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Manual muscle test The ankle joint, the fingers



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The ankle joint



Ankle joint movements



The muscles of the ankle joint



Ankle plantar flexion



Gastrocnemius



Ankle plantar flexion - gastrocnemius

Origin

- Medial head from posterior nonarticular surface of medial femoral condyle
- Lateral head from lateral surface of femoral lateral condyle

Insertion

• The two heads unite into a broad aponeurosis which eventually unites with the deep tendon of the soleus to form the Achilles tendon, inserting on the middle 1/3 of the posterior calcaneal surface

Action

• Powerful plantar flexor of ankle

Innervation

• Tibial nerve (S1, S2) (S1, S2)



Ankle plantar flexion – grade 5, 4, 3



Position: patient lying prone, lower limbs extended, feet out of the table
Fixation: lower part of the shank (front side)
Movement: ankle plantar flexion in full range of motion
Resistance: PT puts resistance against the heel movement, differentiates the grades according the amount of resistance, fingers are relaxed

Ankle plantar flexion – grade 2



Position: patient lying on the tested side, tested lower limb extended in knee and hip joint, untested lower limb flexed in knee and hip joint, lying on the table Fixation: lower part of the shank (front side) Movement: ankle plantar flexion in full range of motion, pushing on the table

Ankle plantar flexion – grade 1,0



Position: lying on the tested side, tested lower limb extended in the knee and hip joint

Attempt to move: PT palpates a trace of contraction during patients attempt to flex the ankle

Ankle plantar flexion – notes:

 It is necessary to move the heel up, not just the foot down

Ankle plantar flexion - soleus

Origin

 Posterior aspect of fibular head, upper 1/4 - 1/3 of posterior surface of fibula, middle 1/3 of medial border of tibial shaft, and from posterior surface of a tendinous arch spanning the two sites of bone origin

Insertion

 Eventually unites with the gastrocnemius aponeurosis to form the Achilles tendon, inserting on the middle 1/3 of the posterior calcaneal surface

Action

• Powerful plantar flexor of ankle

Innervation

• Tibial nerve (S1, S2) (S1, S2)



Ankle plantar flexion – grade 5,4,3 (a.)



Position: patient lying prone, untested lower limb extended, feet out of the table, tested lower limb flexed in the knee joint
Fixation: lower part of the shank (front side)
Movement: ankle plantar flexion in full range of motion
Resistance: PT puts resistance against the heel movement, differentiates the grades according the amount of resistance, fingers are relaxed

Ankle plantar flexion – grade 5,4,3 (b.)



Position: patient sits on the chair, feet on the floor

Fixation: not necessary

- Movement: ankle plantar flexion in full range of motion, heel up, fingers stays on the floor
- Resistance: PT puts resistance at the knee , against its the movement up, differentiates the grades according the amount of resistance

Ankle plantar flexion – grade 2



Position: patient lying on the tested side, tested lower limb flexed in knee joint, untested lower limb flexed in knee and hip joint, lying on the table Fixation: lower part of the shank (front side) Movement: ankle plantar flexion in full range of motion, pushing on the table

Ankle plantar flexion – grade 1,0



Position: lying on the tested side, tested lower limb flexed in the knee joint Attempt to move: PT palpates a trace of contraction during patients attempt to flex the ankle

Ankle extension with supination Tibialis anterior

Origin

 Lateral condyle of tibia, proximal 1/2 - 2/3 or lateral surface of tibial shaft, interosseous membrane, and the deep surface of the fascia cruris

Insertion

Medial and plantar surfaces of 1st cuneiform and on base of first metatarsal

Action

Dorsiflexor of ankle and invertor of foot

Innervation

Deep peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1) (L4, L5, S1)



Ankle extension with supination – grade 5,4



Position: patient sits, shins away from the table, knee 90° flexed, central position of the foot, no contact with the ground
Fixation: lower part of the shin (from behind)
Movement: ankle extension with supination (fingers free)
Resistance: PT puts resistance at the medial part of the foot against the movement

Ankle extension with supination – grade 3



Position: patient sits, shins away from the table, knee 90° flexed, central position of the foot, no contact with the ground
Fixation: lower part of the shin (from behind)
Movement: ankle extension with supination (fingers free)

Ankle extension with supination – grade 2



Position: patient lyies on the tested side, knee and hip slightly flexed, lateral part of the foot on the tableFixation: lower part of the shin, no contact of the heel on the tableMovement: ankle extension with supination by pushing the foot on the table

Ankle extension with supination – grade 1,0



Position: patient lyies supine, foot in central position, away from the table Fixation: distal part of the calf Attempt to move: PT palpates a trace of contraction at the level of talocrural joint

Ankle extension with supination - notes

- Fixation of the leg is necessary
- A proper direction of the resistance
- Knee has to be flexed
- Muscles of the fingers has to be relaxed

Supination in plantar flexion Tibialis posterior

Origin

 Posterior aspect of interosseous membrane, superior 2/3 of medial posterior surface of fibula, superior aspect of posterior surface of tibia, and from intermuscular septum between muscles of posterior compartment and deep transverse septum

Insertion

 Splits into two slips after passing inferior to plantar calcaneonavicular ligament; superficial slip inserts on the tuberosity of the navicular bone and sometimes medial cuneiform; deeper slip divides again into slips inserting on plantar surfaces of metatarsals 2 - 4 and second cuneiform

Action

 Principal invertor of foot; also adducts foot, plantar flexes ankle, and helps to supinate the foot

Innervation

• Tibial nerve (L4, L5) (L4, L5)



Supination in plantar flexion – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies on the tested side, knee slightly flexed, foot away from the table Fixation: lower part of the shin Movement: foot supination in plantar flexion in full range of motion, fingers flexed Resistance: PT puts resistance on medial part of the foot against the movement

Supination in plantar flexion – grade 3



Position: patient lyies on the tested side, knee slightly flexed, foot away from the table Fixation: lower part of the shin Movement: foot supination in plantar flexion in full range of motion, fingers flexed

Supination in plantar flexion – grade 2



Position: patient lyies supine, ankle flexion, foot away from the table, knee slightly flexedFixation: lower part of the calfMovement: supination in plantar flexion

Supination in plantar flexion – grade 1,0



Position: patient lyies supine, ankle flexion, foot away from the table, knee slightly flexed Fixation: lower part of the calf Attempt to move: PT palpates a trace of contraction during patients attempt

Attempt to move: PT palpates a trace of contraction during patients attempt to move, over the medial knuckle

Supination in plantar flexion - notes

- Foot has to be away from the table
- Ankle and knee has to be in flexion
- Proper fixation is necessary
- Correct direction of the resistance is important

Plantar pronation



Peroneus longus

Peroneus brevis

Peroneus longus

Origin

- Head of fibula, upper 1/2 2/3 of lateral fibular shaft surface
- also anterior and posterior intermuscular septa of leg

Insertion

- Plantar posterolateral aspect of medial cuneiform
- lateral side of 1st metatarsal base

Action

- Everts foot and plantar flexes ankle
- also helps to support the transverse arch of the foot

Innervation

- Superficial peroneal nerve (L5, S1, S2)
- may also receive additional innervation from common or deep peroneal nerves (L5, S1, S2)

Peroneus brevis

Origin

- Inferior 2/3 of lateral fibular surface
- anterior and posterior intermuscular septa of leg

Insertion

• Lateral surface of styloid process of 5th metatarsal base

Action

• Everts foot and plantar flexes ankle

Innervation

• Superficial peroneal nerve (L5, S1, S2) (L5, S1, S2)

Plantar pronation – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies on the untested side, untested lower limb flexed, tested lower limb in knee and ankle flexion, foot away from the table, fingers relaxed
Fixation: lower part of the shin
Movement: pronation in plantar flexion in full range of motion

Resistance: PT puts resistance at lateral part of the foot against the movement

Plantar pronation – grade 3



Position: patient lyies on the untested side, untested lower limb flexed, tested lower limb in knee and ankle flexion, foot away from the table, fingers relaxed

Fixation: lower part of the shin

Movement: pronation in plantar flexion in full range of motion

Plantar pronation – grade 2



Position: patient lyies supine, ankle flexion, foot away from the table, knee slightly flexed

Fixation: lower part of the calf

Movement: pronation in plantar flexion in full range of motion

Plantar pronation – grade 1,0



Position: patient lyies supine, ankle flexion, foot away from the table, knee slightly flexed

Fixation: lower part of the calf

Attempt to move: PT palpates the tendon at the area of lateral knuckle

Plantar pronation - notes

- Fixation of the shin is necessary
- Ankle has to be in flexion
- Fingers has to be relaxed

The muscles of the foot


Fingers movements





(D) Adducted (relaxed position)

Metatarsophalangeal (MP) joints of the fingers



MP joints flexion



Lumbricals

Origin:

1st: Med. side of 1st tendon of FDL2nd: Adjacent sides of 1st-2nd tendons of FD3rd: Adjacent sides of 2nd-3rd tendons of FD4th: Adjacent sides of 3rd-4th tendons of FDL

Insertion:

• Extensor Wing and Extensor Trifurcation of 1st-4th tendons of EDL (1st Lumbrical - 1st tendon of EDL, etc.)

Action:

- Plantarflex PP, Extend MP, Extend DP of lessor digits
- Tighten wings & slacken sling of Extensor Hood

Innervation:

- 1st: 1st Plantar Common Digital branch of Medial Plantar Nerve
- 2nd-4th: Deep branch of Lateral Plantar Nerve

MP joints flexion – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position
Fixation: metatarses
Movement: II.-V. MP joints flexion in full range of motion
Resistance: PT puts resistance at the plantar side of proximal phalanges against the movement

MP joints flexion – grade 3,2



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position Fixation: metatarses Movement: II.-V. MP joints flexion in full range of motion

MP joints flexion – grade 1,0



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position

Attempt to move: palpation of tendons is difficult, observe the tremble of the fingers during patients attempt to move

MP joints flexion - notes

- Fixation of metatarses is necessary
- No movement of IP joints
- Correct position of the foot

I. MP joint flexion



Flexor hallucis brevis

Flexor hallucis brevis

Origin:

- Y-shaped tendon
- Lateral arm: Plantar surface of Cuboid and 3rd Cuneiform
- Medial arm: Plantar component of tendon of Tibialis Posterior

Insertion:

- Lateral tendon: Lat. Sesamoid, Plantar Plate, Conjoined tendon of AdH, contribute to Extensor Hood
- Medial tendon: Med. Sesamoid, Plantar Plate, tendon of AbH, contribute to Extensor Hood
- United tendon: Plantar surface of Base of PP of Hallux

Action:

• Plantarflex PP of Hallux

Innervation:

• Plantar Digital branch of Medial Plantar Nerve

I. MP joint flexion – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee and hip slightly flexed, foot in central position

Fixation: I. metatars (from the sides)

Movement: I. MP joint flexion in full range of motion

Resistance: PT puts resistance at the plantar side of proximal phalang of the thumb against the movement

I. MP joint flexion – grade 3,2



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee and hip slightly flexed, foot in central position

Fixation: I. metatars (from the sides)

Movement: I. MP joint flexion in full range of motion

I. MP joint flexion – grade 1,0



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position

Attempt to move: palpation of tendons is difficult, observe the tremble of the thumb during patients attempt to move

MP joints extension



Extensor digitorum longus

Extensor digitorum brevis

Extensor hallucis brevis

Extensor digitorum longus

Origin

 Lateral condyle of fibula, upper 2/3 - 3/4 of medial fibular shaft surface, upper part of interosseous membrane, fascia cruris, and anterior intermuscular septum

Insertion

 Splits into 4 tendon slips after inferior extensor retinaculum, each of which insert on dorsum of middle and distal phalanges as part of extensor expansion complex

Action

Extend toes 2 - 5 and dorsiflexes ankle

Innervation

Deep peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1) (L4, L5, S1)



Extensor digitorum brevis

Origin:

Sinus Tarsi of the Calcaneus Interosseous Talocalcaneal Ligament Inferior Extensor Retinaculum

Insertion:

Lateral side of EDL tendons at Base of PP of Toes 2-4 Contribute to Extensor Hood

Action: Dorsiflex Phalanges of Toes 2-4

Innervation: Lateral Terminal Branch of Deep Fibular Nerve

Extensor hallucis brevis

Origin:

Sinus Tarsi of the Calcaneus Interosseous Talocalcaneal Ligament Inferior Extensor Retinaculum

Insertion:

Dorsum of the Base of the Proximal Phalanx of the Hallux

Action: Dorsiflex Proximal Phalanx of Hallux

Innervation: Lateral Terminal Branch of Deep Fibular Nerve

MP joints extension – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position
Fixation: metatarses (from plantar side)
Movement: MP joints extension in full range of motion
Resistance: PT puts resistance at the dorsal side of proximal phalanges against the movement

MP joints extension – grade 3,2



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position Fixation: metatarses (from plantar side) Movement: MP joints extension in full range of motion

MP joints extension – grade 1,0



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position

Attempt to move: palpation of tendons at dorsal side of foot (at the area of metatars)

MP joints adduction



Plantar interossei

Adductor hallucis

Plantar interossei

Origin:

Inf. surface of Base & Med. surface of Shaft of 3rd, 4th, 5th MT (1st PI -> 3rd MT, etc.)

Insertion:

Med. side of Base of PP of 3rd, 4th, 5th Toe (1st PI -> PP of 3rd Toe, etc.) Extensor Hood of Toes (3rd, 4th, 5th)

Action: Adduct 3rd, 4th, 5th Toe (P-Ad vs D-Ab)

Innervation:

1st-2nd: Deep branch of Lateral Plantar Nerve

3rd: Plantar Digital branch of Superficial branch of Lateral Plantar Nerve

Adductor hallucis

Origin:

Oblique head: Plantar surface of Base of 2-4 MT, tendon sheath of FL Transverse head: Plantar plate of 3-5 MTP, Deep Transverse MT Lig.

Insertion:

Heads conjoin at 1st interspace prox. to MTP & course through split in Deep Transverse MT Lig Fibers blend with lateral tendon of FHB, Lat. Sesamoid, Plantar Plate, contribute to Extensor Hood Insert on Lat.Plant. aspect of Base of PP of Hallux

Action:

Adducts Hallux Aid in Plantarflexion of Hallux Assist in pulling MT heads together

Innervation:

Deep branch of Lateral Plantar Nerve

MP joints adduction – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee extended, foot in central position
Fixation: fingers in abduction
Movement: MP joints adduction
Resistance: PT puts resistance at the phalanges against the movement (the movement is adduction to the second finger)

MP joints adduction – grade 3,2,1,0



• For grade 3,2,1,0 we just want to see the ability of the patient to make an adduction (notice that adduction of the fingers can be passive action)

MP joints abduction



Dorsal interosseals

Abductor hallucis Abductor digiti minimi

Dorsal interosseals

Origin:

1st: Adjacent sides of 1st-2nd MT 2nd: Adjacent sides of 2nd-3rd MT 3rd: Adjacent sides of 3rd-4th MT 4th: Adjacent sides of 4th-5th MT

Insertion:

1st: Med. side of Base of PP of 2nd Toe2nd: Lat side of Base of PP of 2nd Toe3rd: Lat side of Base of PP of 3rd Toe4th: Lat side of Base of PP of 4th ToeExtensor Hood of Toes (2nd, 2nd, 3rd, 4th)

Action:

Abduct 2nd, 3rd, 4th Toes (P-Ad vs D-Ab)

Innervation:

1st-3rd: Deep branch of Lateral Plantar Nerve

4th: Plantar Digital branch of Superfical branch of Lateral Plantar Nerve

Abductor hallucis

Origin:

Med. Process of Calcaneal Tuberosity Flexor Retinaculum Deep Surface of Plantar Aponeurosis Tuberosity of Navicular

Insertion:

Fibers blend with med. tendon of FHB, med. Sesamoid, Plantar Plate, Extensor Hood Insert on Med.Plant. aspect of Base of PP of Hallux

Action:

Abduct Hallux Aid in Plantarflexion of Hallux

Innervation: Medial Plantar Nerve

Abductor digiti minimi

Origin:

Lat. margin of Med. Process of Calcaneal Tuberosity Lat. Process of Calcaneal Tuberosity Deep Surface of Plantar Aponeurosis Tuberosity of Base of 5th MT

Insertion:

Lateral aspect of Base of PP of 5th Toe

Action:

Abduct 5th Toes

Innervation:

Lateral Plantar Nerve (before Sup. & Deep divisions)

MP joints abduction – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee extended, foot in central position Fixation: not necessary Movement: MP joints abduction Resistance: PT puts resistance at the phalanges against the movement

MP joints abduction – grade 3,2



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee extended, foot in central position Fixation: calf from the dorsal side (the ankle in central position) Movement: MP joints abduction

MP joints abduction – grade 1,0



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), knee slightly flexed, foot in central position Attempt to move: palpation of abductor hallucis and abductor digiti minimi, observe the tremble of the fingers during patients attempt to move

Interphalangeal joints (IP) of the fingers



Proximal interphalangeal joints (PIP) flexion



Flexor digitorum brevis

Flexor digitorum brevis

Origin

Medial process of calcaneal tuberosity

Insertion

Middle phalanx of 2nd through 5th toes

Action

Flexes the MP joint of the 2nd through 5th digit

Innervation Tibial nerve

Fingers PIP flexion – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central position
Fixation: PT fix metatarses (with the fingers on dorsal side of the foot) and proximal phalangs (with the thumb on plantar side of the foot)
Movement: II.-V. PIP joint flexion in full range of motion
Resistance: PT puts resistance at the plantar side of middle phalanges (II.-V.) against the movement
Fingers PIP flexion – grade 3,2 (1,0)



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central position
Fixation: PT fix metatarses (with the fingers on dorsal side of the foot) and proximal phalangs (with the thumb on plantar side of the foot)
Movement: II.-V. PIP joint flexion in full range of motion

Grade 1,0: observe the tremble of the fingers during patients attempt to move

Distal interphalangeal joints (DIP) flexion



Flexor digitorum longus

Flexor digitorum longus

Origin

Posterior surface of tibia distal to popliteal line ۲

Insertion

- Splits into four slips after passing through medial intermuscu ۲ septum of plantar surface of foot
- these slips then insert on plantar surface of bases of 2nd 5t ٠ distal phalanges

Action

Flexes toes 2 - 5; also helps in plantar flexion of ankle ۲

Innervation

Tibial nerve (S2, S3) ۲



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Fingers DIP flexion – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central position
Fixation: PT fix metatarses (with the fingers on dorsal side of the foot) and middle phalangs (with the thumb on plantar side of the foot)
Movement: II.-V. DIP joint flexion in full range of motion
Resistance: PT puts resistance at the plantar side of distal phalanges (II.-V.) against the movement

Fingers DIP flexion – grade 3,2 (1,0)



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central positionFixation: PT fix metatarses (with the fingers on dorsal side of the foot) and middle phalangs (with the thumb on plantar side of the foot)Movement: II.-V. DIP joint flexion in full range of motion

Grade 1,0: observe the tremble of the fingers during patients attempt to move

Toe interphalangeal joint (IP) flexion



Flexor hallucis longus

Flexor hallucis longus

Origin

 Inferior 2/3 of posterior surface of fibula, lower part of interosseous membrane

Insertion

• Plantar surface of base of distal phalanx of great toe

Action

• Flexes great toe, helps to supinate ankle, and is a very weak plantar flexor of ankle

Innervation

• Tibial nerve (S2, S3) (S2, S3)

Toe IP flexion – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central position

Fixation: PT fix proximal phalang of the toe from the sides, MP joint slightly hyperextended Movement: toe IP joint flexion

Resistance: PT puts resistance at the plantar side of distal phalang against the movement

Toe IP flexion – grade 3,2



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central position Fixation: PT fix proximal phalang of the toe from the sides, MP joint slightly hyperextended Movement: toe IP joint flexion

Toe IP flexion – grade 1,0



Observe the tremble of the toe during patients attempt to move, or palpate the trace of contraction on the plantar side of proximal phalang

Toe interphalangeal joint (IP) extension



Extensor hallucis longus

Extensor hallucis longus

Origin

Anterior surface of the fibula and the adjacent interosseous membrane

Insertion

• Base and dorsal center of distal phalanx of great toe

Action

Extends great toe and dorsiflexes ankle

Innervation

• Deep peroneal nerve (L4, L5, S1) (L4, L5, S1)



Toe IP extension – grade 5,4



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central position Fixation: PT fix proximal phalang of the toe from the sides Movement: toe IP joint extension

Resistance: PT puts resistance at the dorsal side of distal phalang against the movement

Toe IP extension – grade 3,2



Position: patient lyies supine (or sits), foot in central position Fixation: PT fix proximal phalang of the toe from the sides Movement: toe IP joint extension

Toe IP extension – grade 1,0



PT palpates the trace of contraction on the level of MP joint of the toe (dorsal side)

Movement of the fingers and toe – notes:

- Foot has to be in a central position
- It is necessary to fix properly

Thank you for your attention \odot

