

# PATIENT'S MANAGEMENT



# OUTLINE

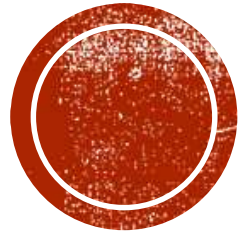
Introduction

Objectives

Process

# INTRODUCTION

- family medicine is: primary , continuing , comprehensive and personal health care for individuals



# OBJECTIVES FOR THE CONSULTATION



# Tasks to be achieved in the consultation

1-Management  
of presenting  
problem

2-Management  
of continuing  
problem

3-Modification  
of help seeking  
behaviour

4-Opportunistic  
health  
promotion



# PATIENT PRESENTING WITH A PROBLEM

- A 32 of age female patient presenting to you with left heel pain , started 3 weeks ago when she began working out to lose weight .
- Her past medical history is unremarkable
- How do you manage ?



# CONTENT

## Doctor agenda

- History taking
- physical examination
- Differential diagnosis
- Investigation
- Treatment
- Referral

## Patient agenda

- Ideas and believes
- Concerns and worries
- Expectations for now and future

# HISTORY TAKING



The chief complaint is typically sharp and stabbing heel pain that is *most severe in the morning or standing after rest.*



The pain usually improves with ambulation but may worsen after activity or at the end of the day

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Onset , duration, associated symptoms, previous history .

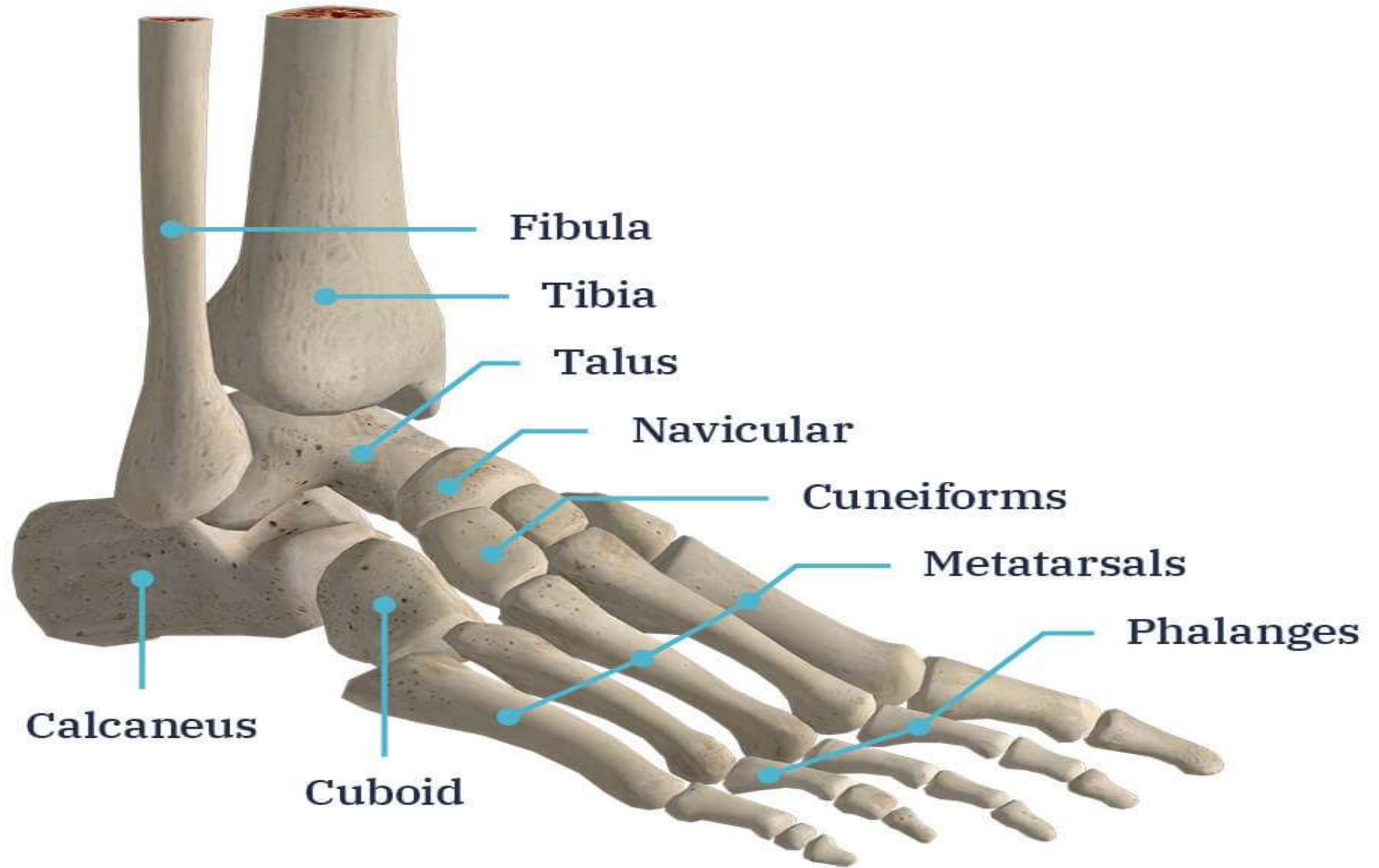
Family history , past medical and surgical history

Personal history

# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

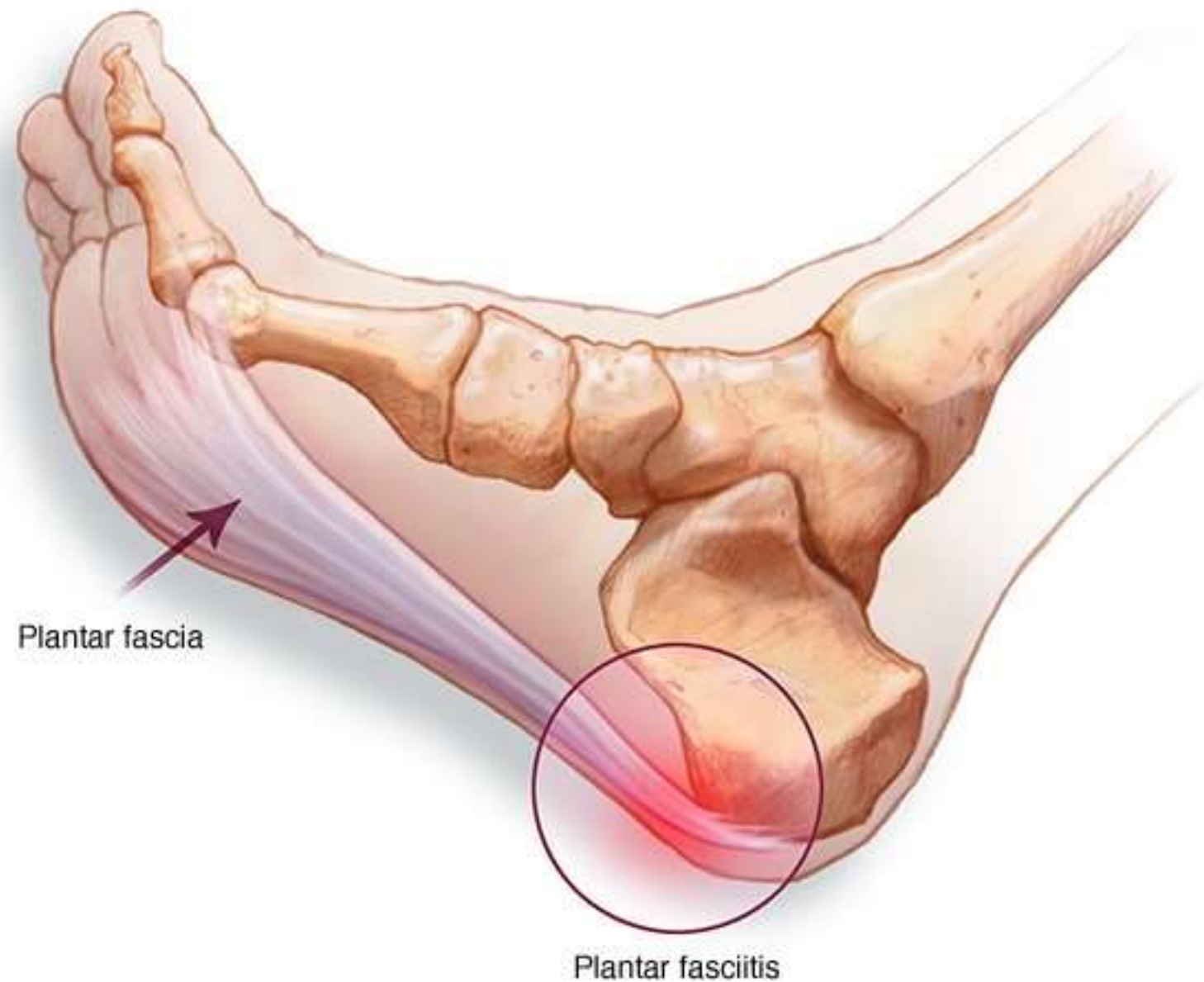
| Origin of heel pain | musculoskeletal           | vascular                    | dermatological  | neurological                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
|                     | Planter fasciitis         | Peripheral arterial disease | Planter verruca | Tarsal tunnel syndrome             |
|                     | Stress fracture           | Vascular insufficiency      | Ulcers          | Medial or lateral planter neuritis |
|                     | Bone cyst                 |                             | Foreign body    |                                    |
|                     | Calcaneal stress fracture |                             |                 |                                    |
|                     | Achilles tendinitis       |                             |                 |                                    |

So, from patient complain and history you suspect **Planter fasciitis**



The plantar fascia, which spans the bottom of the foot, is a tense band of connective tissue that acts like the string on a bow to help maintain the arch.





# CLINICAL FINDING

## Epidemiology

- *Plantar fasciitis is the most common cause of heel pain.*
- Each year, an estimated 2 million Americans are affected, resulting in more than 1 million clinician visits.
- Risks factors include pes planus as well as pes cavus foot types, obesity, limb length discrepancy, Achilles tendon tightness, and occupations that require prolonged standing or walking.

## Symptoms and Signs

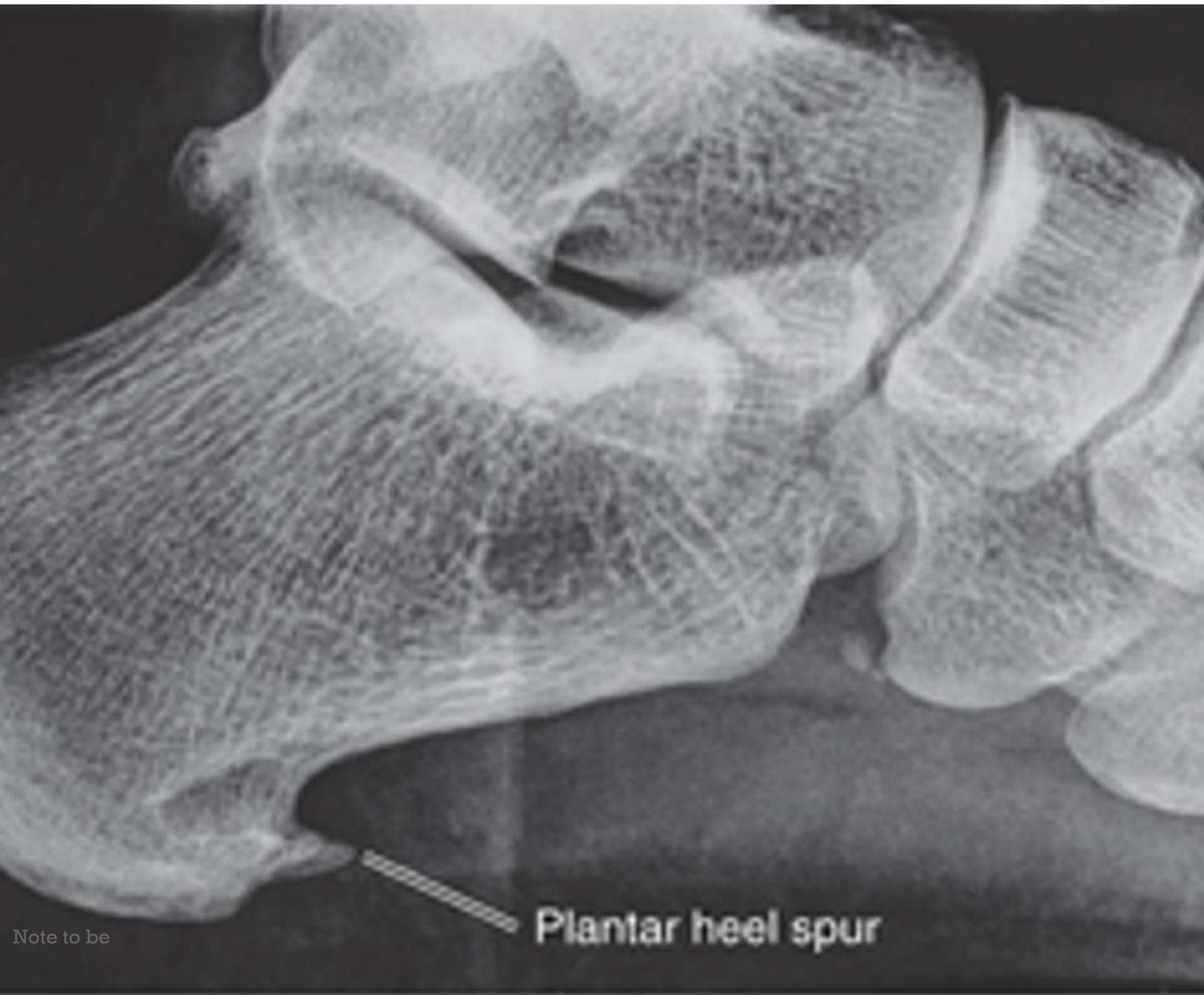
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## Imaging

- imaging is rarely needed since the diagnosis of plantar fasciitis is usually clinical.

## Treatment

- Initial treatment of plantar fasciitis consists of stretching the Achilles and plantar fascia
- oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, night splints, and corticosteroid injections.
- Plantar fasciotomy done through either open or endoscopic technique may be effective for plantar fasciitis that does not respond to conservative treatment after 1 year



In the case of plantar fasciitis, the chronic inflammatory changes occur at the insertion point of the plantar fascia onto the calcaneus, and the fascia at this point may calcify, forming the plantar heel spur

It is important to note that the plantar heel spur is the *result* of the chronic, local ischemic conditions associated with plantar fasciitis, not the *cause* of the planter fasciitis





# SUMMARY

# PLANTER FASCIITIS

## ESSENTIALS OF DIAGNOSIS

Heel pain worse in the morning with initial weight bearing or after a period of rest.

Heel pain precipitated by a recent increase in activity.

Localized tenderness at the medial calcaneal tubercle.

Pain with passive dorsiflexion of the great toe.



# TASKS OF CONSULTATION

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-Management of  
continuing  
problem

3

-Modification of  
help seeking  
behavior

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-Opportunistic  
health promotion



# THANK YOU

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