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What can I expect from treatment?

It is common to achieve bunion arrest or reversal with the right arch supports – especially in mild to moderate cases. Even in severe cases, CBAS are indicated to help restore proper function to the foot. The symptom resolution time line varies with the type, severity and cause of your bunion. Your age and the mobility of your joints is also a factor in your recovery. CBAS are critical to avoid re-occurrence after surgery as well.

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Custom Biomechanical Arch Supports™

The
Truth
About



Bunions



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What Is It?

A bunion is a bony bump located at the base of the big toe. It can be painful when it rubs against the shoe. Hallux Abducto Valgus is the medical term used to describe the position of the big toe, and is generally used together with the term bunion which describes the enlarged joint. Bunions are one of the most common big toe problems.

Symptoms of a bunion include redness, swelling or pain at the base of the big toe. Initially a bunion may present as non-painful deviation of your big toe towards the others. As the big toe progresses towards the others, calluses, corns and deformities of the other toes occur. You may also experience limited big toe motion.

How did I get it?

A bunion forms when the big toe moves out of place. A bunion is the result of improper forces being passed through the joint during walking.



Excessive pronation (or flattening of the foot) can contribute. In other words, the bunion is usually the end result of a long period of incorrect foot function.

Your big toe is the big toe for a reason: it is designed to bear most of your weight when you walk. When the big toe is not functioning properly (as in the case of a bunion) you may experience symptoms in your feet, knees, hips and low back.

Bunions are not inherited, but they can run in your family. What can be inherited is your foot type, some being more prone to bunion formation than others.

How is it addressed?

The initial goal of bunion treatment is to relieve pressure on the bunion and any symptoms that may be present.

Footwear Modifications

Correct fitting shoes are essential to addressing the pain from a bunion that may be caused by rubbing against the inside of the shoe. Corns and calluses should be treated as well. Felt padding can be used to buffer the bunion against the shoe. Padding can also be placed in between the big toe and the second toe which may lessen some of the pain. Keep in mind that these options can help the symptoms, but do not address the cause of your bunions.



Exercises and Splints

Exercises can be performed that may help keep the joint mobile. A night splint can be worn to try and prevent a loss of mobility. Night splints are more effective when used with young patients who still have considerable mobility in their joints.

Surgery

The most common type of surgery, often done on an outpatient basis, involves re-aligning the bones of your big toe. Ligaments & tendons may be tightened and the bunion may be shaved away. If your bunion requires surgery, it is crucial that the cause of the problem is also addressed. Failure to do this may result in additional surgery when your bunion returns in a few years.

Arch Supports

Custom Biomechanical Arch Supports™ (CBAS) from Foot Solutions will address your bunion by altering the cause of your foot dysfunction. Abnormal joint positions can be reversed allowing affected tissues to heal and normal joint function to be restored. In this way the arch support provides both primary treatment and preventative care.