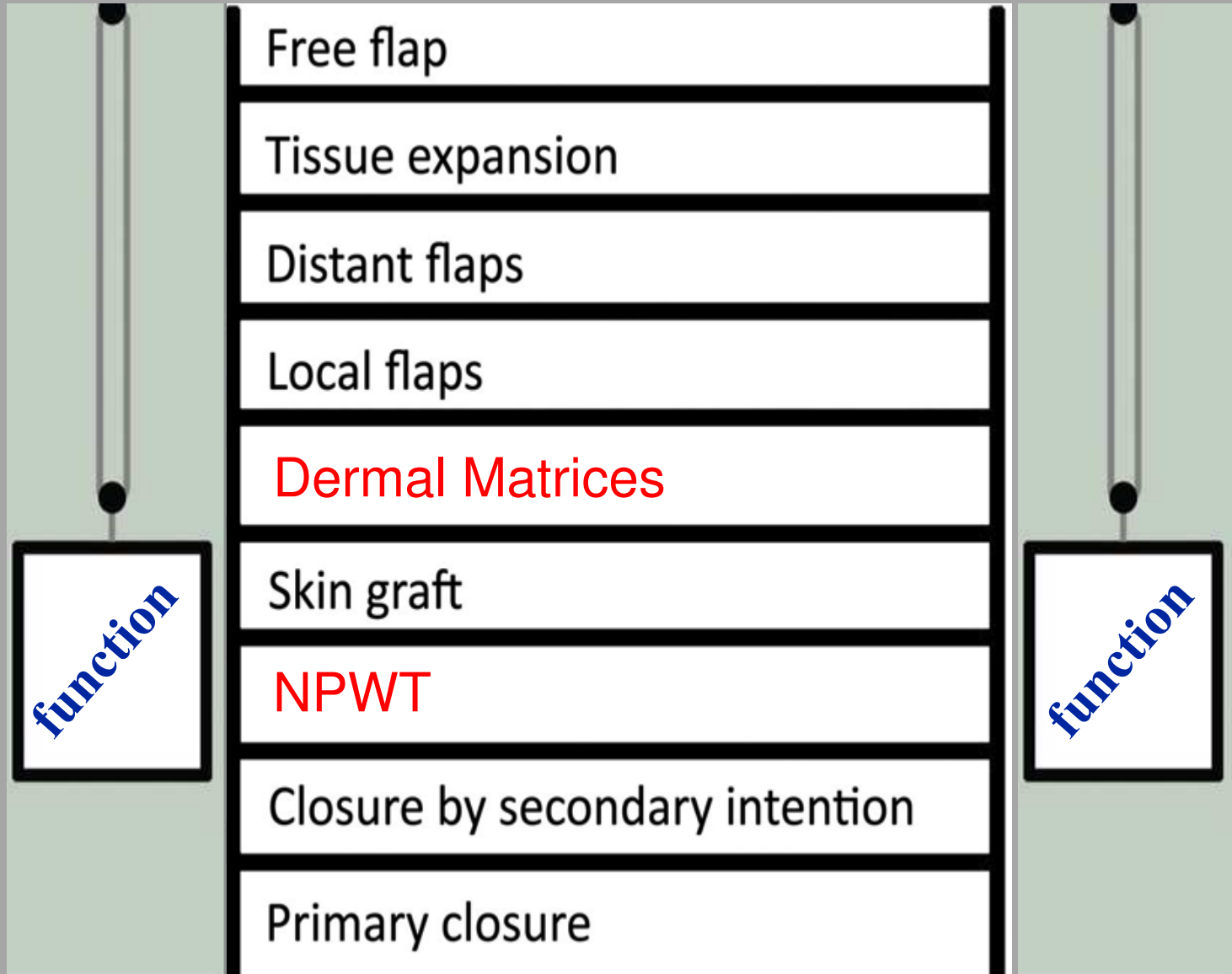


# *Outline: F&A wounds*

- | **Wound bed preparation**
  - Blood flow
  - Infection
  - Healthy wound base
- | **Reconstruction**
  - Think function first
- | **Reconstructive ladder**
  - Think function first

# Reconstructive Ladder:

*function determines where you stop*





# *The MOST Relevant Reconstructive Questions Today Are:*

- | Will the reconstruction hold up over the long term?
- | Will the reconstruction meet the realistic functional goals of the patient?

# Wound closure:

## | 90% simple closure:

- Usually when there is enough tissue between skin surface & underlying bone
- Heal by 2<sup>nd</sup> intention +/- adjuncts
- Delayed primary closure
- Skin graft

## | 10% complex closure:

- Usually when soft tissue is missing to cover vital structures or pressure points
- Local flaps
- Pedicle flaps
- Free flaps

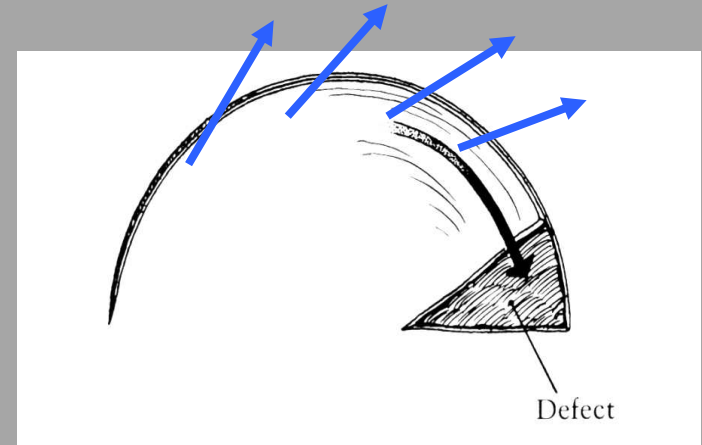
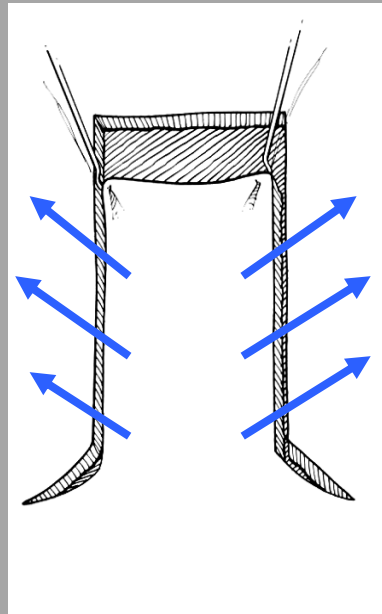
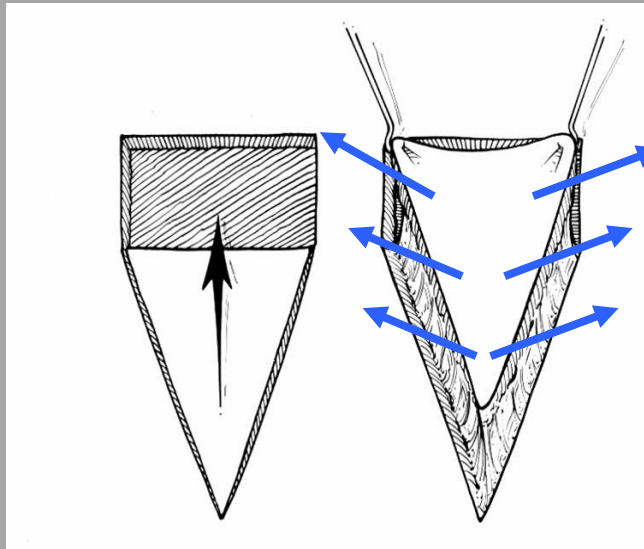


# *Local Flaps:* *principles*

- | **Random blood flow**
  - Length to width ratio 1 : 1
- | **Defined blood flow**
  - Doppler perforator at base
  - Can extend 1 : 1 length to width ratio
- | **Design flap within most lax soft tissue area**
- | **Design flap longer than you think you need**
- | **Bias stitches to remove tension from the tip**

# Local Flap:

*bias stitches to ↓ tension at tip*





# Local Flap: *Rotation Flap*



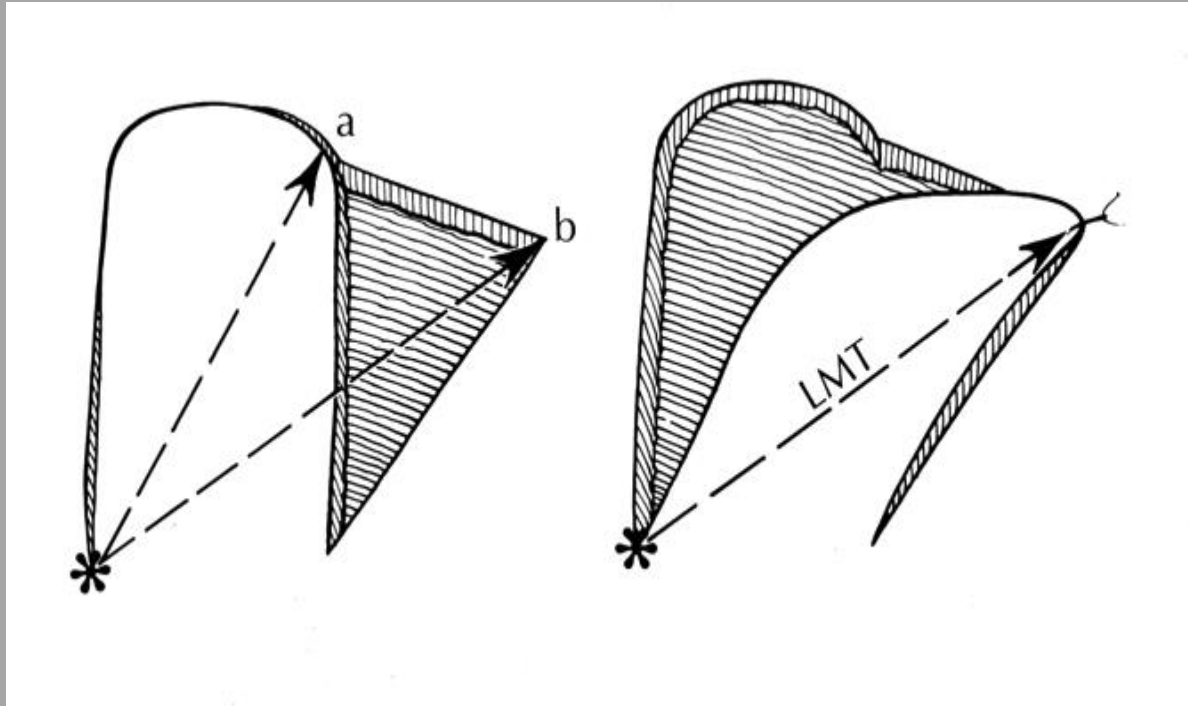
# Local Flap: *Rotation Flap*





# Local Flap:

## *Transposition Flap*

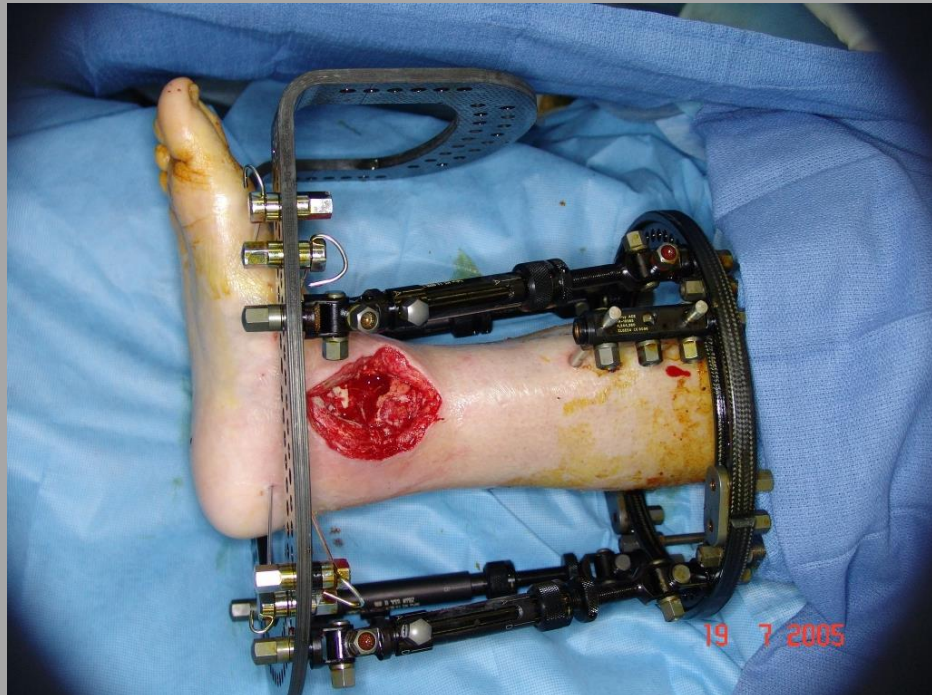


# Dehisced Ankle Incision: *Immobilization Key*

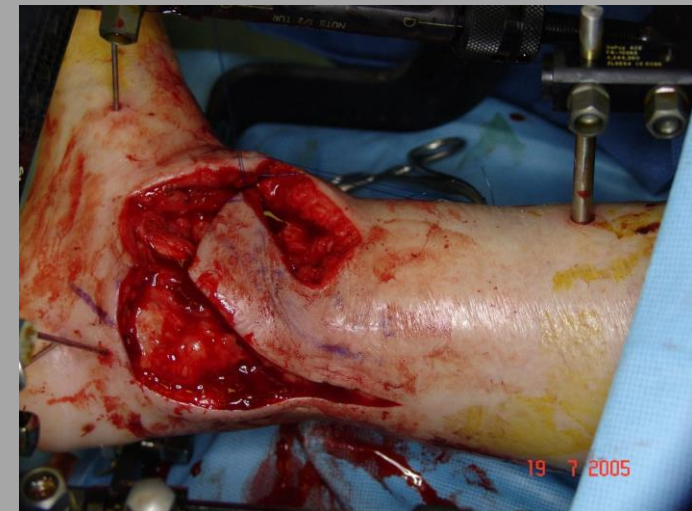
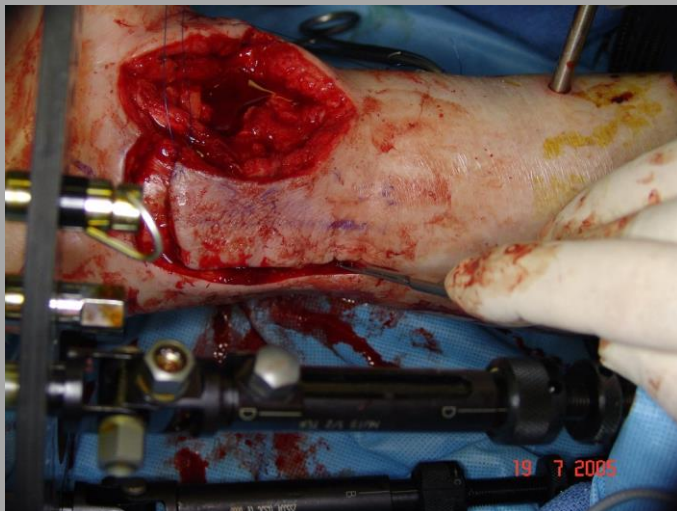
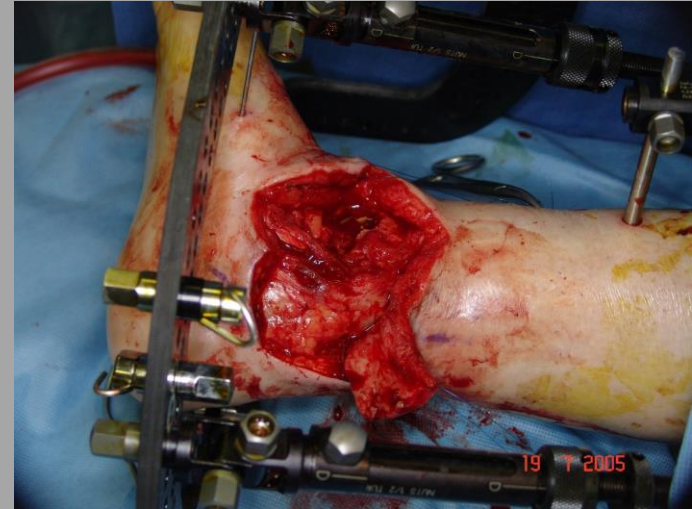
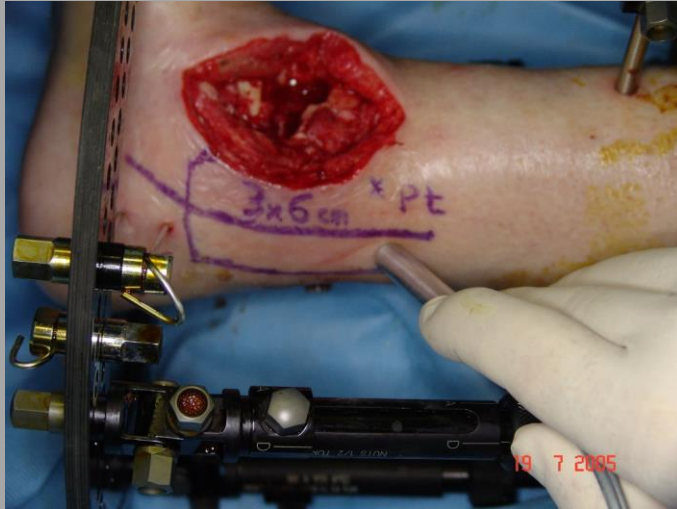




# *Infected Non-union Ankle Fx:* *Debride & Ilizarov*

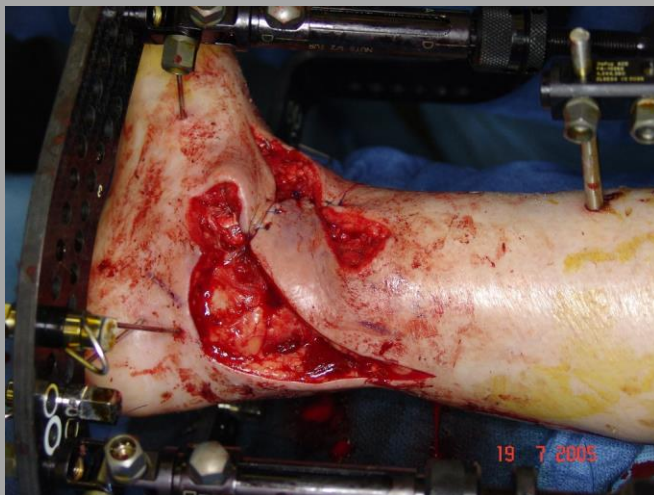
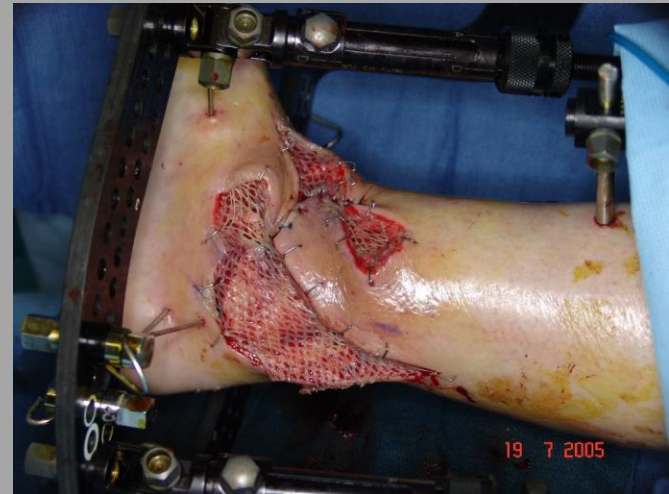
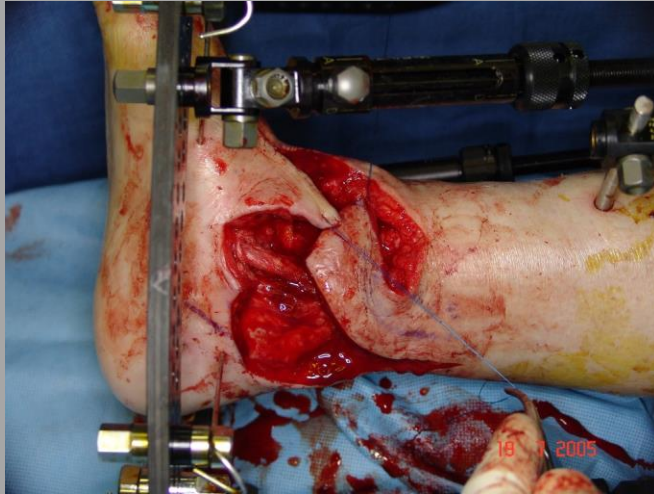


# Infected Non-union: *Ilizarov & Local Flap*

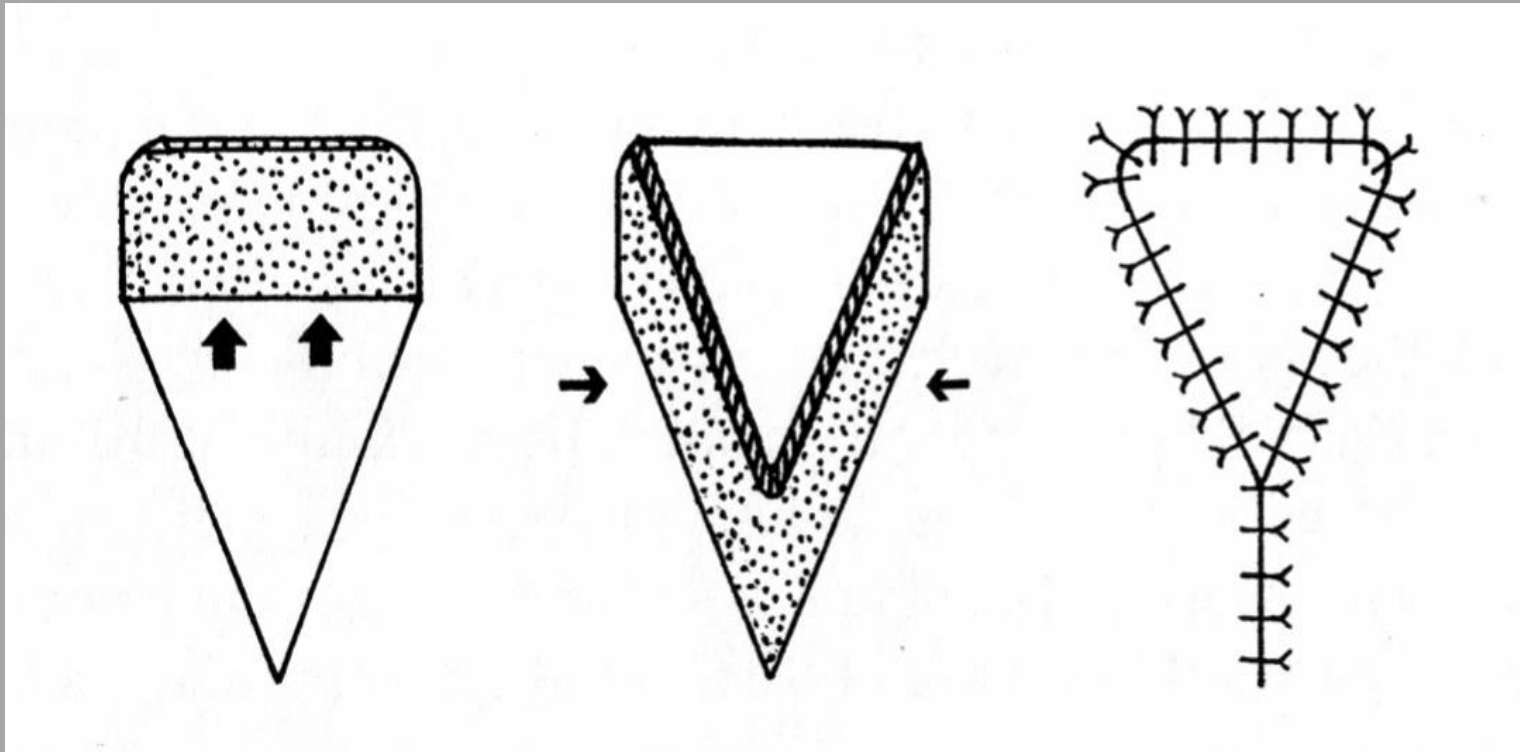




# Infected Non-union: *Local Flap & STSG*

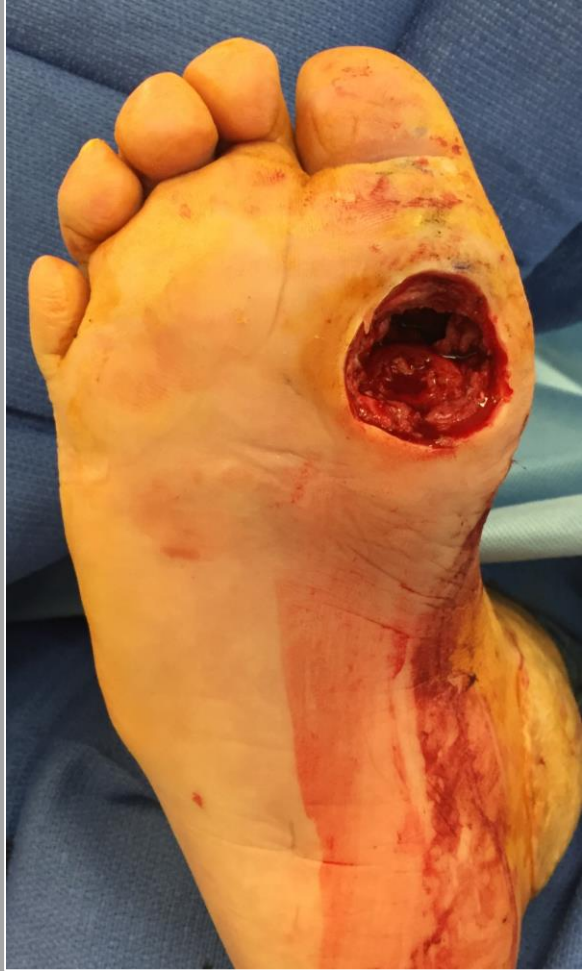


# Local Flap: *V to Y Flap*



**Max advancement 1.5 cm on plantar foot**





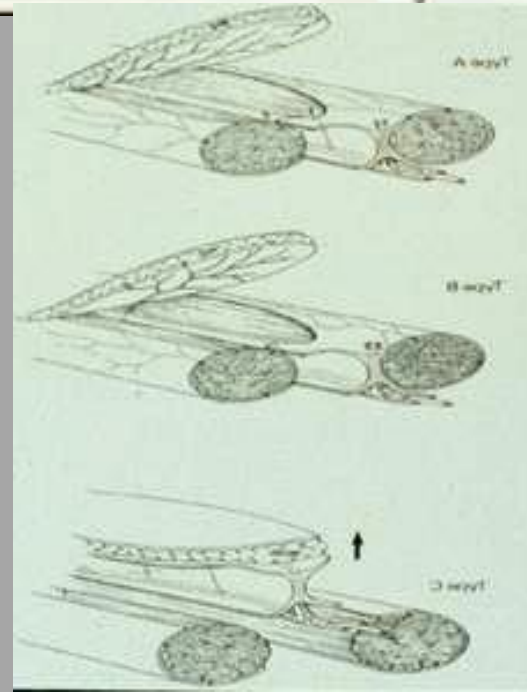
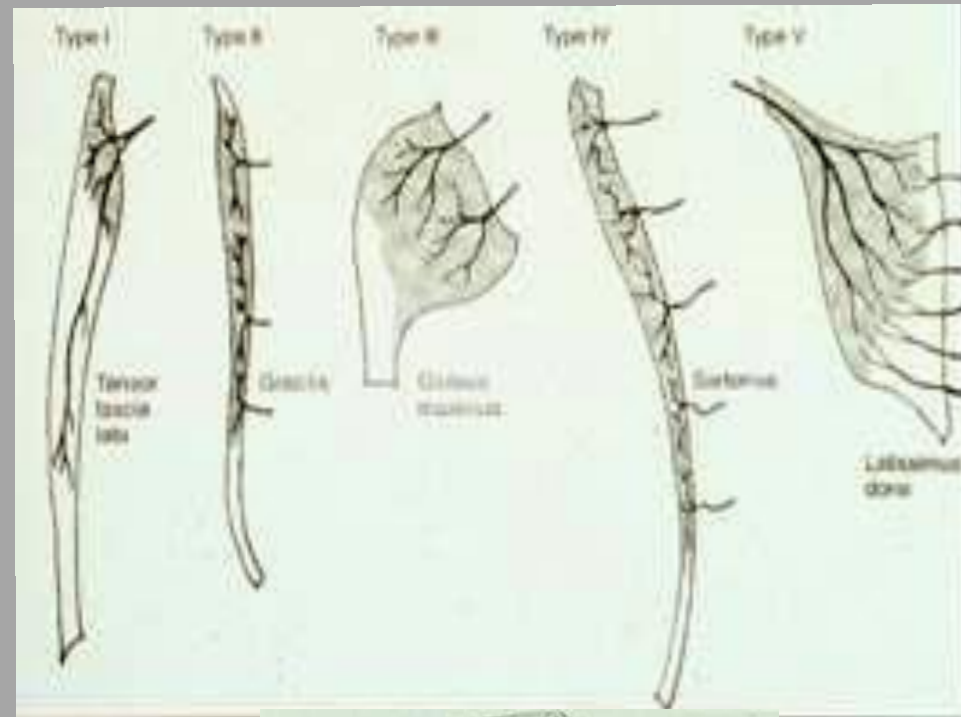




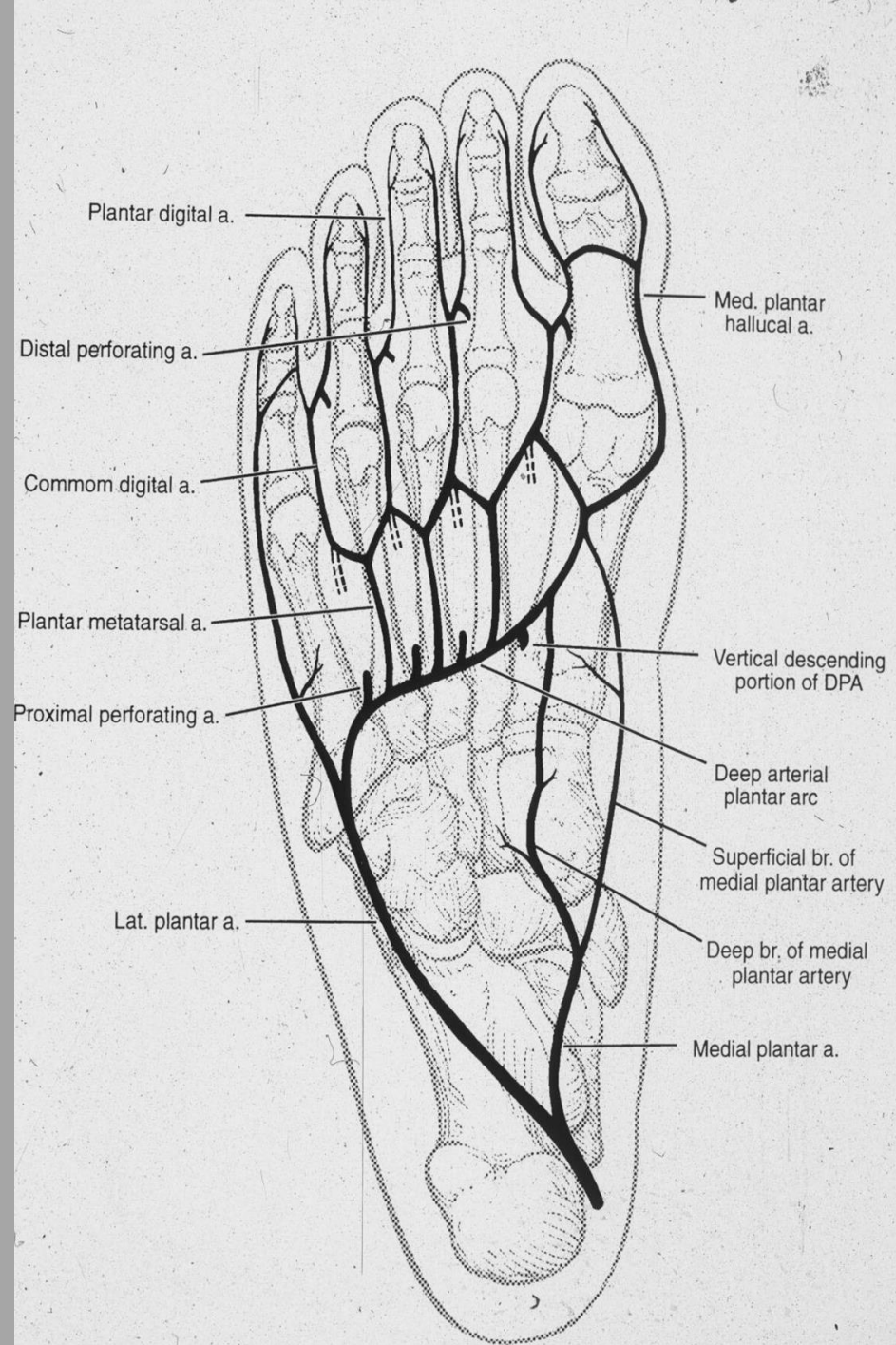
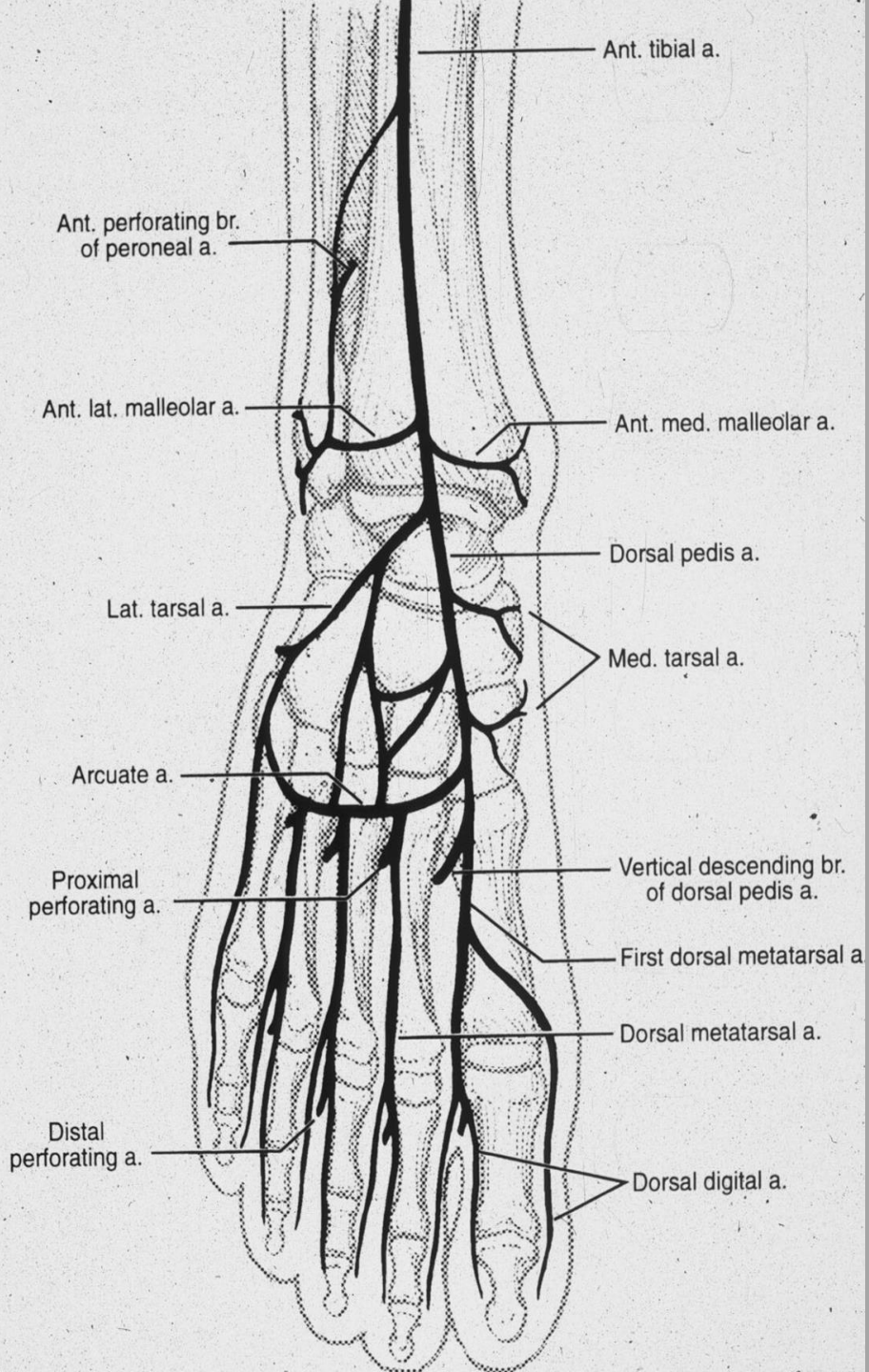


# Pedicle Flap:

- | Flap With Defined Blood Supply
- | Consists Of Any Combination Of
  - Skin
  - Fascia
  - Muscle
  - Bone







# Doppler:

*open source artery & direction of flow*



*Only need to cover vital  
structures*

*STSG do the rest*



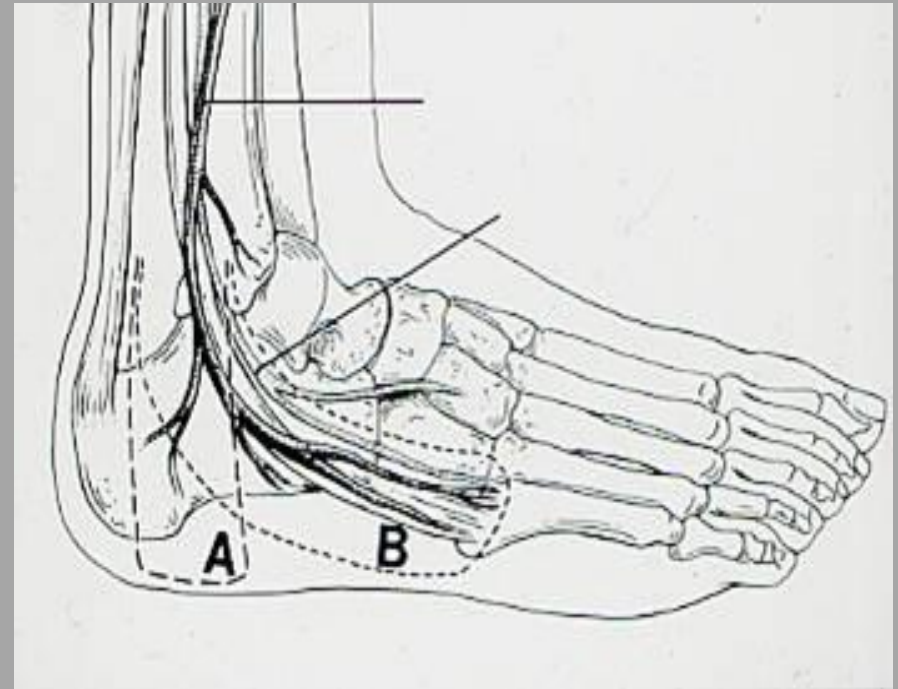
# Lateral Calcaneal Flap:

## Blood supply:

Lateral calcaneal  
artery

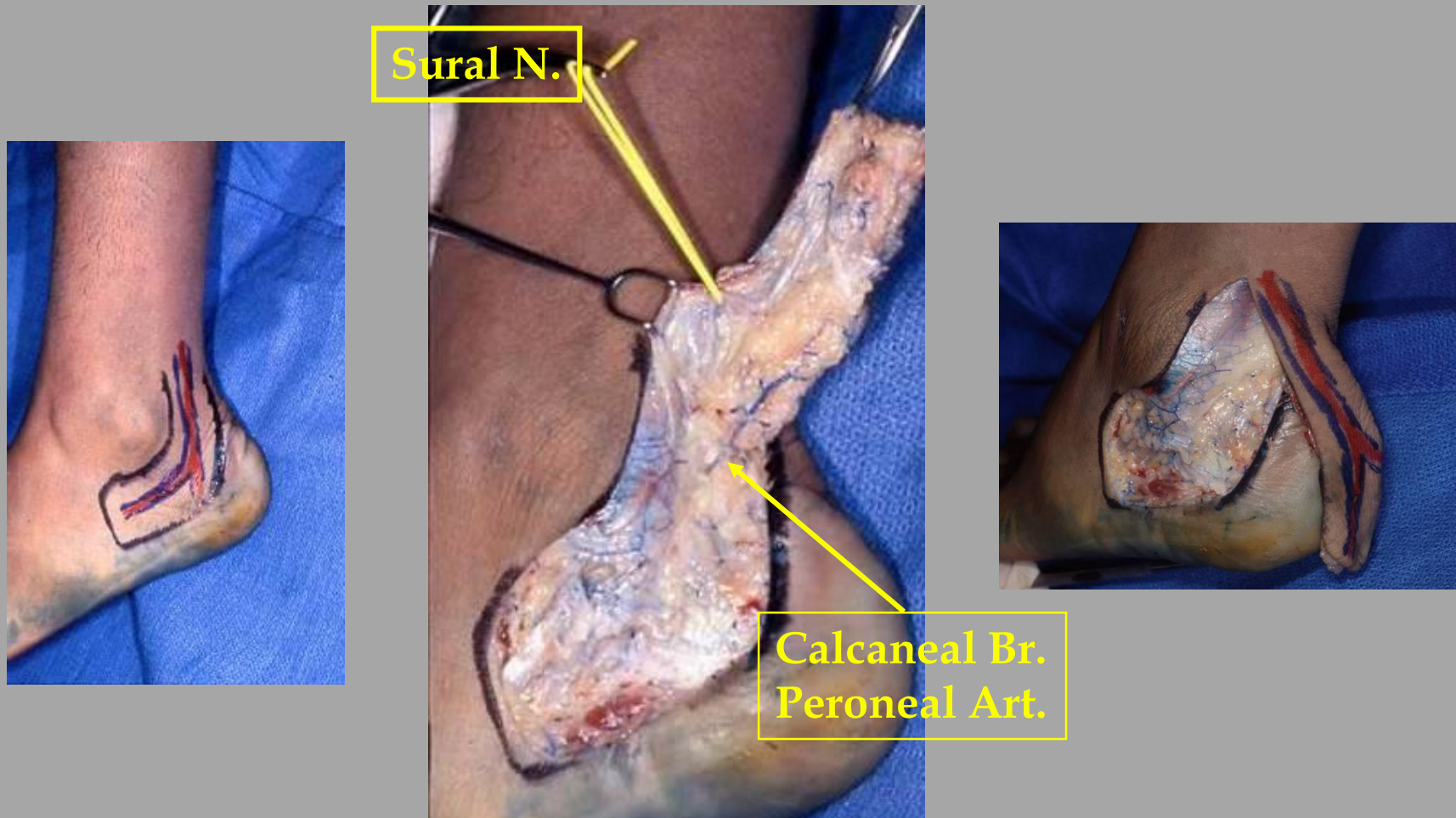
## Pivot point:

Upper lateral  
malleolus





# Lateral Calcaneal Flap: *anatomy*



**Dissection: need to lift vascular pedicle off of periosteum !!!**

# *Lateral Calcaneal Flap:*



**Non-healing Achilles Tendon Wound  
In Renal Failure Diabetic Pt.**

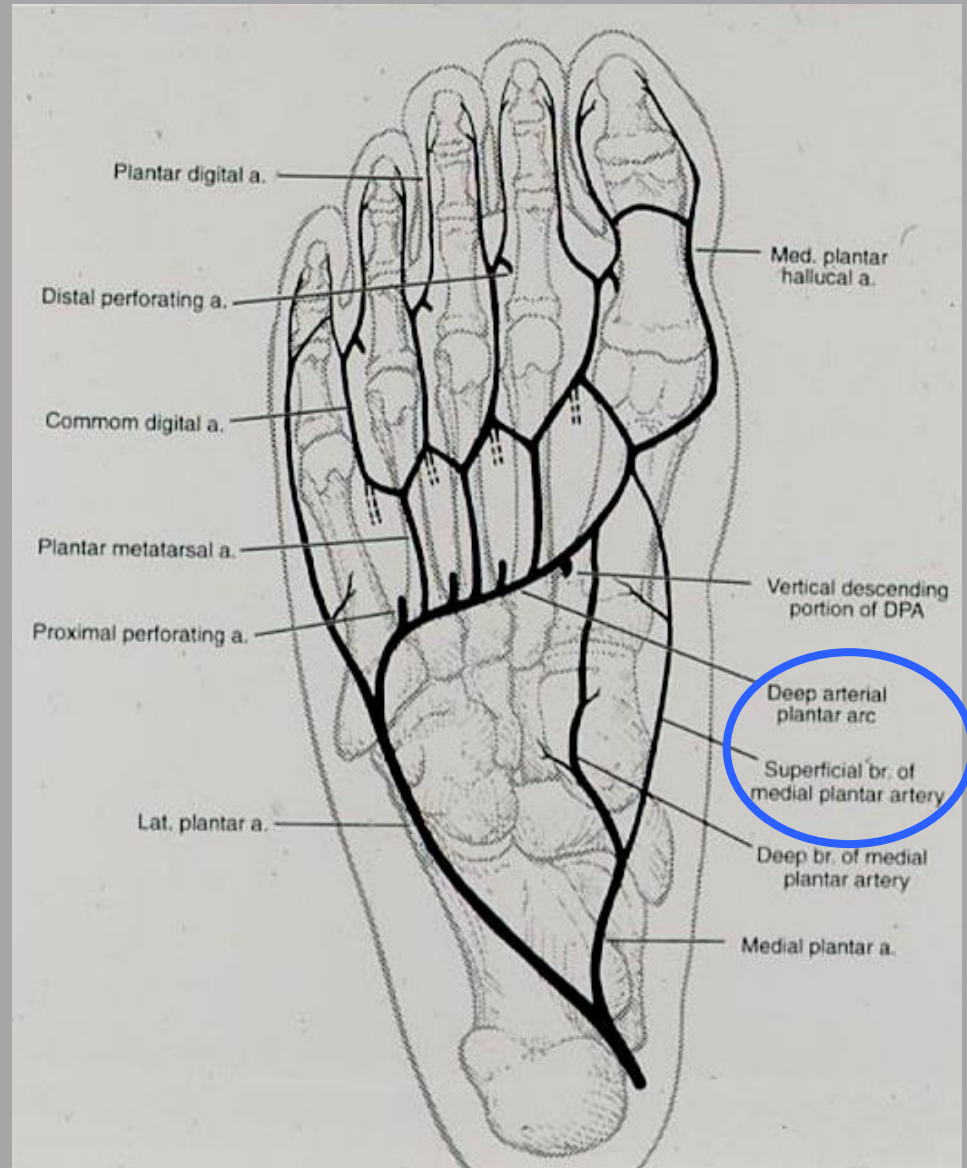
# Medial Plantar Flap

## Artery:

medial plantar  
artery (superficial or  
deep branch)

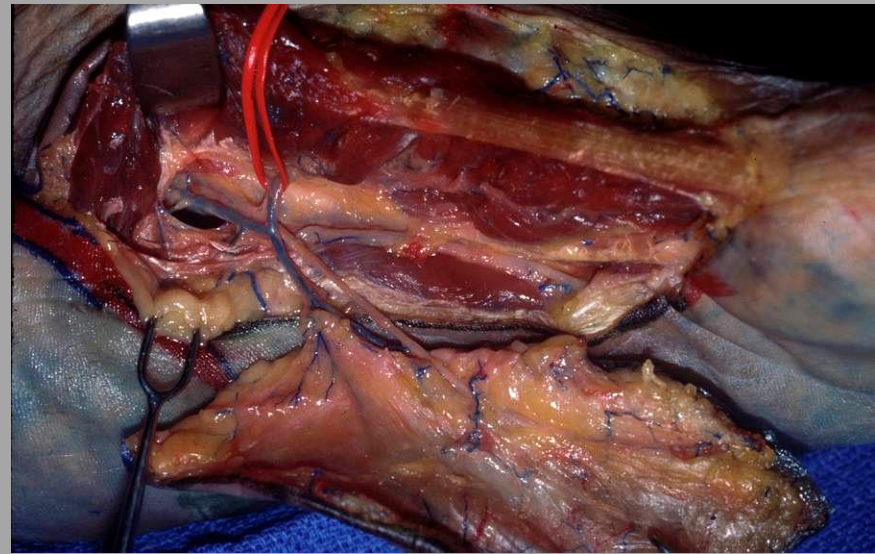
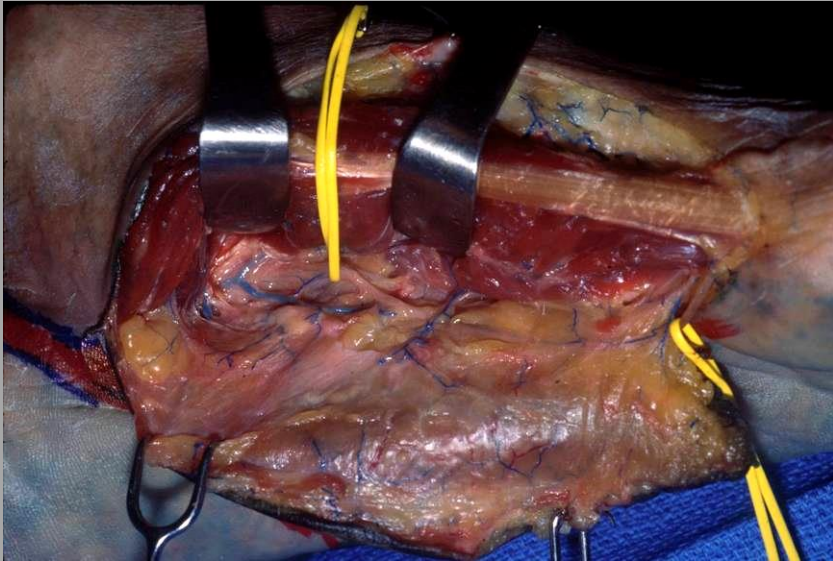
## Pivot point:

Distal tarsal tunnel





*Medial Plantar Flap:*  
*fascia-cutaneous flap*



# *Medial plantar flap:* *anatomy*





# Medial Plantar Flap:



**Dx: marjolin's ulcer on heel**



# Medial Plantar Flap:

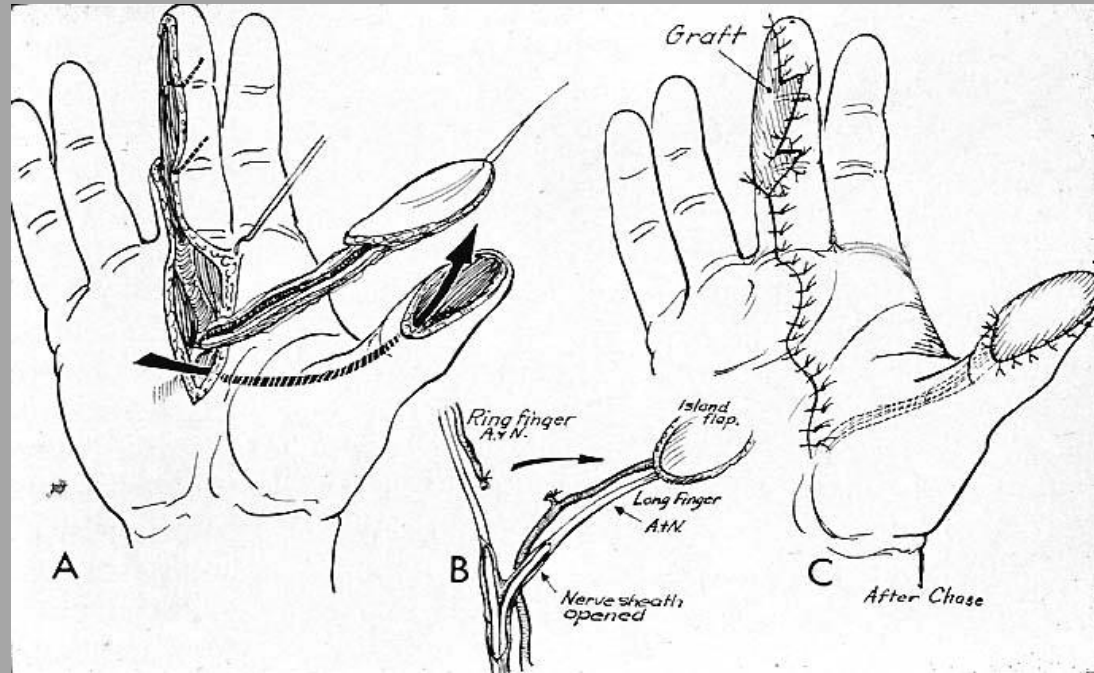


**Dx: Melanoma Of Heel**

# Toe Flaps:

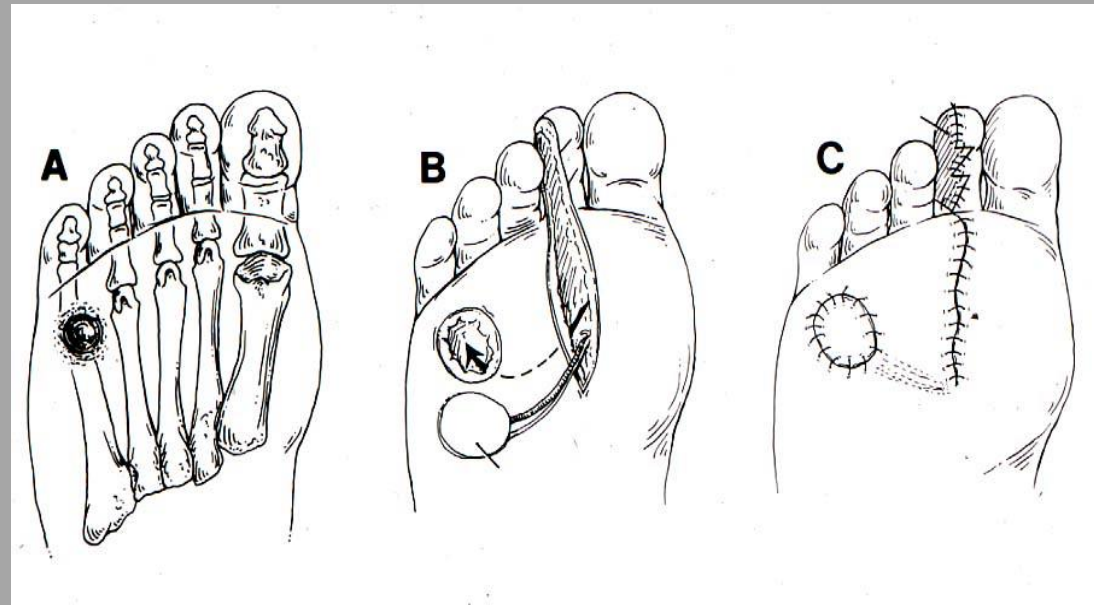
## Artery:

Digital artery



## Pivot point:

Distal plantar transverse crease



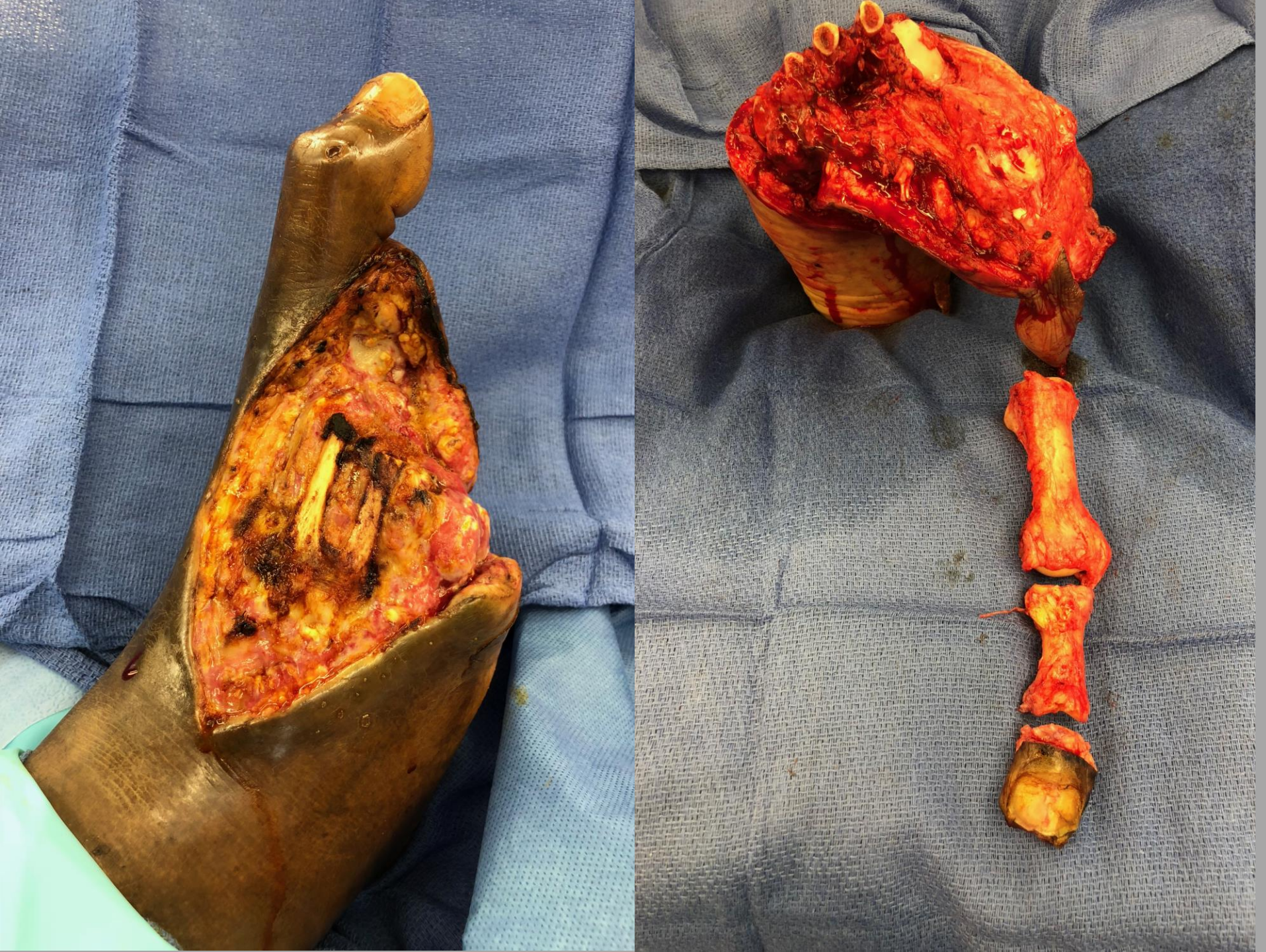




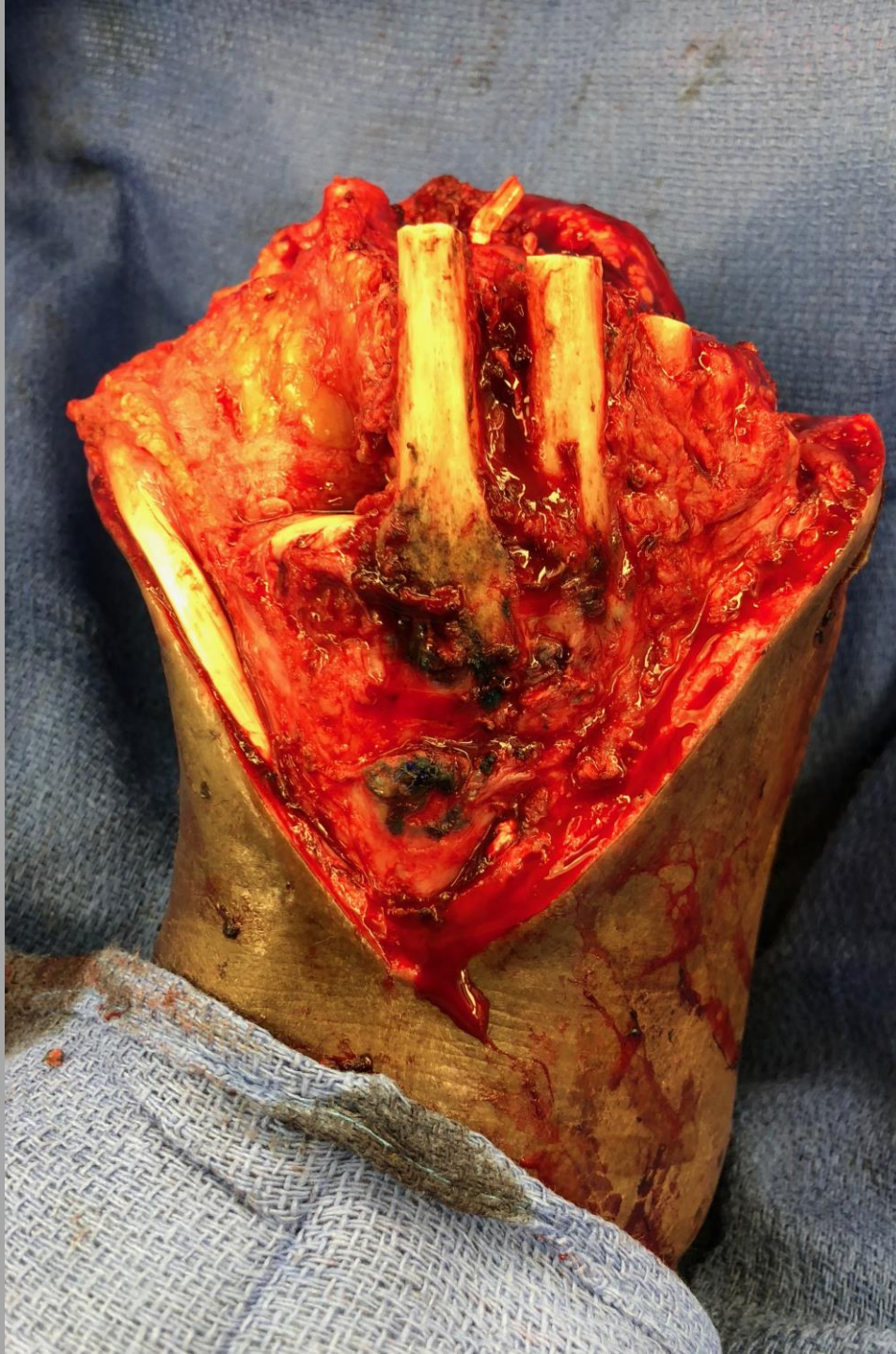




















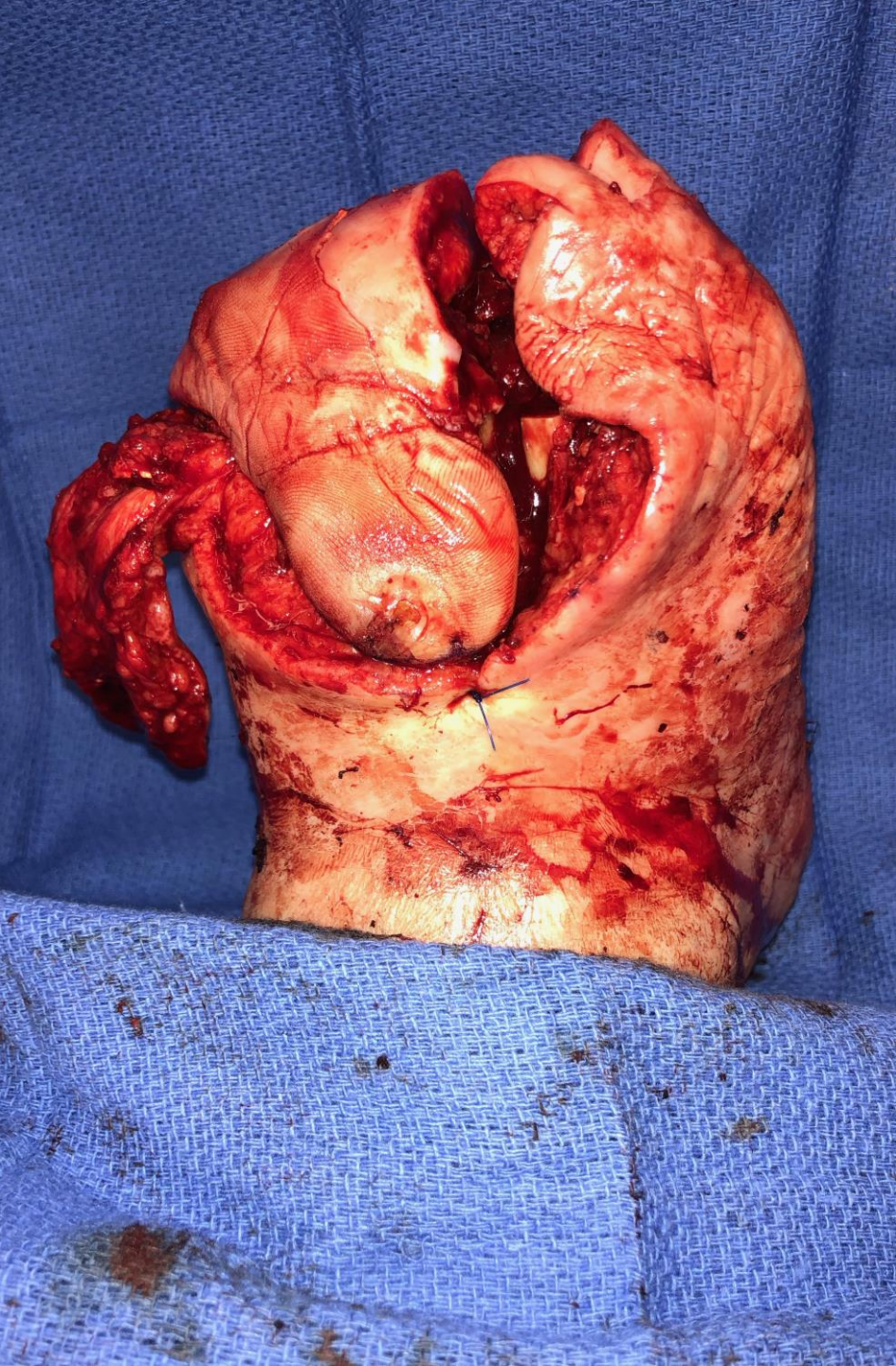




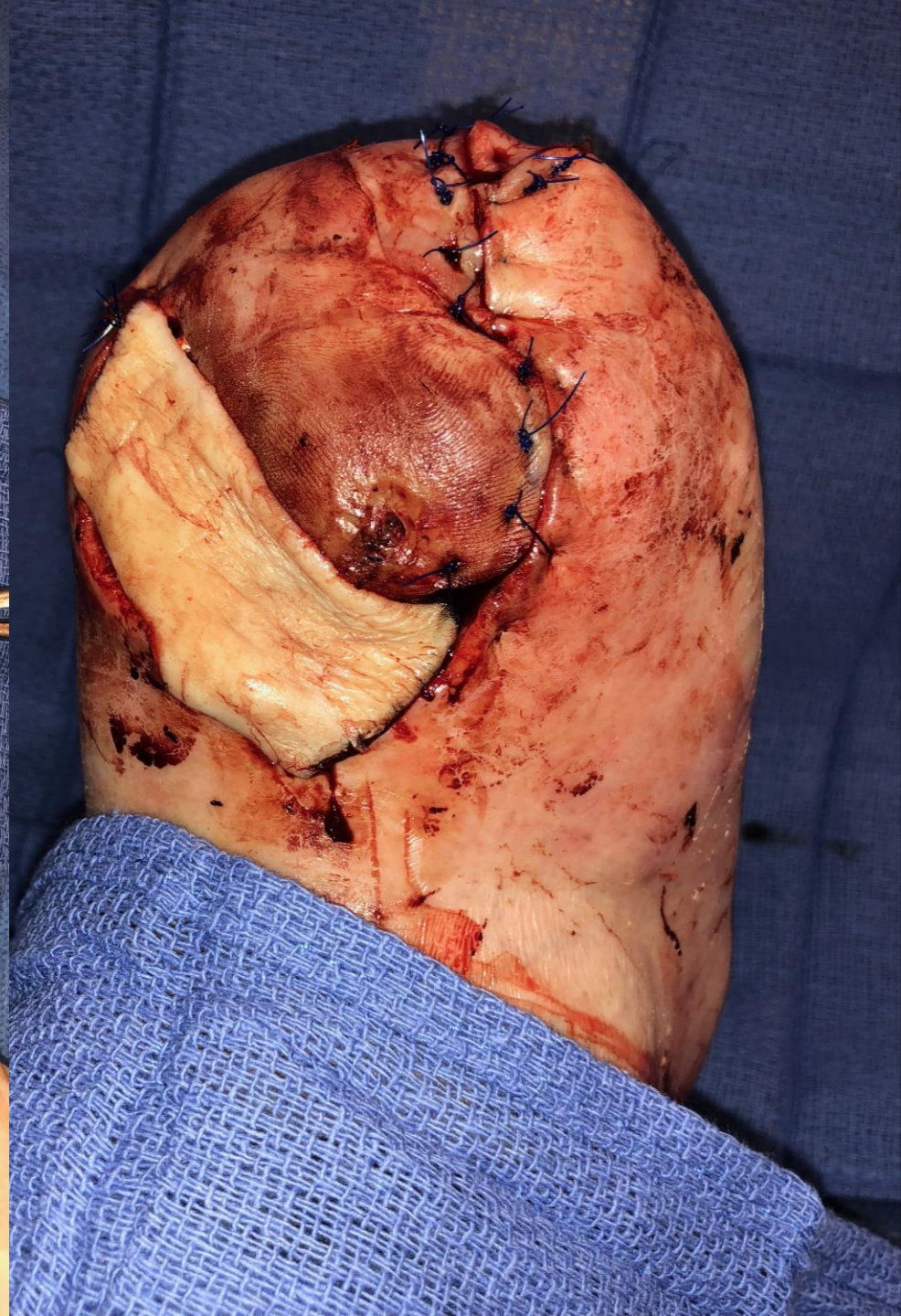




















# Abductor Digiti Minimi Flap:

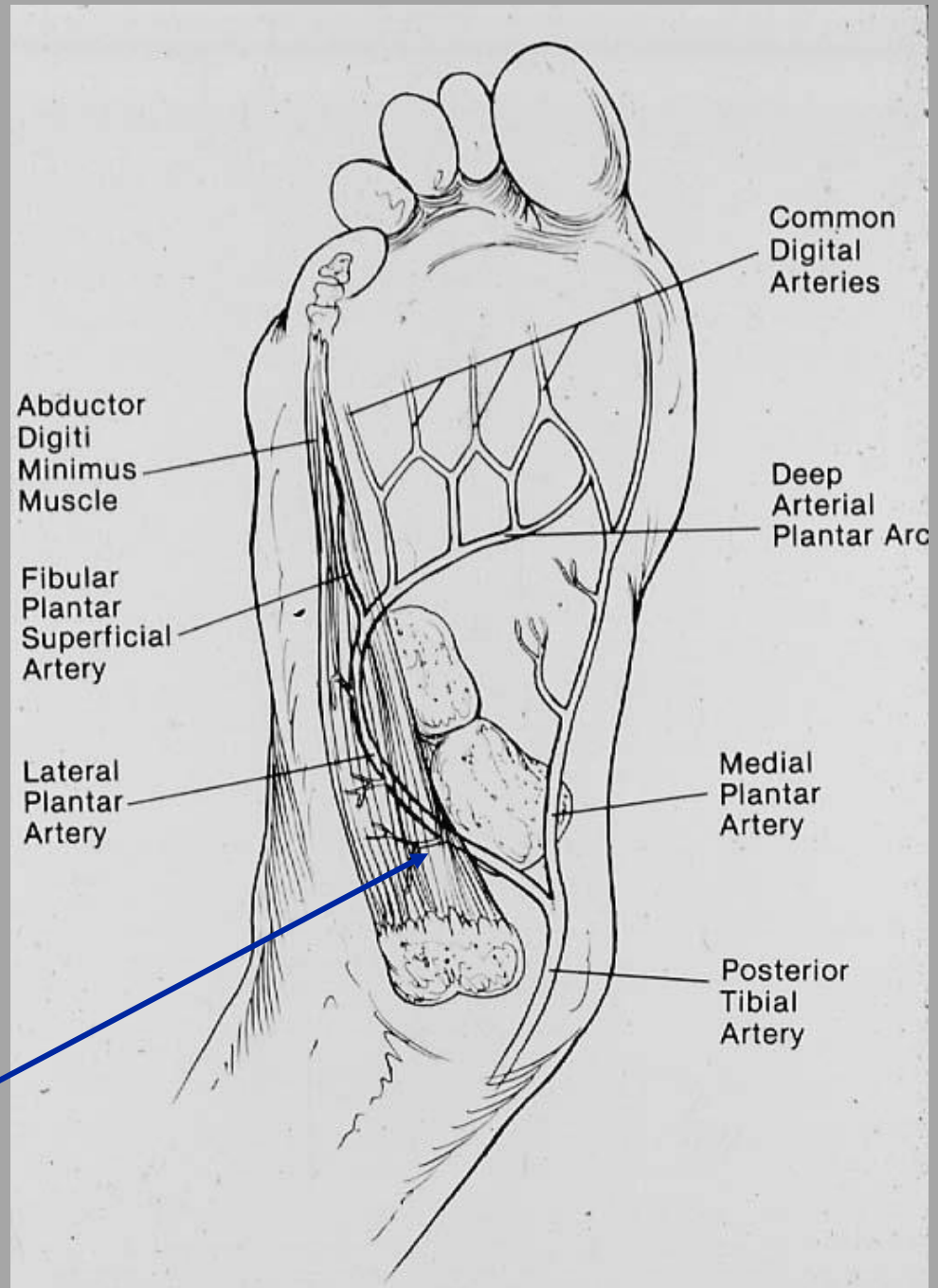
Artery:

Lateral plantar artery

Pivot point:

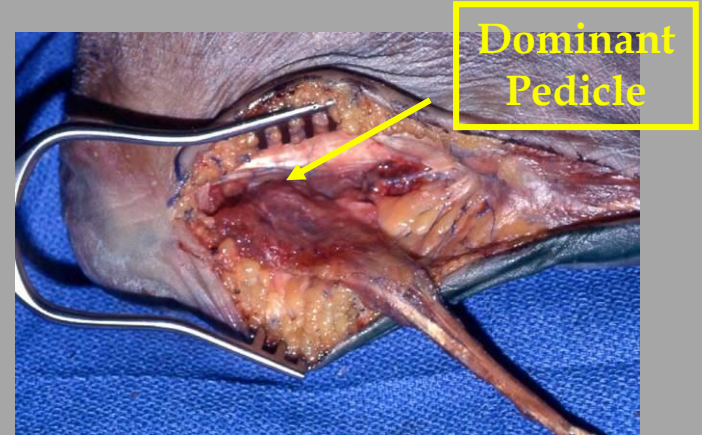
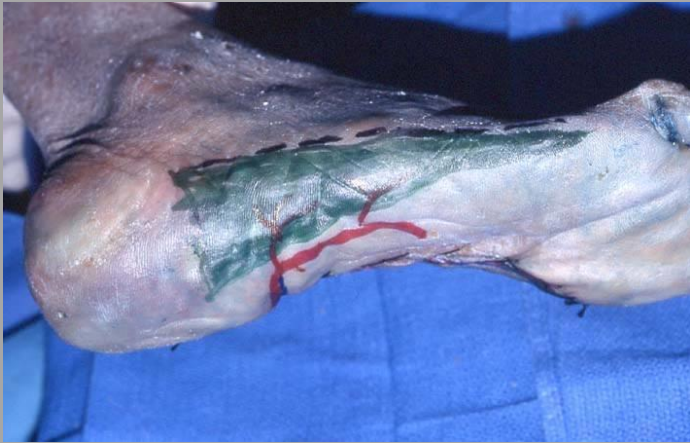
Distal tarsal tunnel

Dominant Pedicle





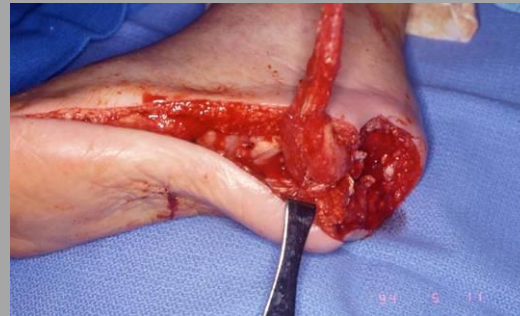
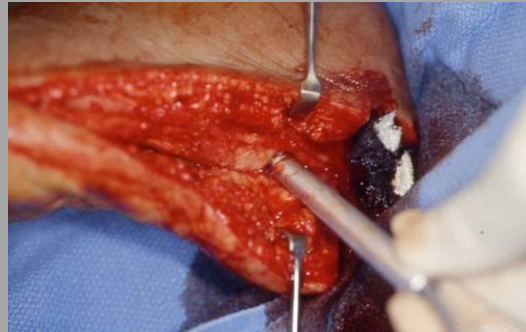
# *Abductor Digiti Minimi Flap:*



Note Small  
Distal Bulk



# *Abductor Digiti Minimi Flap:*



**Dx: Osteomyelitis Of Calcaneus**



# *Abductor Digiti Minimi Flap:*



**Dx: Osteo Calcaneus**

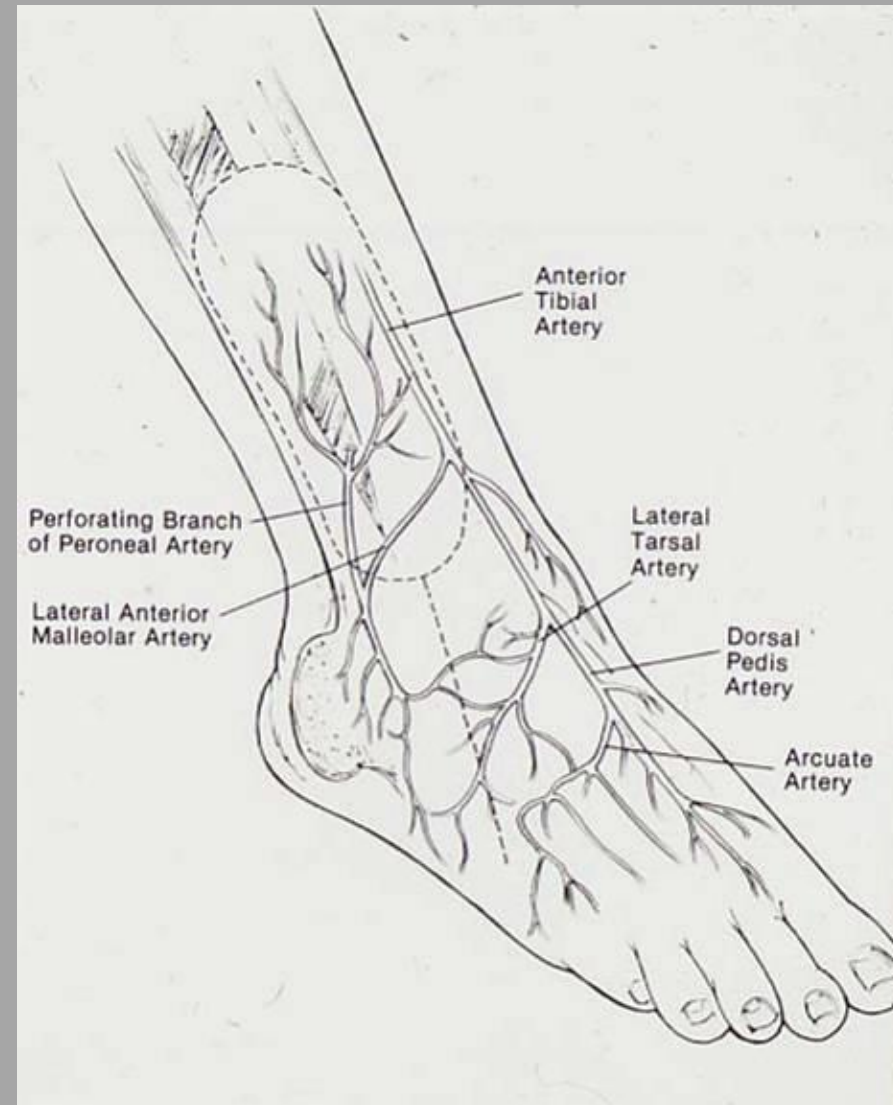
# Supra-malleolar Flap:

## Blood supply:

Anterior perforating  
branch of peroneal  
artery

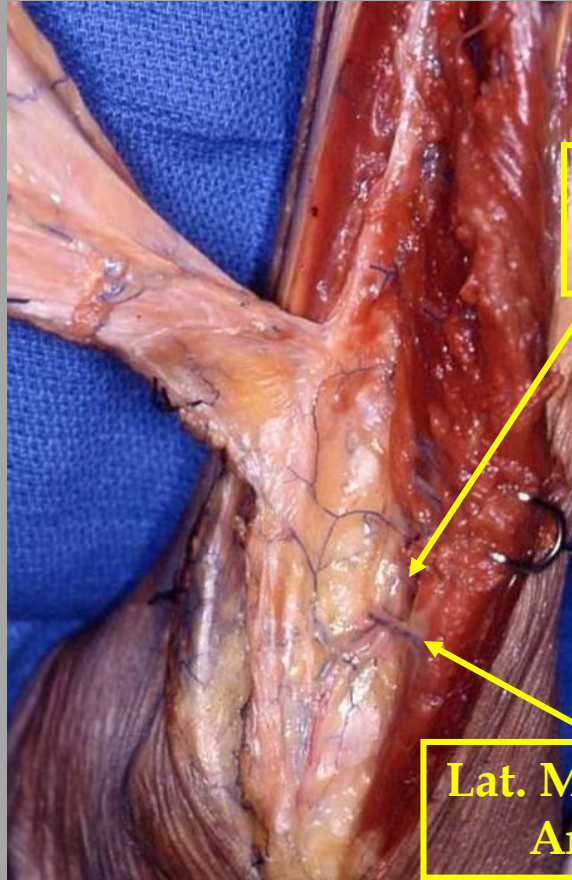
## Pivot point:

Anterior portion of  
lateral malleolus



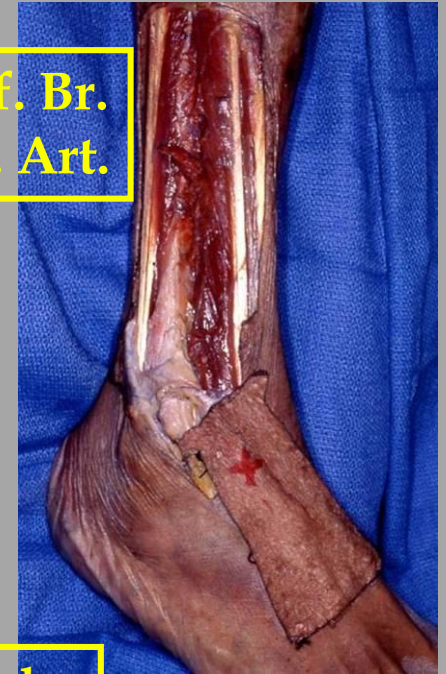


# *Supra-malleolar Flap:*

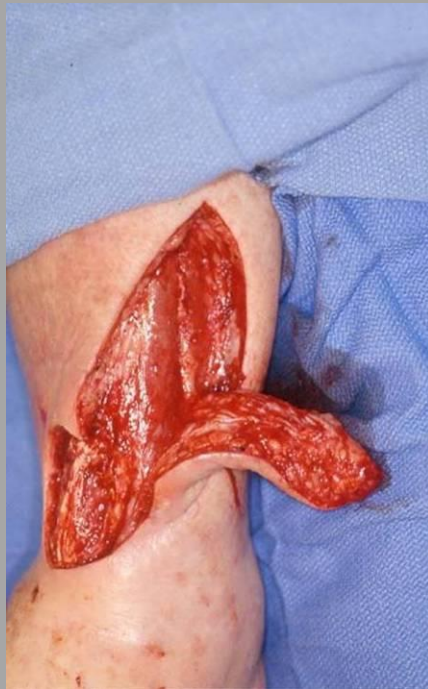


Perf. Br.  
Per. Art.

Lat. Malleolar  
Artery



# *Supra-malleolar Flap:*



**Recurrent Squamous Cell Cancer  
In A 94 Yr. Old Ambulator**



# Fascial Supra-Malleolar Flap (1a)



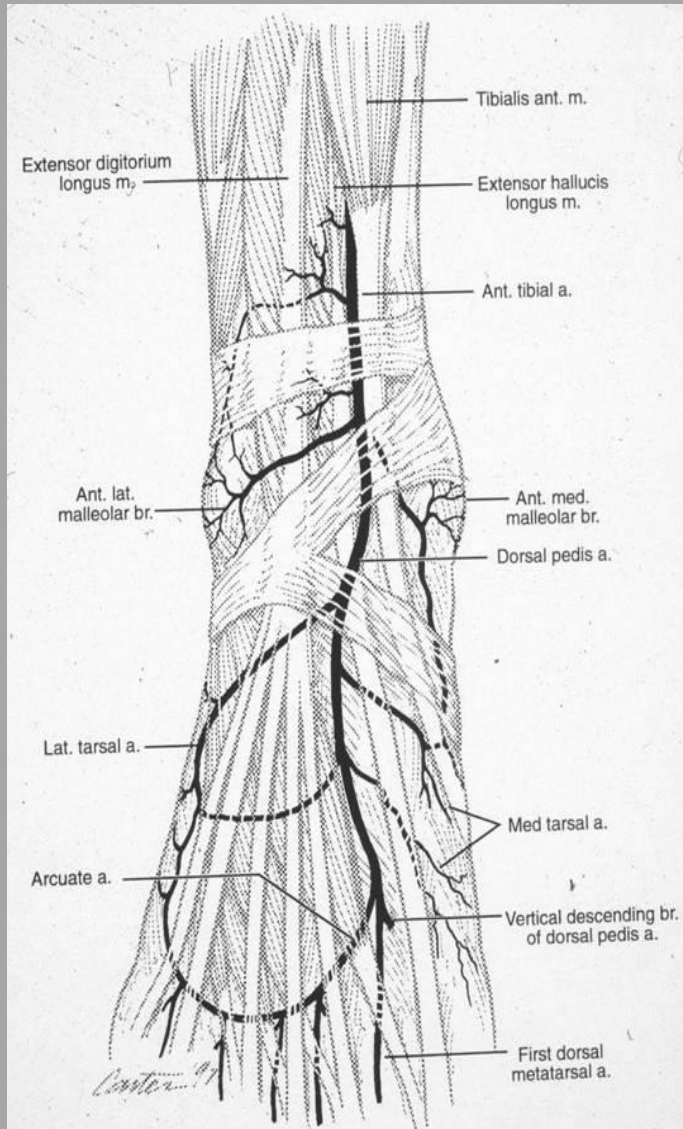
**Non-healing Ulcer Left Malleolus**

# Fascial Supra-malleolar Flap (1b)





# Extensor Digitorum Brevis Muscle:



# *Extensor Digitorum Brevis Muscle:*





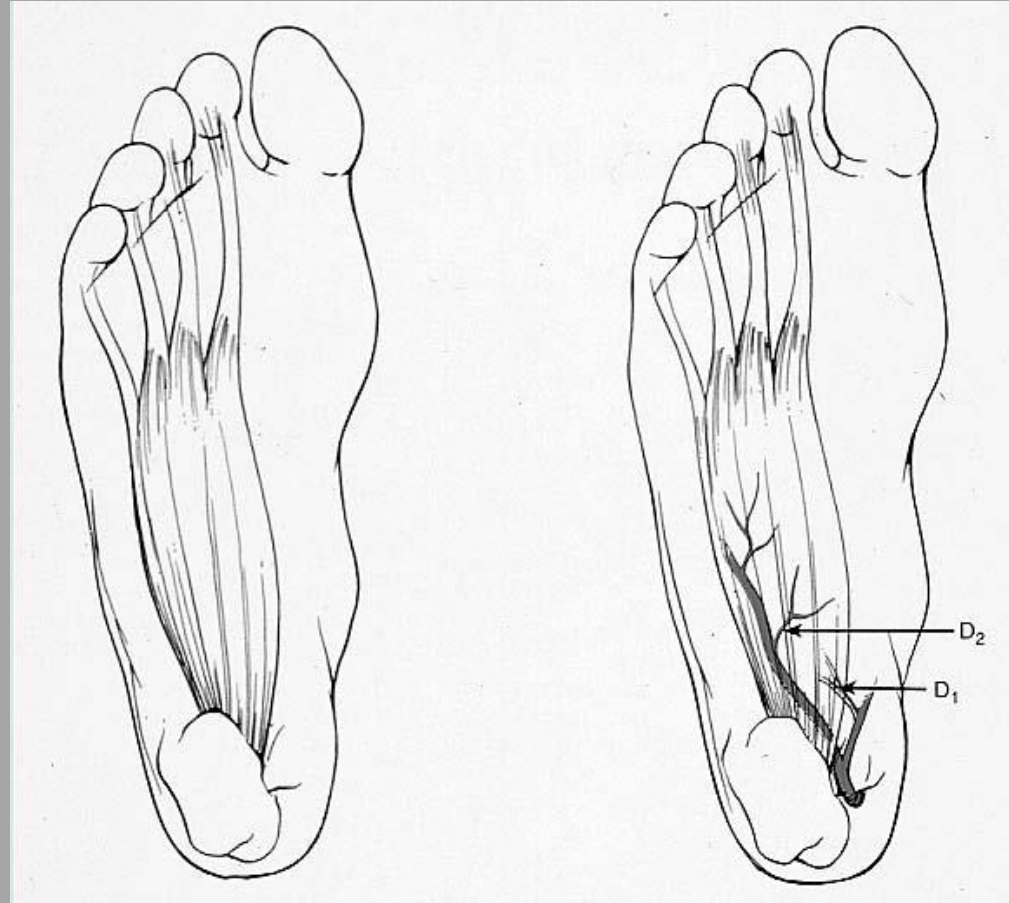
Flexor  
Digitorum  
Brevis Flap:

Artery:

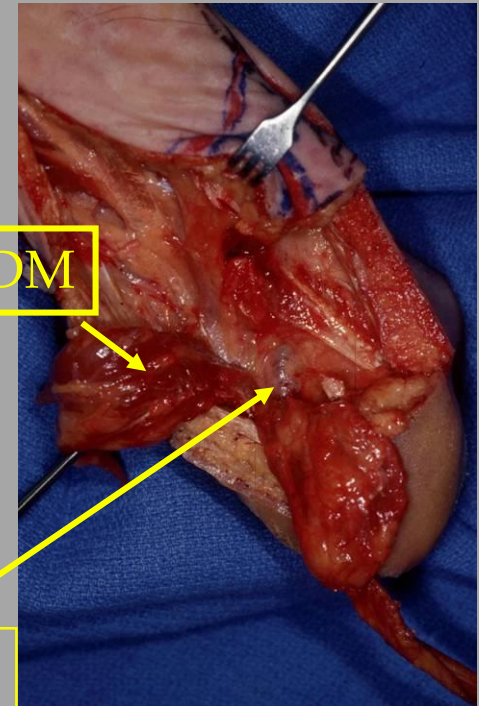
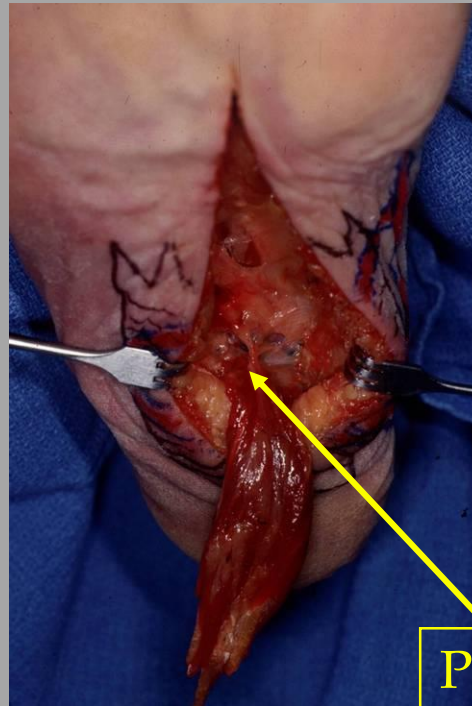
Lateral Plantar  
Artery

Pivot Point:

Distal Plantar Heel



# *Flexor Digitorum Brevis Flap:*





# *Flexor Digitorum Brevis Flap:*



**Dx: Non Healing Ulcer Plantar Foot Secondary To  
Over lengthening Of Achilles Tendon**

# *Flexor Digitorum Brevis Flap:*



**Poor Compliance With Non-wt. Bearing  
Healed After 3 Months S/p Casting In Equinus**



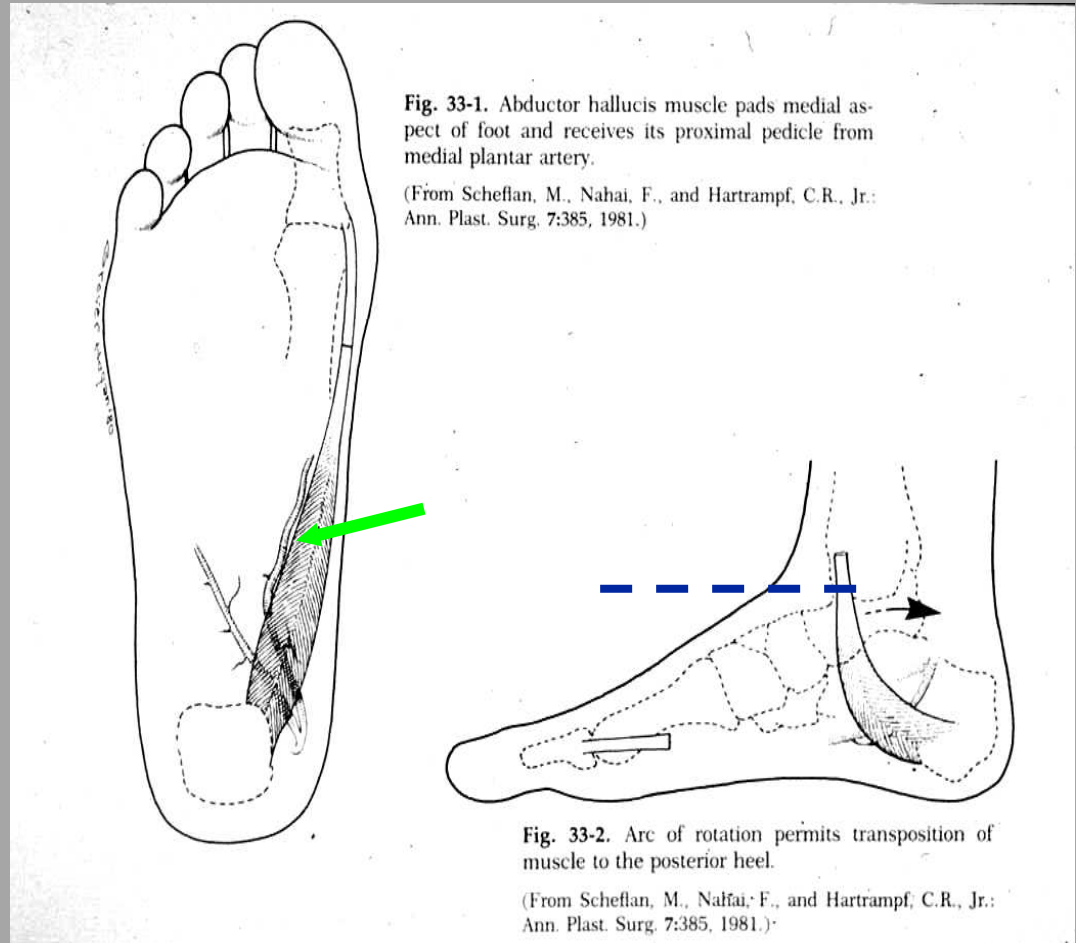
# Abductor Hallucis Muscle Flap:

## Artery:

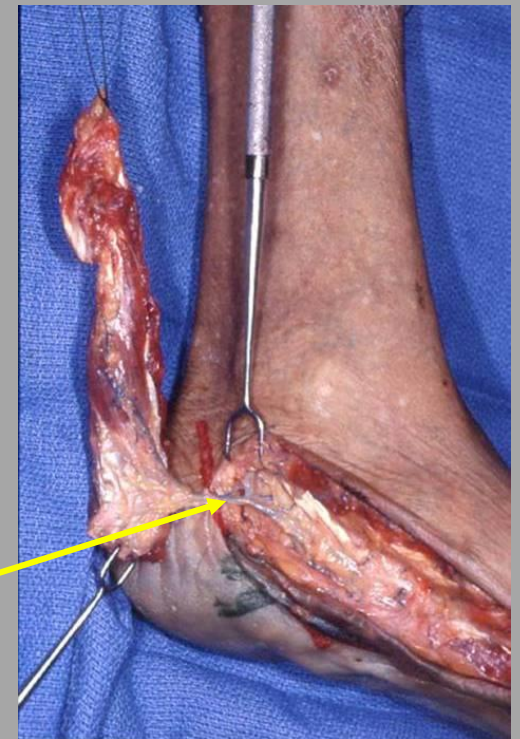
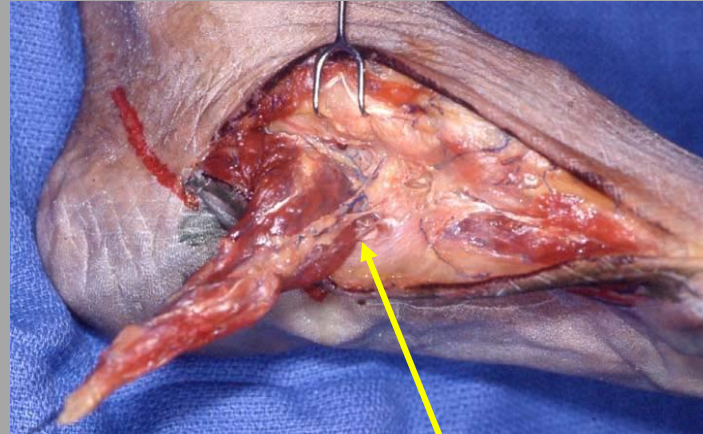
Medial plantar  
artery

## Pivot point:

Distal tarsal tunnel



# *Abductor Hallucis Muscle Flap:*



Pedicle





# Abductor Hallucis Muscle Flap:

**Dx: Non-healing Ulcer  
Over Achilles**



# Abductor Hallucis Muscle Flap:

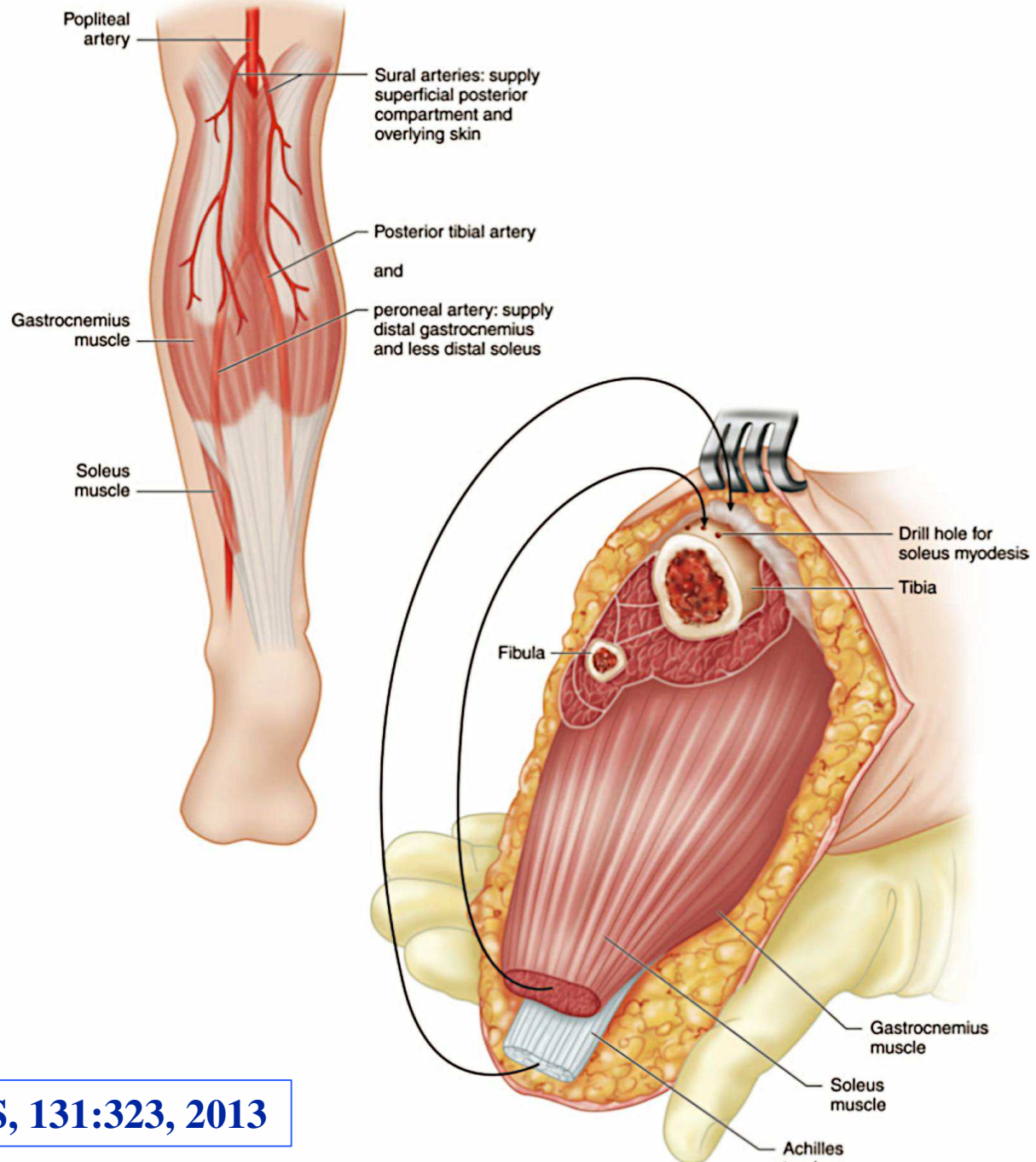




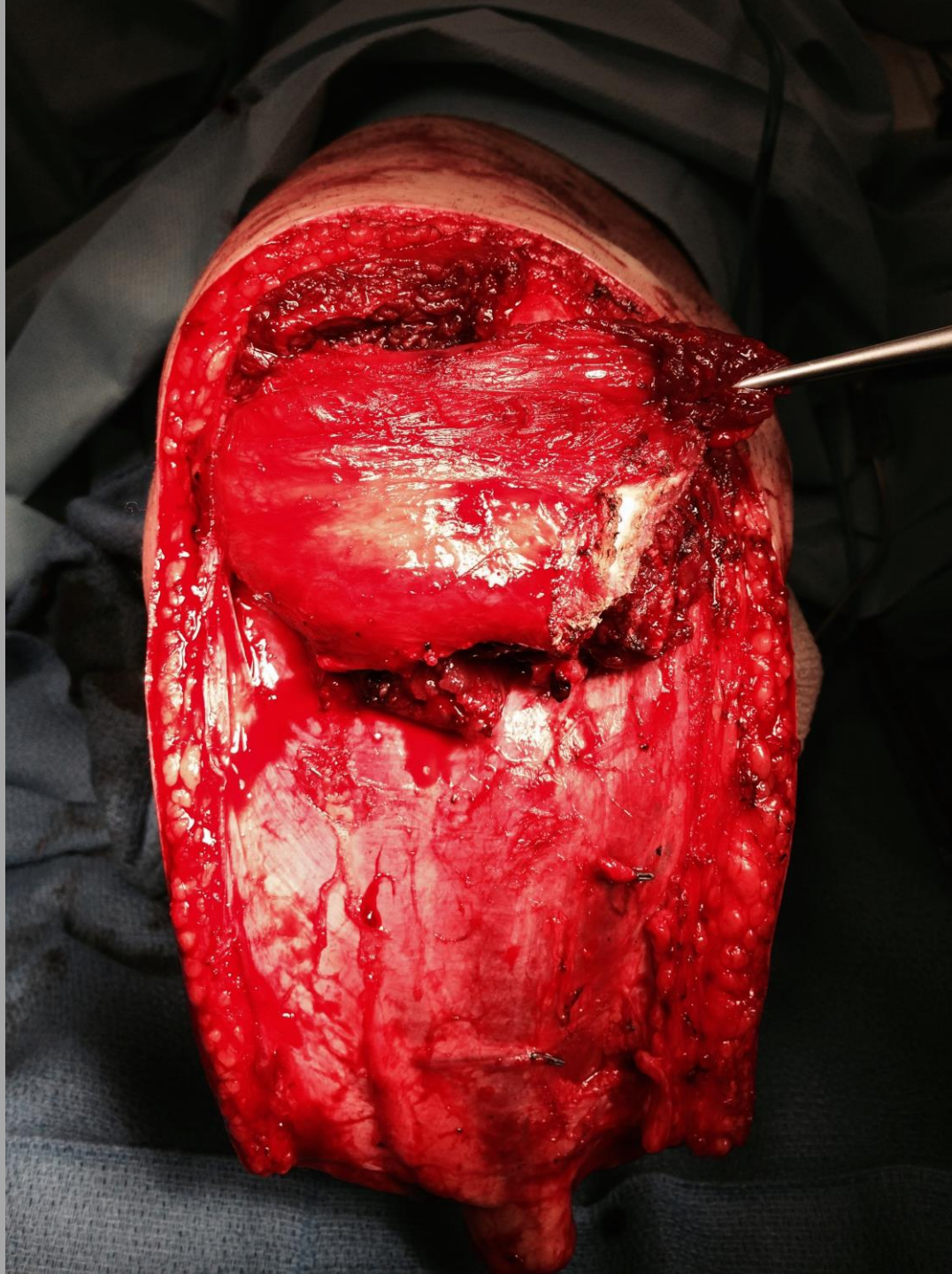
# *Abductor Hallucis Muscle Flap:*



# Myocutaneous flap blood supply

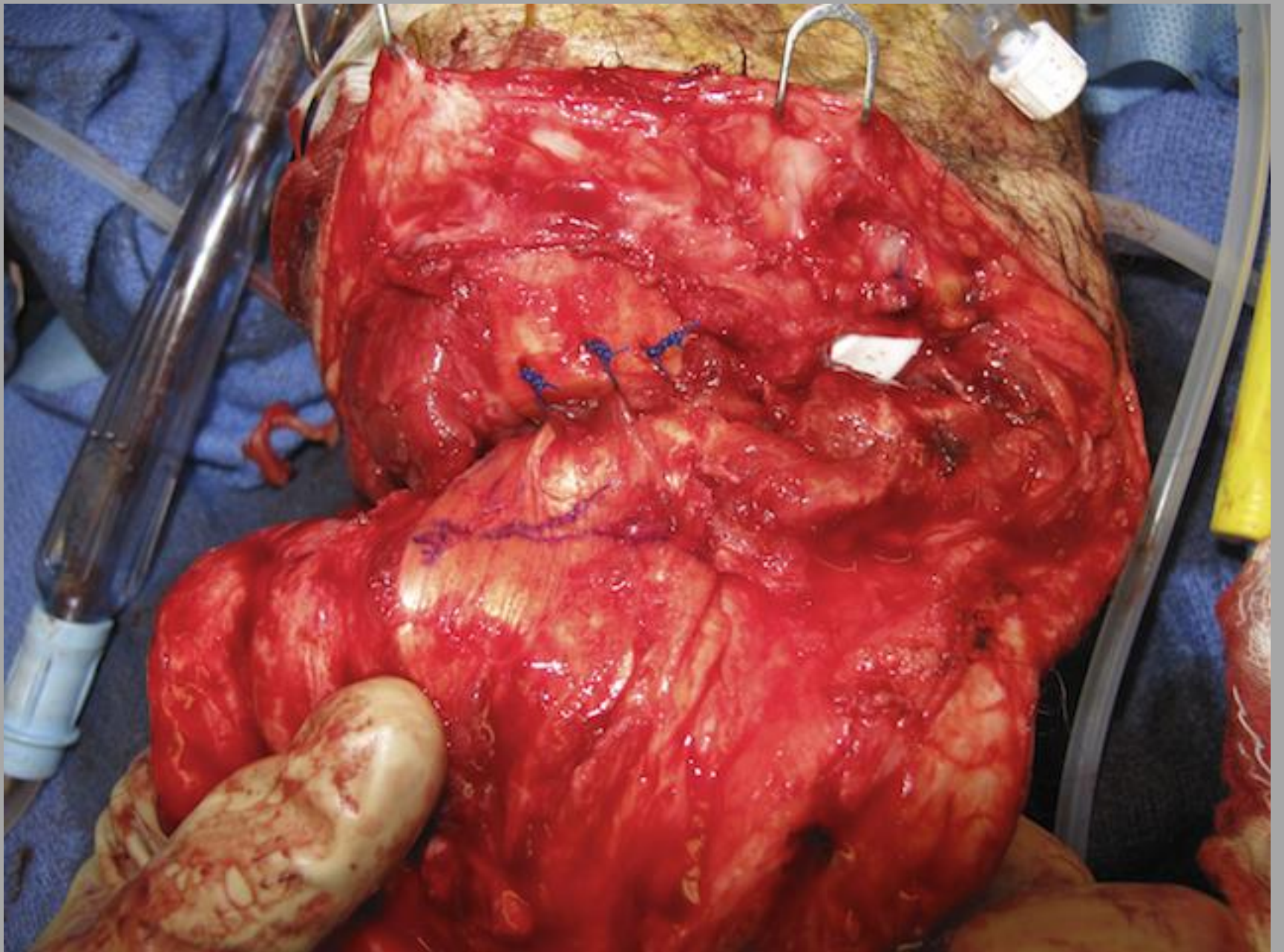




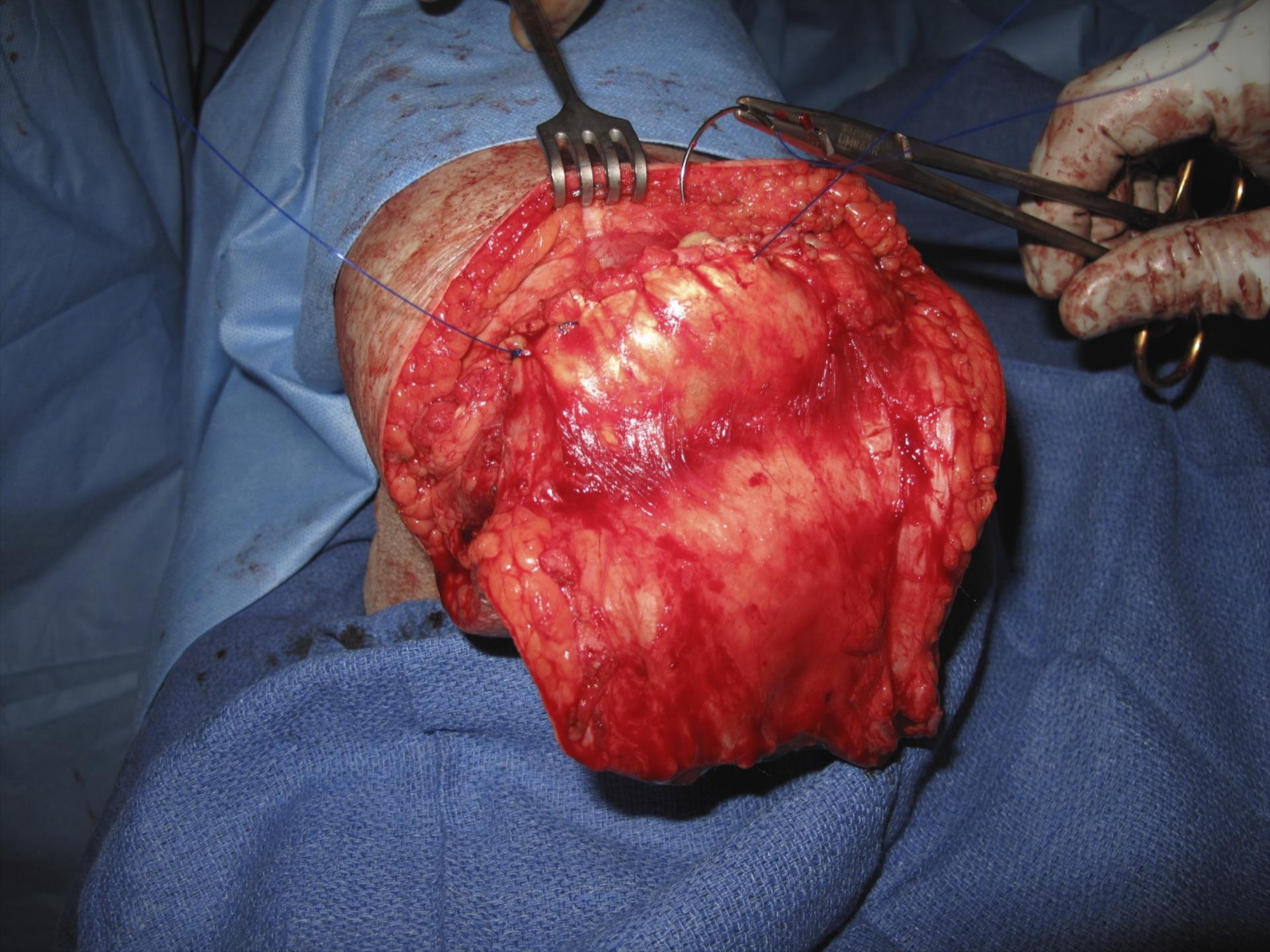
















# ERTL:

*fusion of tibia and fibula  
using bone graft*

## 1) Osteo - periosteal free grafts

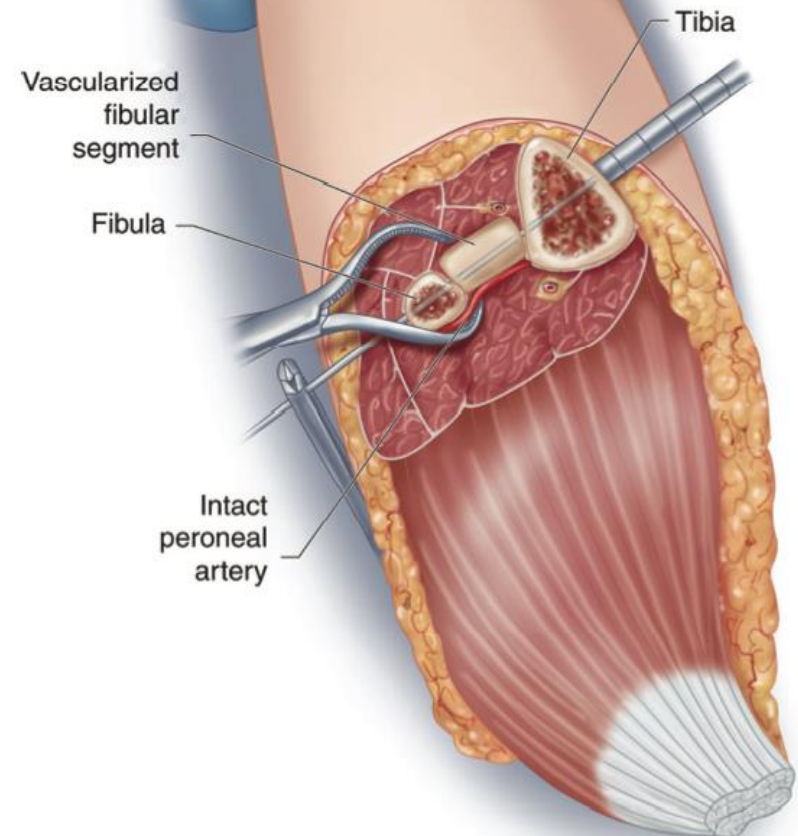
1) Von ERTL JW, Z Plast Chir. 1981  
5(3):184

## 2) Fibular bone graft

1) Pinto MA, Prosthet Orthot Int. 2004,  
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## 3) Vascularized fibular bone graft

1) Brown BJ, PRS, 2013, 131:323





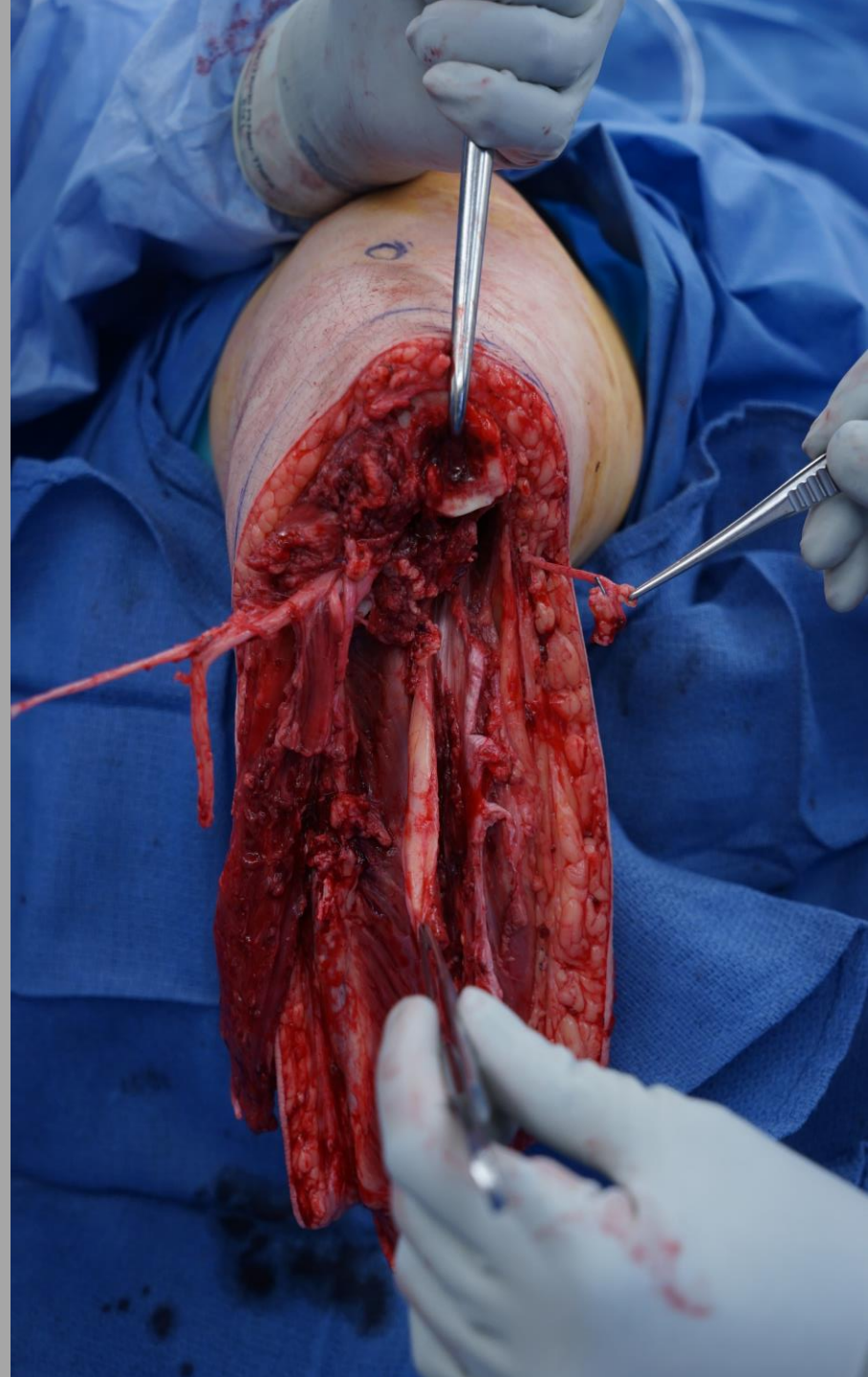


**ERTL  
Using  
Vascularized  
Fibular  
flap**



# *Nerves & Major Amputations:*

- | Prevent neuromas
- | Prevent phantom pain



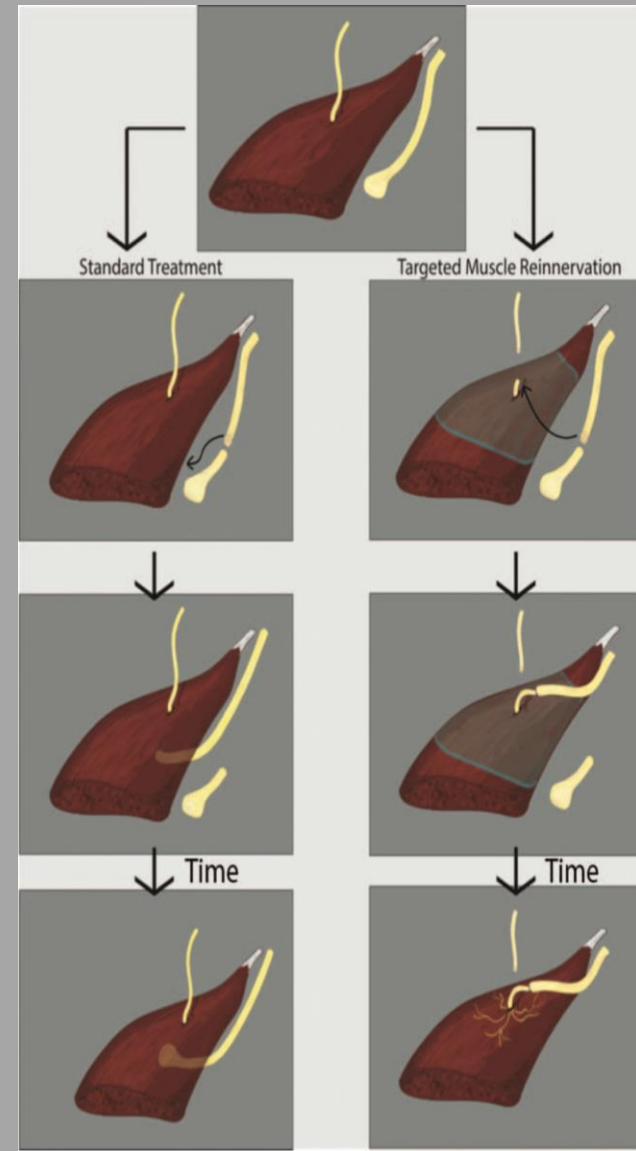


# Targeted Muscle Re-innervation: *Concept*

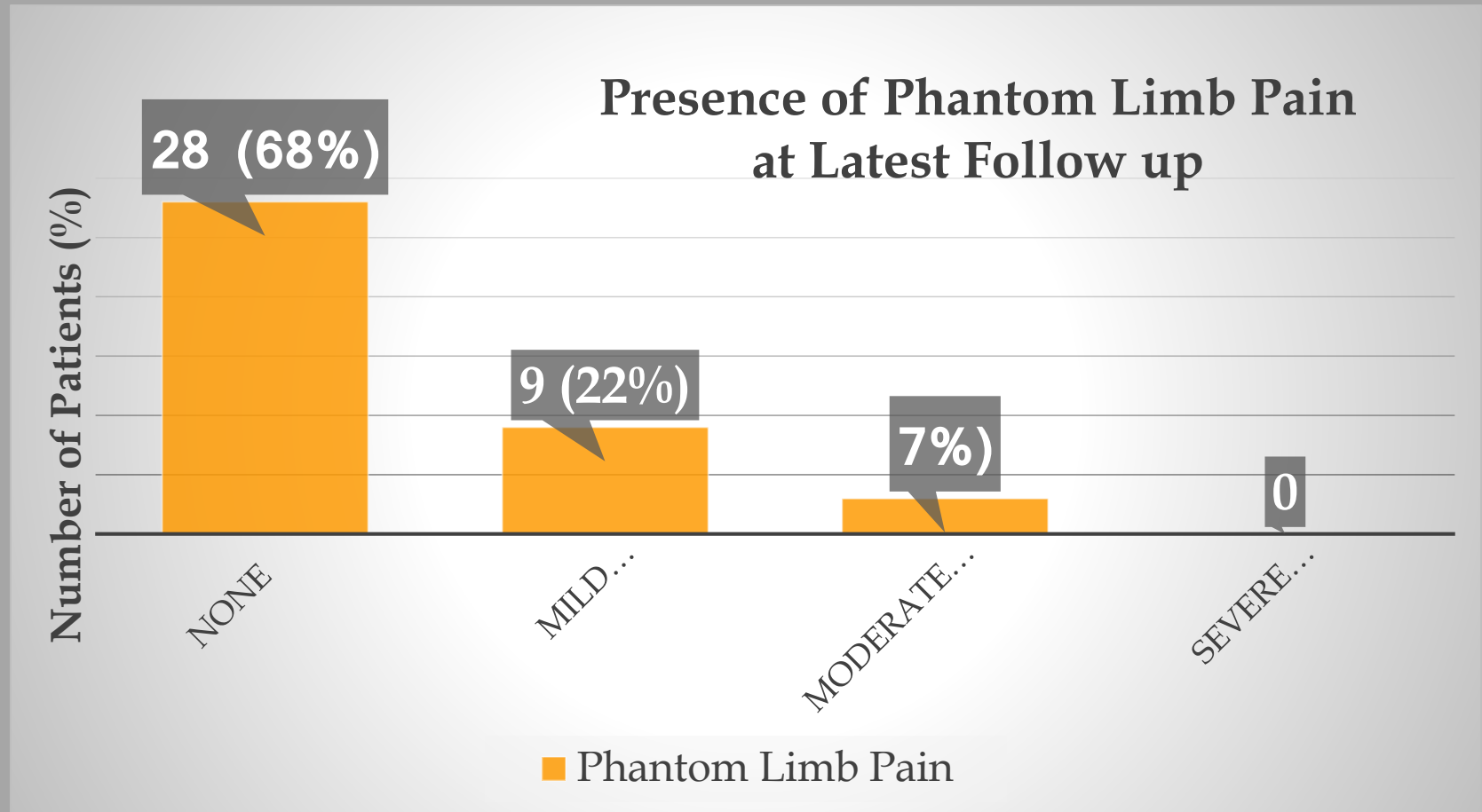
- | A cut nerve end will attempt axonal sprouting
- | Burying a cut nerve in muscle does **not** prevent this
  - Innervated muscle will not accept new innervation
- | **Denervated** muscle will accept new innervation
  - RPNI
  - TMR

Dumanian G, Ann Surg. 2018 Nov (epub)

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# Results with TMR:





# *Current Ambulation Data:*

*combining posterior flap design with a 4 compartment myodesis & TMR +/- ERTL*

- | **Last 100 pts. discharged from National Rehab Hospital**
  - 6 lost to f/u
  - 93 ambulating
  - 1 non-ambulator

# Conclusion:

- | Ensure good blood flow and clean wound bed
- | Think function FIRST when considering a reconstructive option
- | Will the reconstruction hold up for the long term???



# Conclusion:

- | Most wounds can be closed with simple techniques
- | Use simple techniques if there is enough tissue between the healed wound and underlying bone not to breakdown
- | Use flaps to cover vital structures or bulk to pad the area between the exterior skin and underlying bone

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