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Arthrodesis and osteotomy of the foot: Tactics of the treatment and sequence of the surgeries in Ilizarov method

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Complex foot deformities

Post traumatic deformities

Congenital

Idiopathic clubfoot

Arthrogrypotic clubfoot

Hemimelia

Neurovascular deformities

Poliomyelitis

Diabetic Charcot foot

Cerebral palsy

Charcot Marie Tooth hereditary neuropathy

Spina bifida

Compartment syndrome

Burn contracture



Attempt to create the algorithm of treatment of the foot deformity.

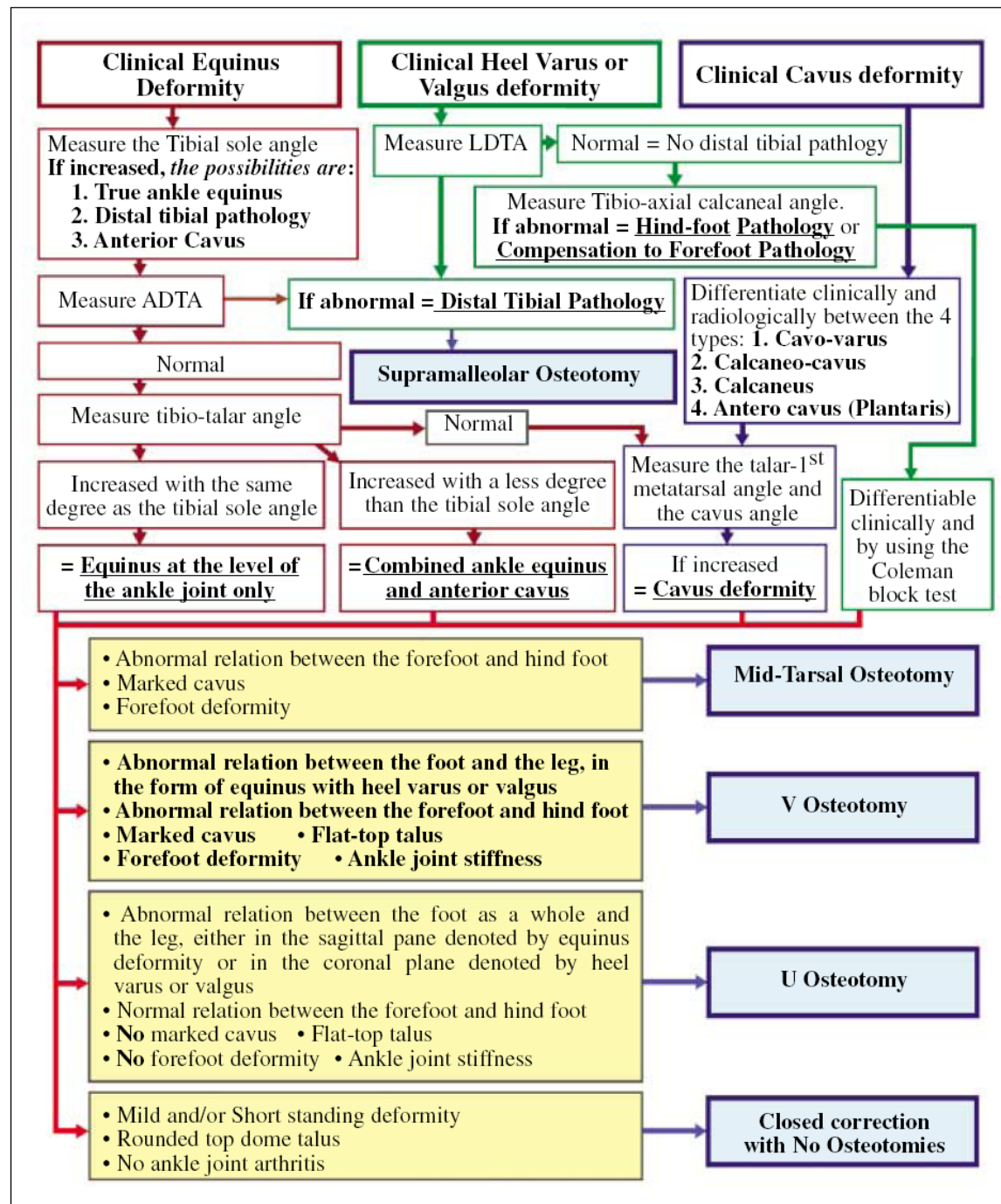


Fig. 6 Algorithm of decision making based on clinical and radiological assessment

Decision making regarding the type of osteotomy needed

The findings from the medical history, clinical and radiological evaluation allow the surgeon to enter the treatment pathway as described in Figure 6. This algorithm guides the surgeon to the type of correction strategy needed as well as to the type of osteotomy. A majority of the severe long-standing deformities will fit the criteria for a V-osteotomy.

- ▣ The aetiology was
- ▣ neuromuscular in 12 feet (post-poliomyelitis in 7 patients, postmeningitis in 2 patients and Charcot Marie Tooth disease in 2 patients),
- ▣ a neglected congenital deformity (CTEV) in 4 feet,
- ▣ Posttraumatic deformity (calcaneal and Lisfranc fracture dislocation) in 2 feet
- ▣ post-burn contractures in 2 feet.

Complex Foot deformities

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graph TD; A[Complex Foot deformities] --> B[Osteotomy]; A --> C[Arthrodesis]; B --- D[RIGID FIXED DEFORMITIES]; C --- E[UNSTABLE OR NEUROLOGIC ( UNBALANCE STRENGTH )]
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Osteotomy

Arthrodesis

RIGID FIXED DEFORMITIES

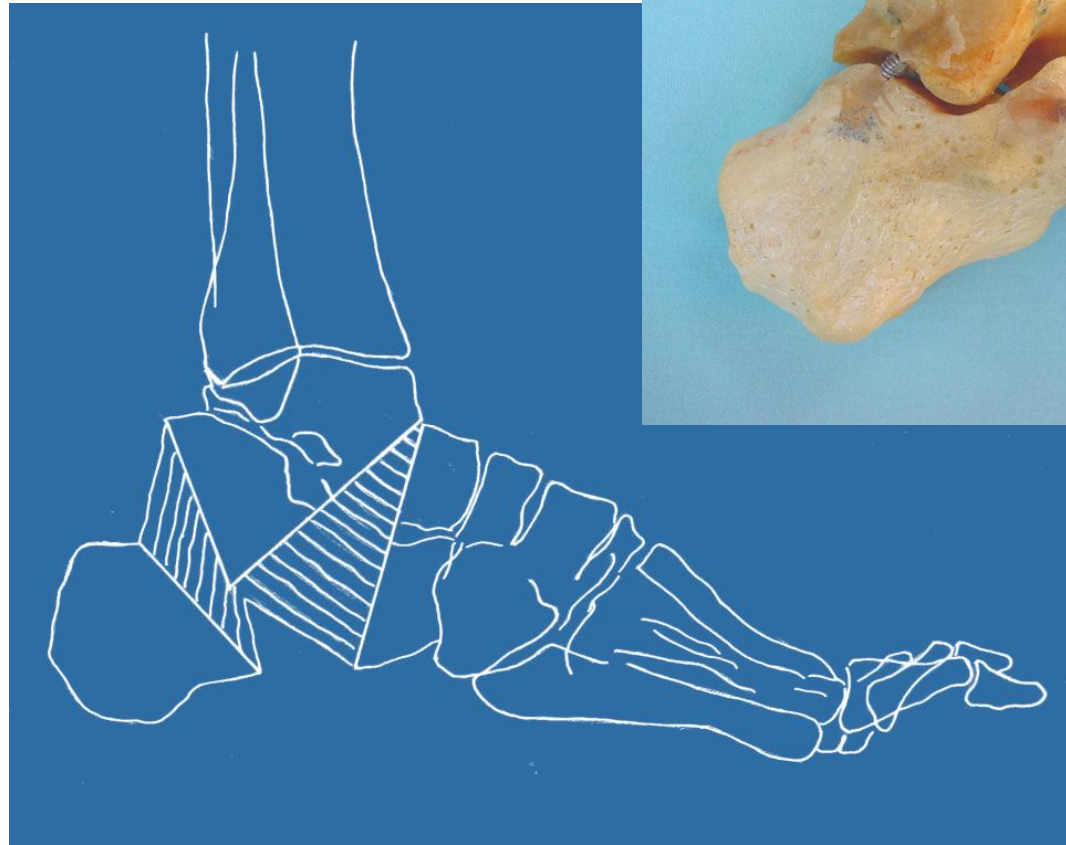
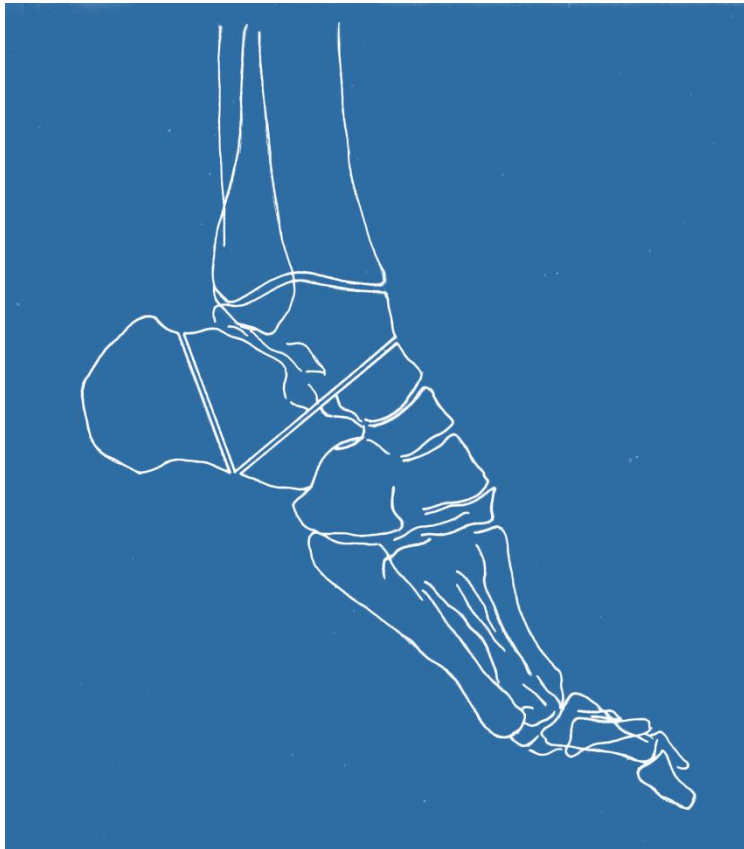
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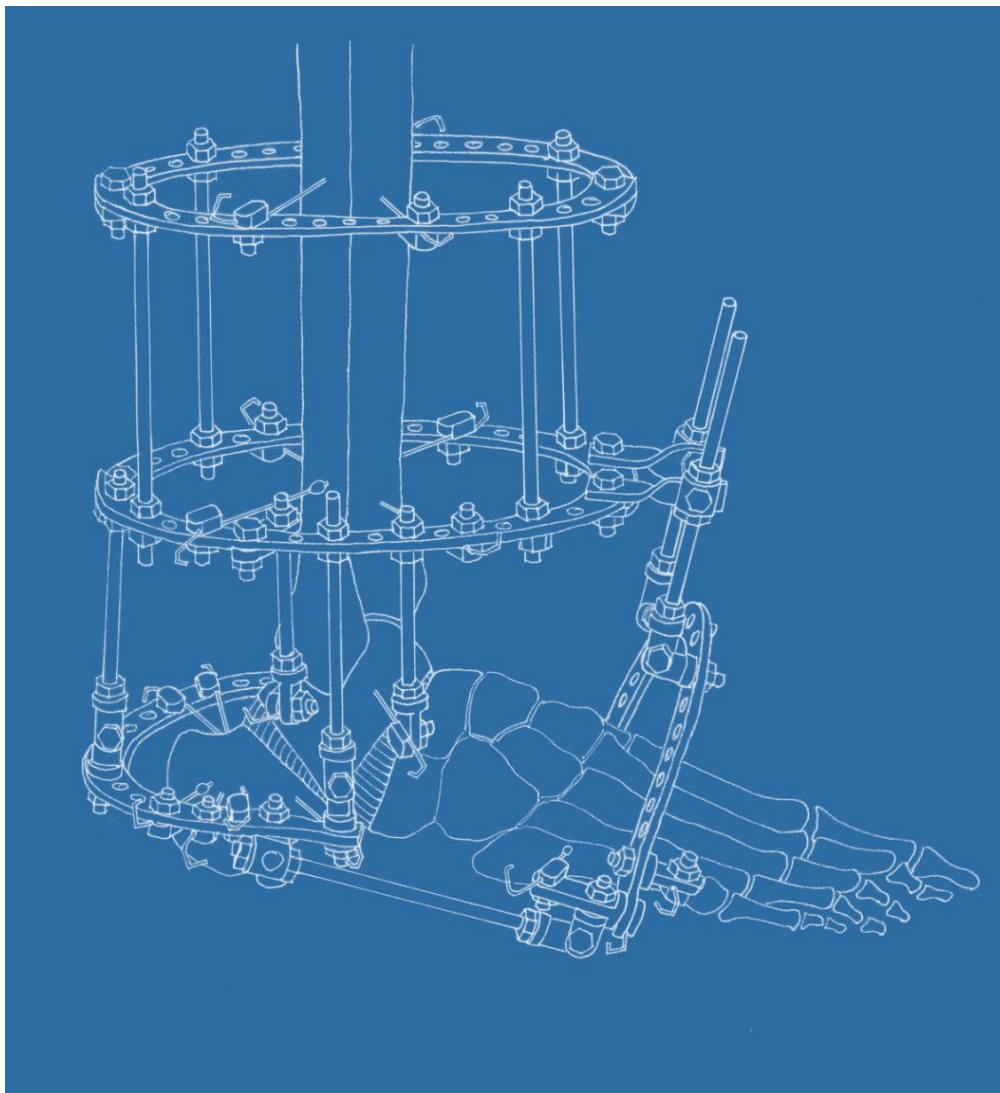
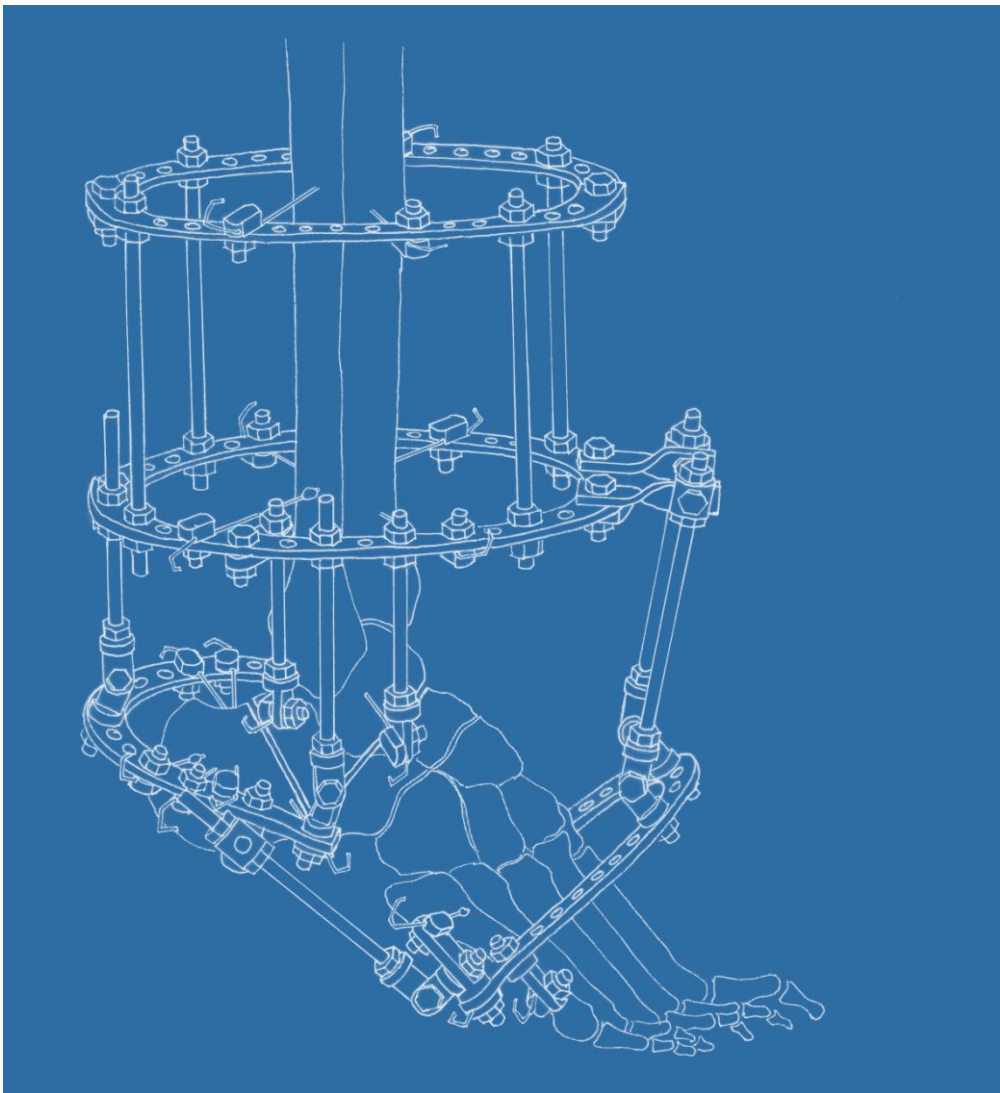
Osteotomy indication

- POSTRAUMATIC FIXED DEFORMITY
- RIGID CONGENITAL DEFORMITY (RECCURENT CLUB FOOT IN ADULTS, AFTER 12-13 YEARS OLD)
- HEMIMELIA FOOT DEFORMITY, (EARLY AGE TOO)
- FOOT PREVIOUSLY OPERATAD WITH ARTHRODESIS (NEUROLOGIC- POLIO, SPINA BIFIDA)

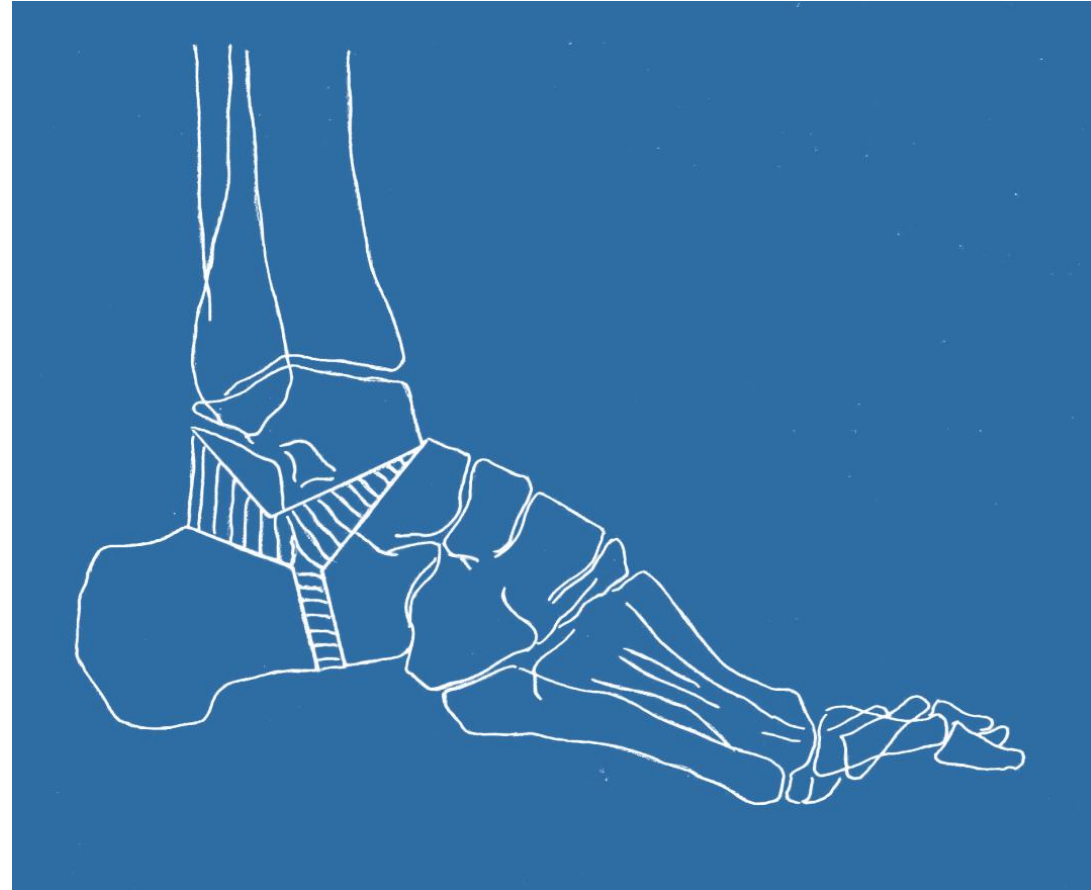
V'' osteotomy

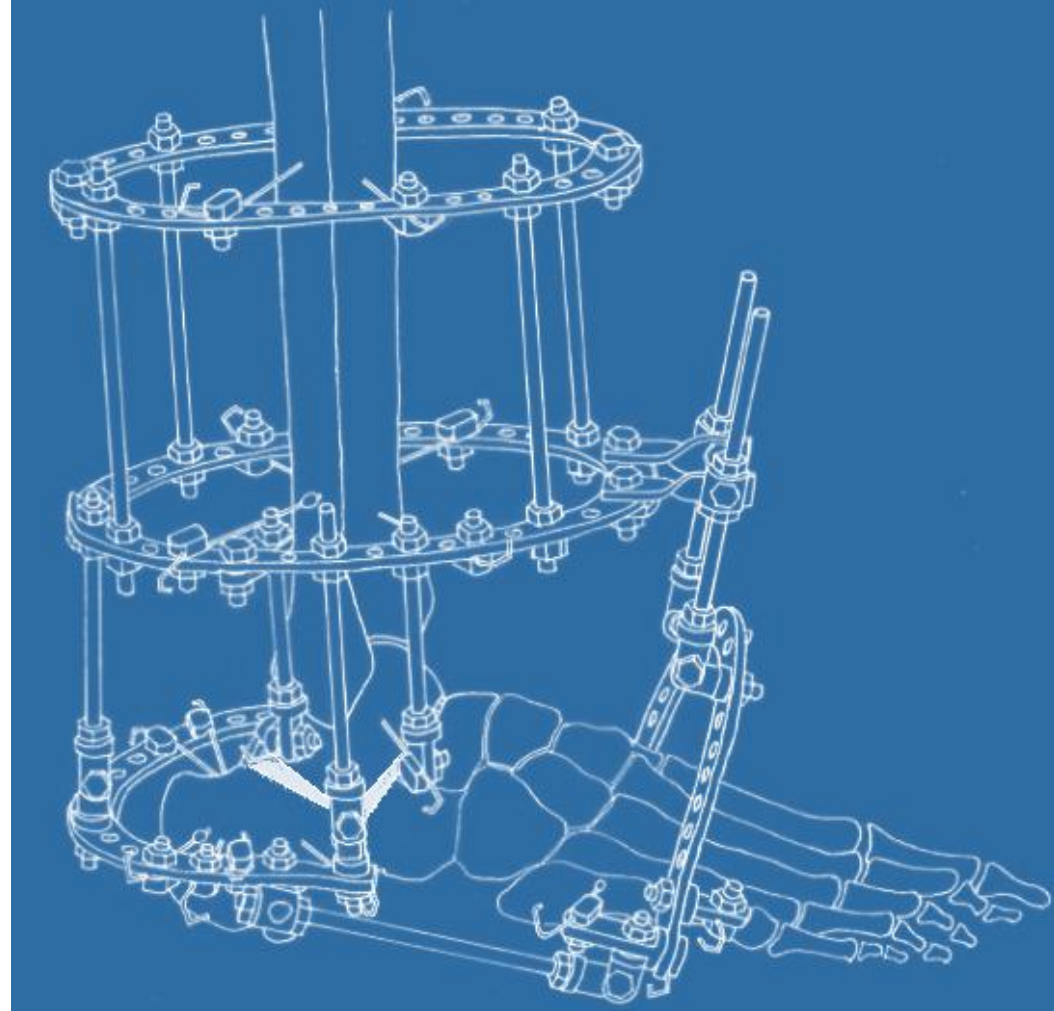
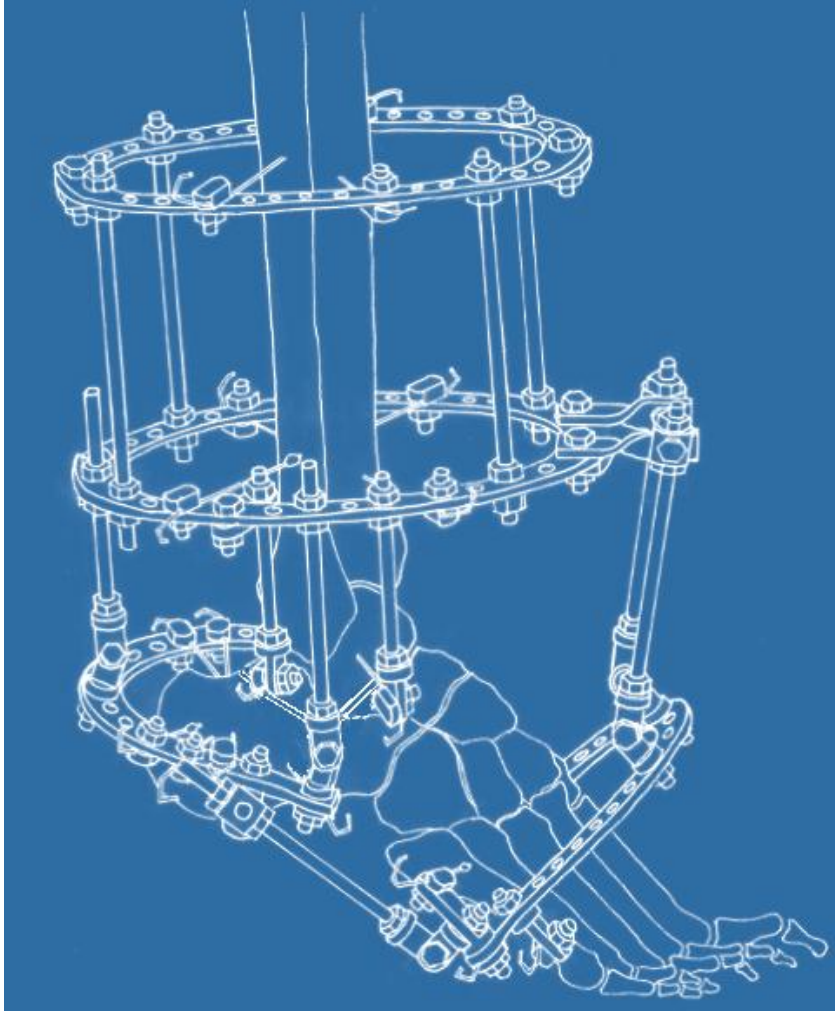
posterior calcaneus + anterior calcaneus and talus osteotomies





Y-osteotomy

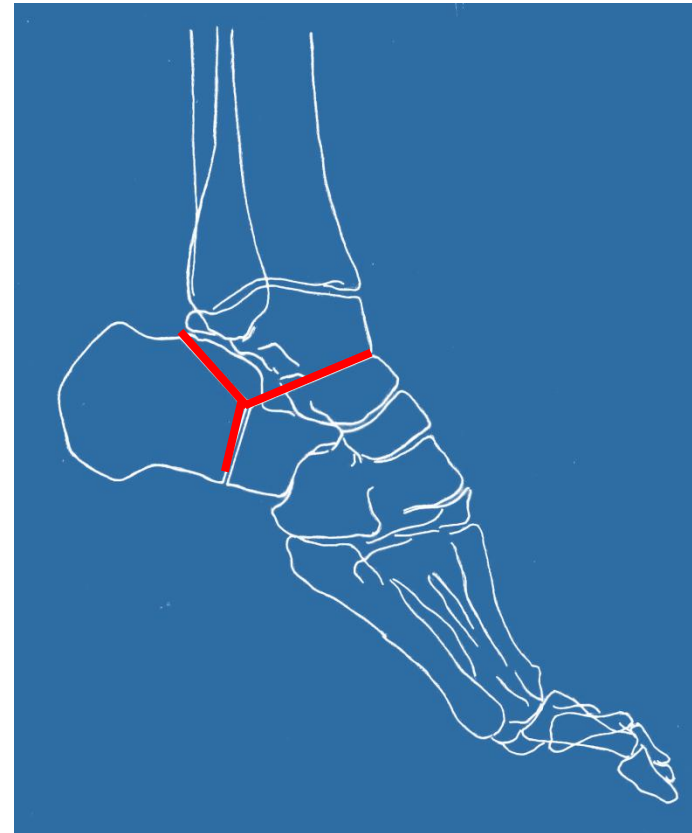
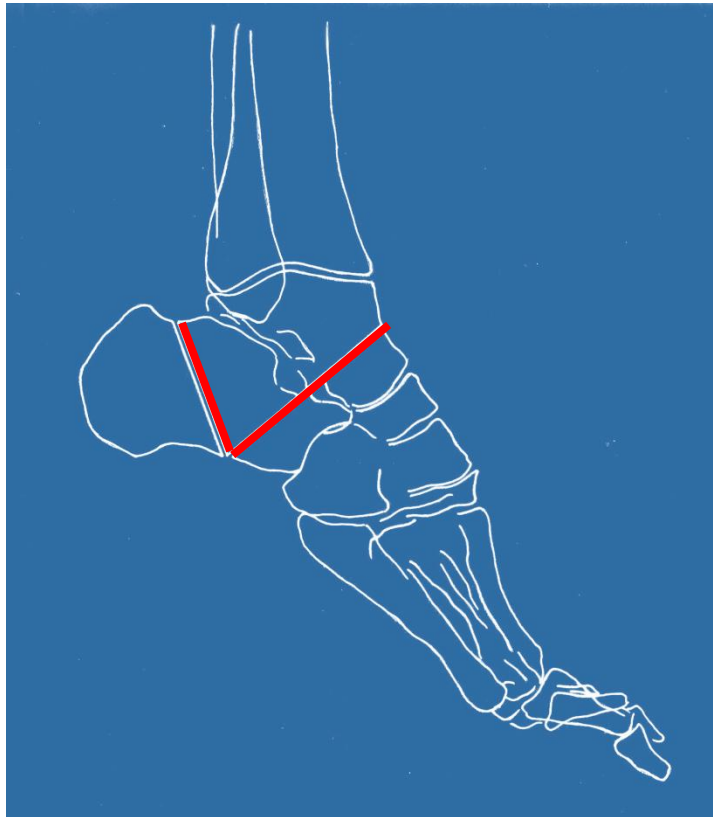




“V” osteotomy “Y”

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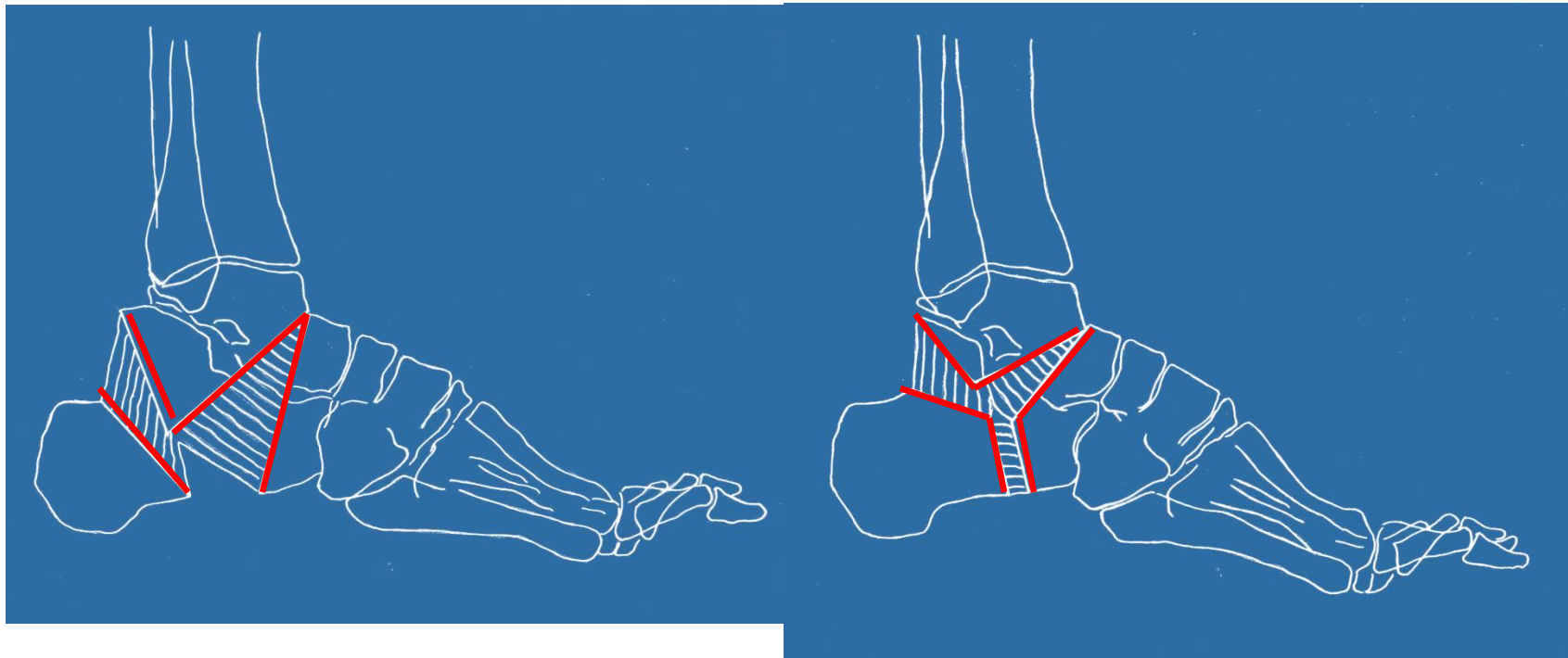
the same possibility of simultaneous correction of the hind foot and forefoot deformities



“V” osteotomy “Y”

Advantages of Y osteotomy:

- less excessive lengthening of the foot
- smaller bony regenerates
- shorter healing time
- less complications



15 y.o.male
reccurent club foot,
equinovarus foot

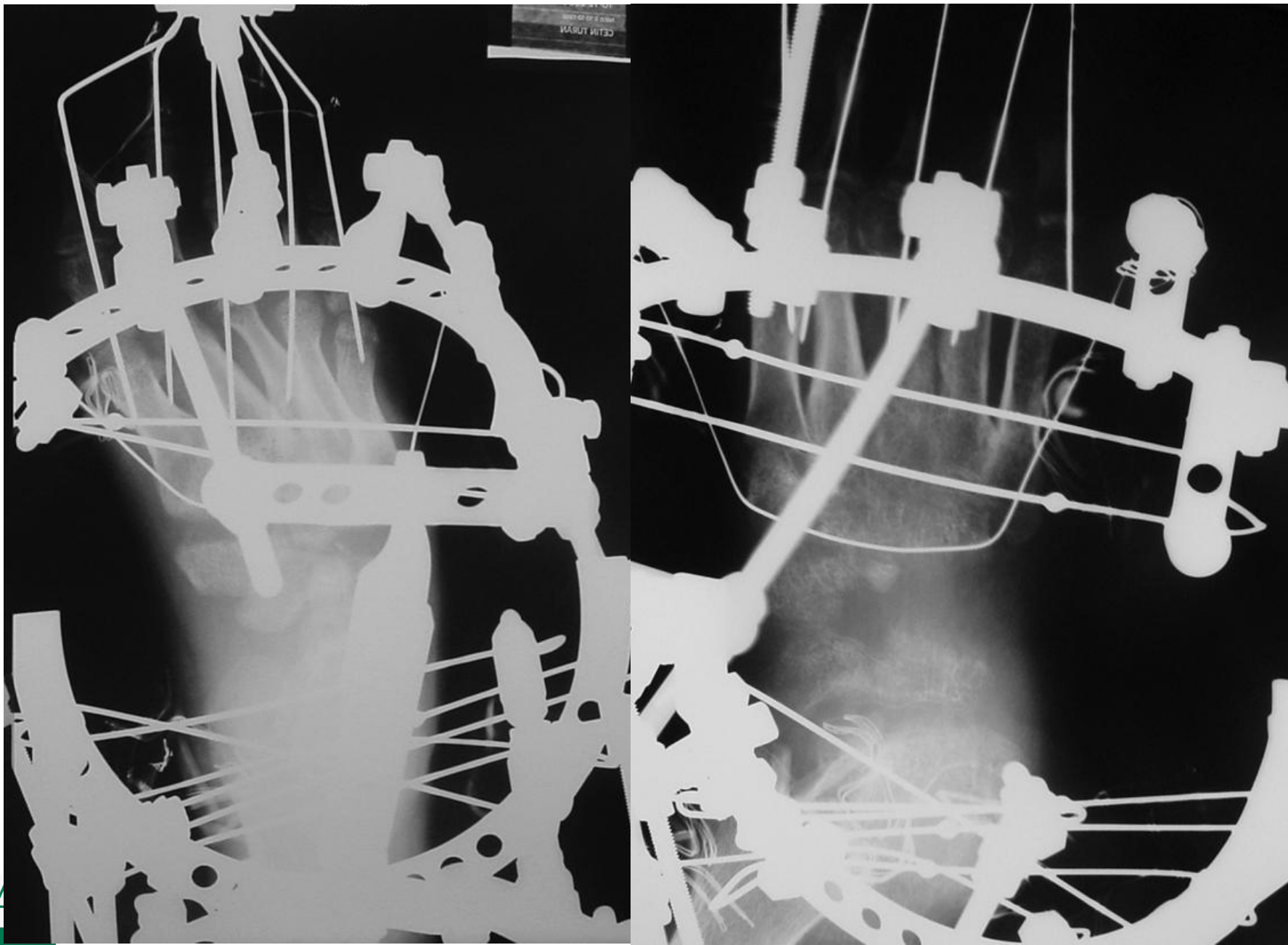
*OSTEOTOMY
CORRECTION*



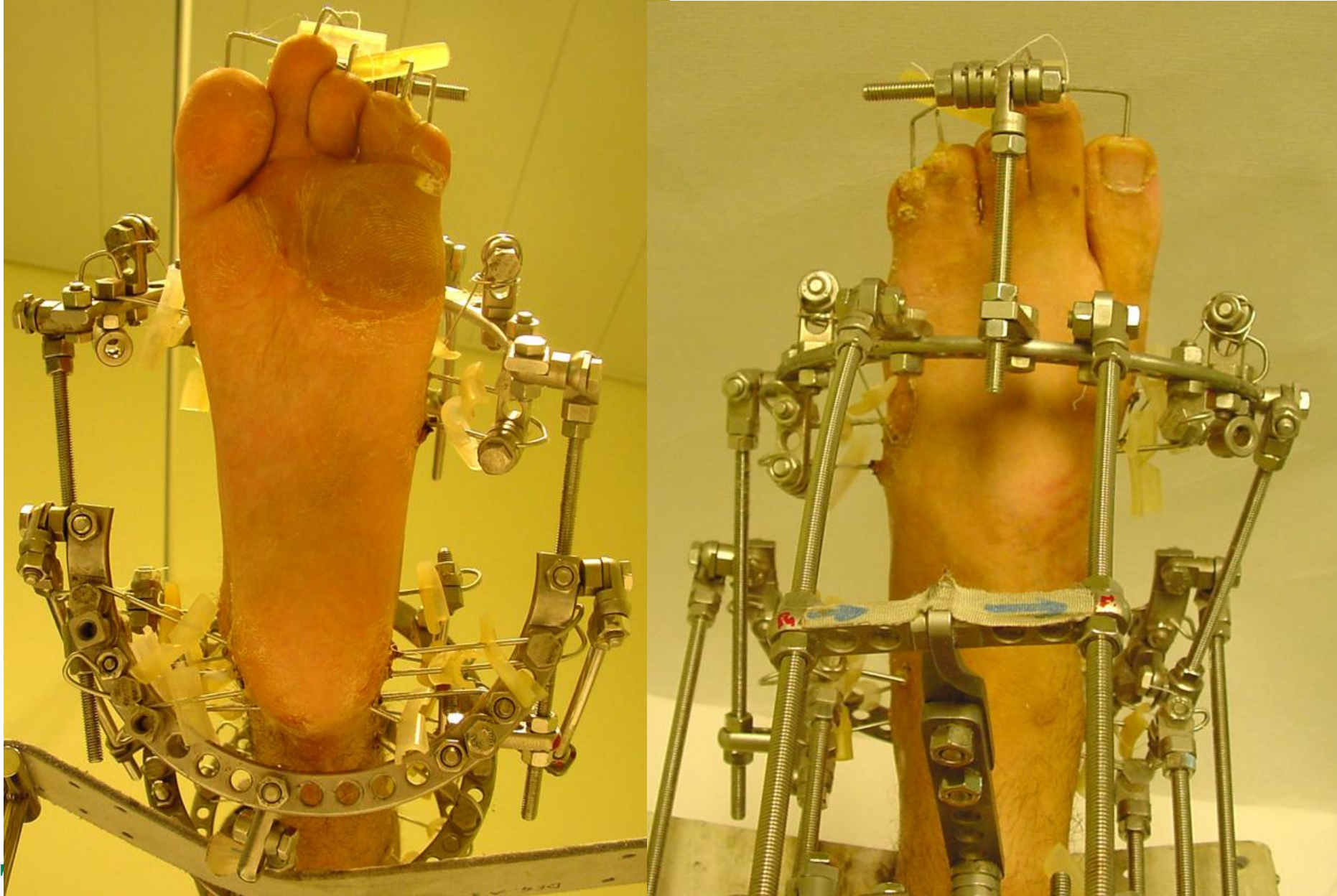
Osteotomy of cuboid and navicular bones



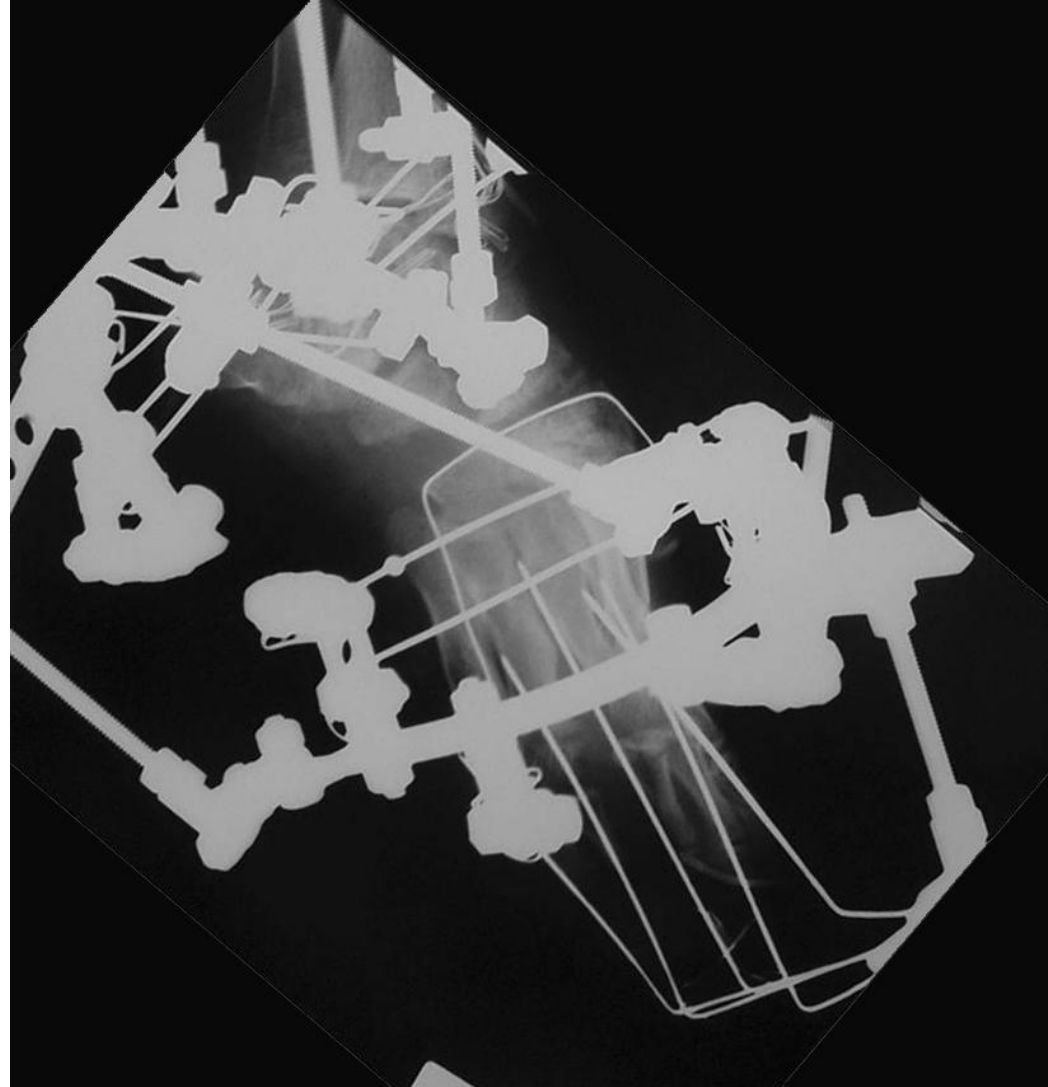
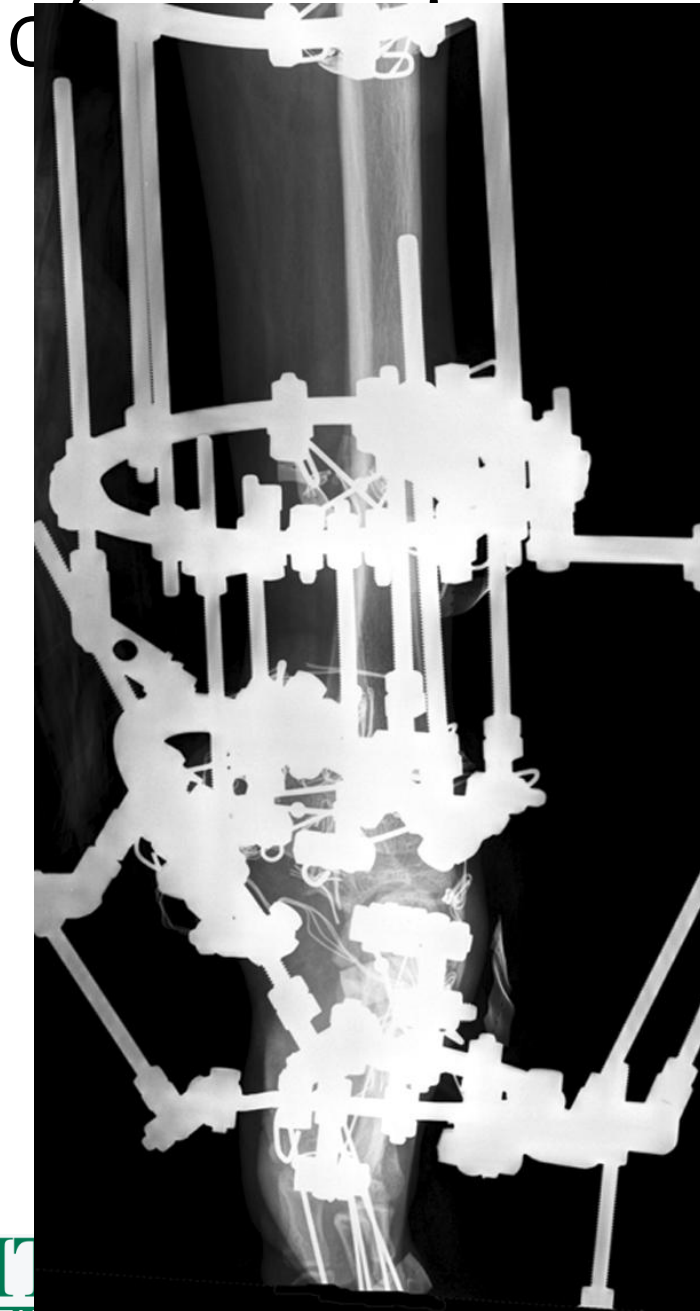
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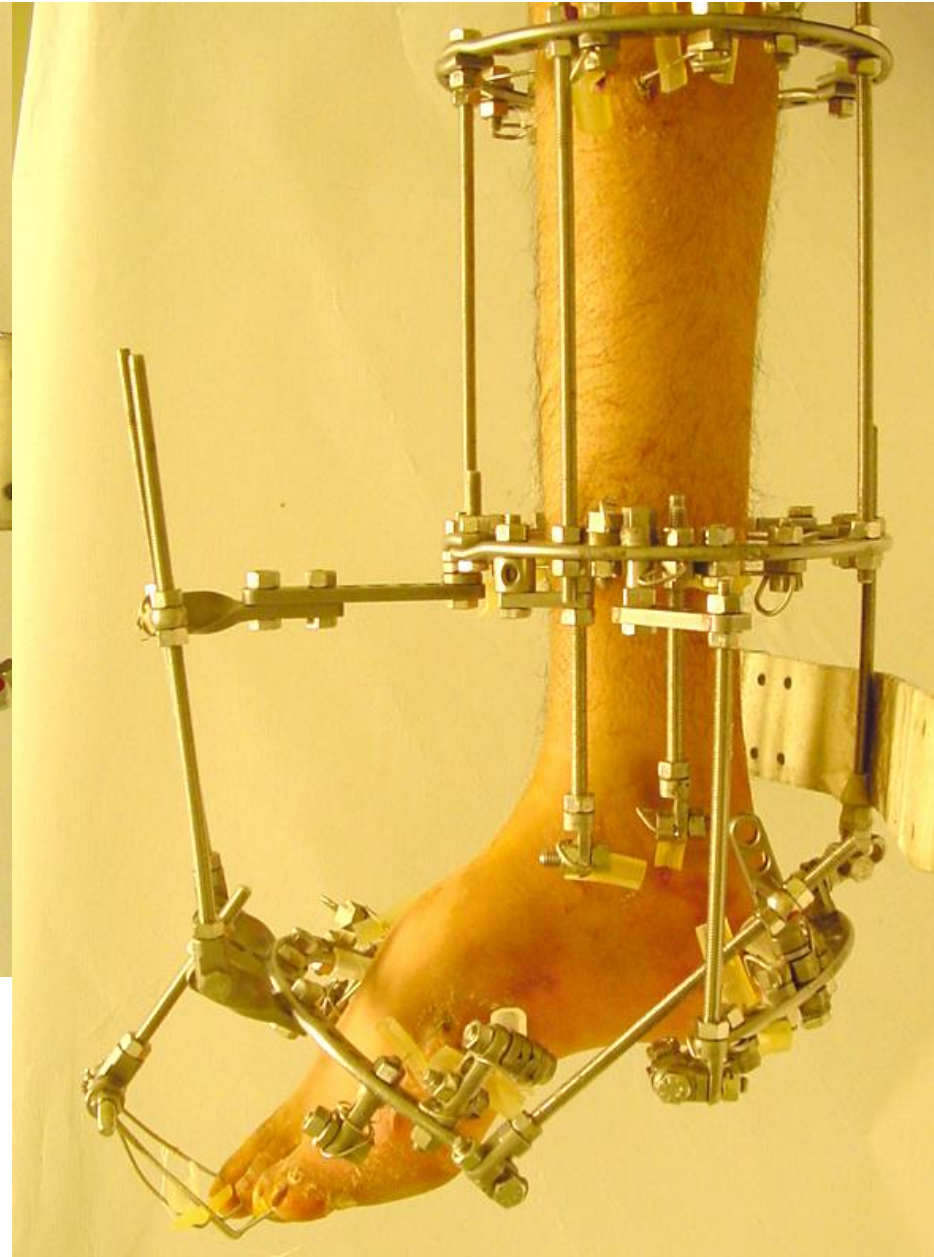
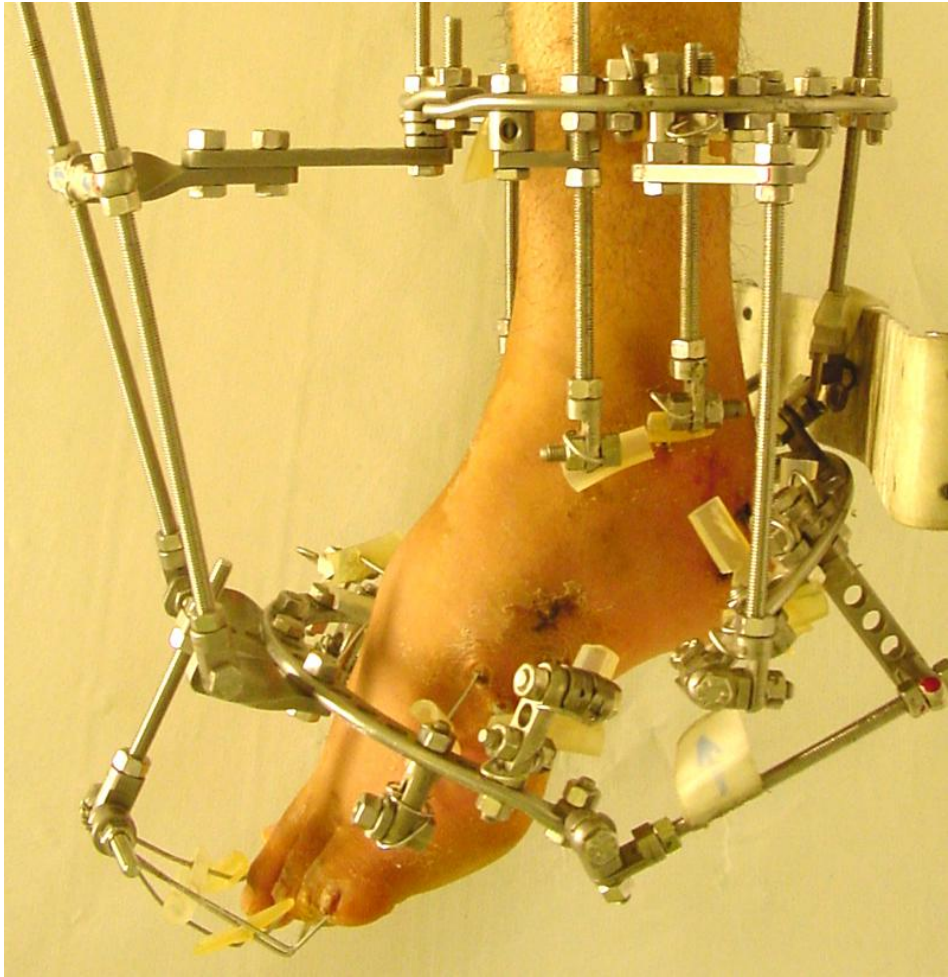
Plantar and dorsal view



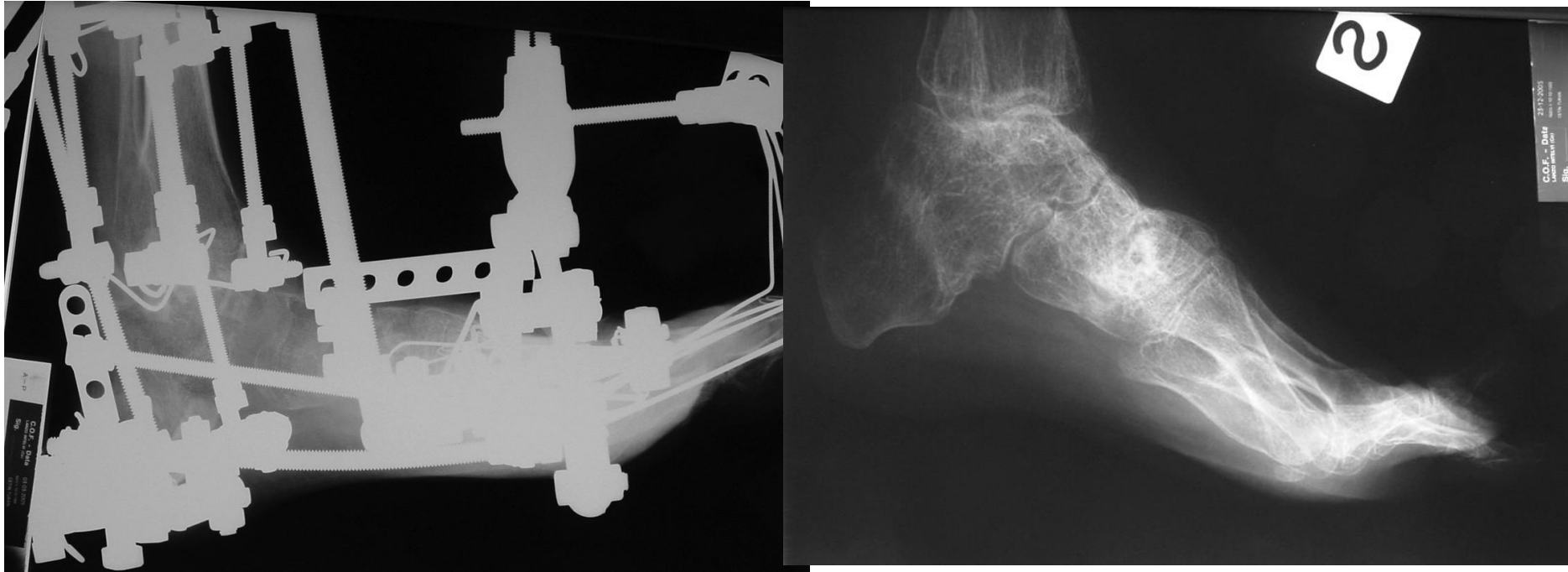
X-rays after surgery and in the beginning



Ilizarov during correction



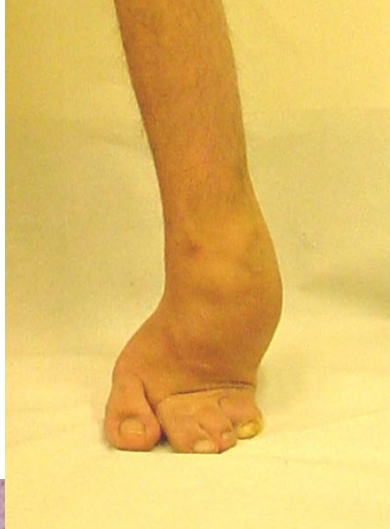
X-rays at the end of correction and after the frame removal



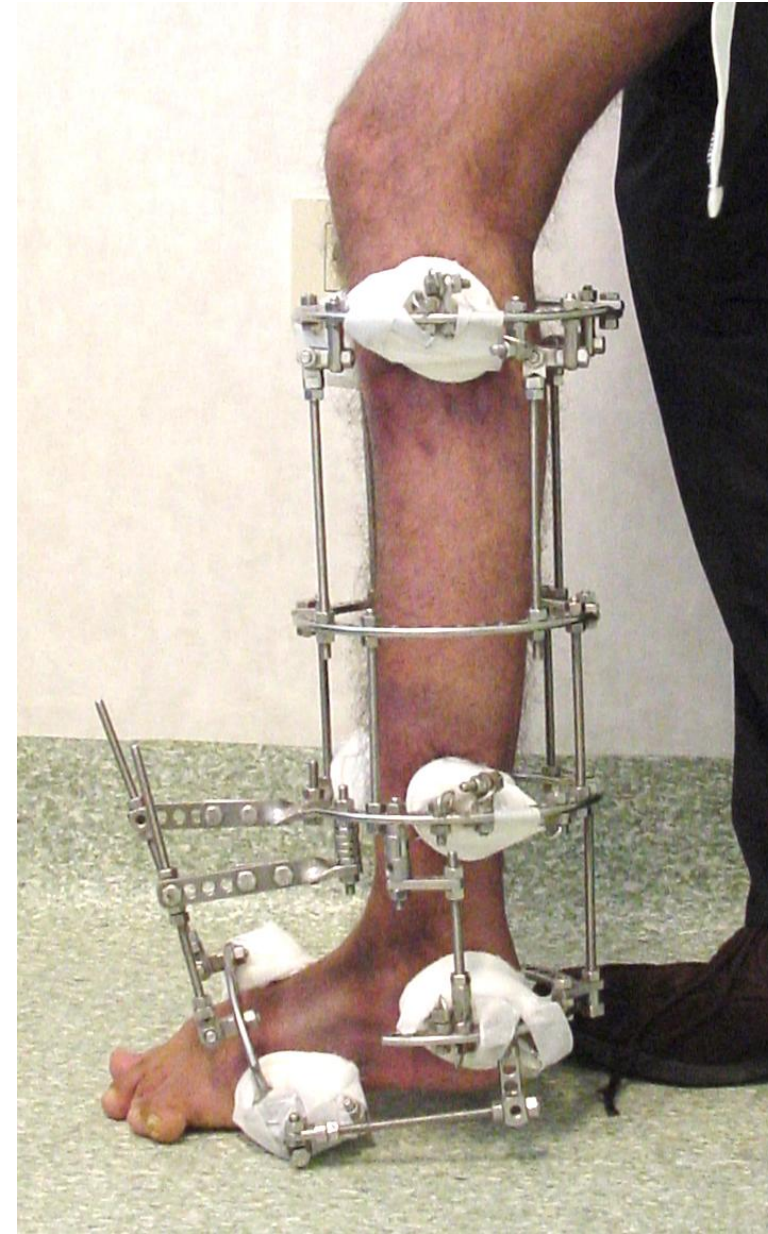
Clinical result



Before
and
after



2nd step. Lengthening of the leg



Radiological result



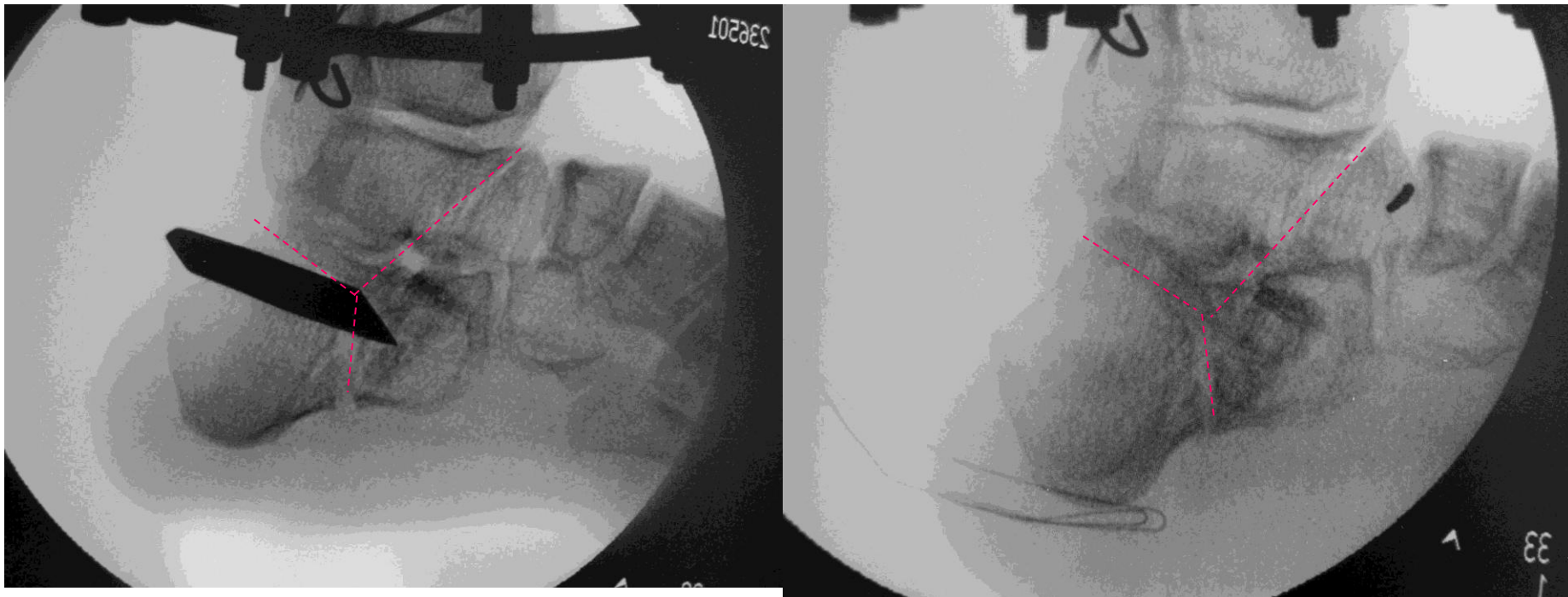
Clinical result after lengthening

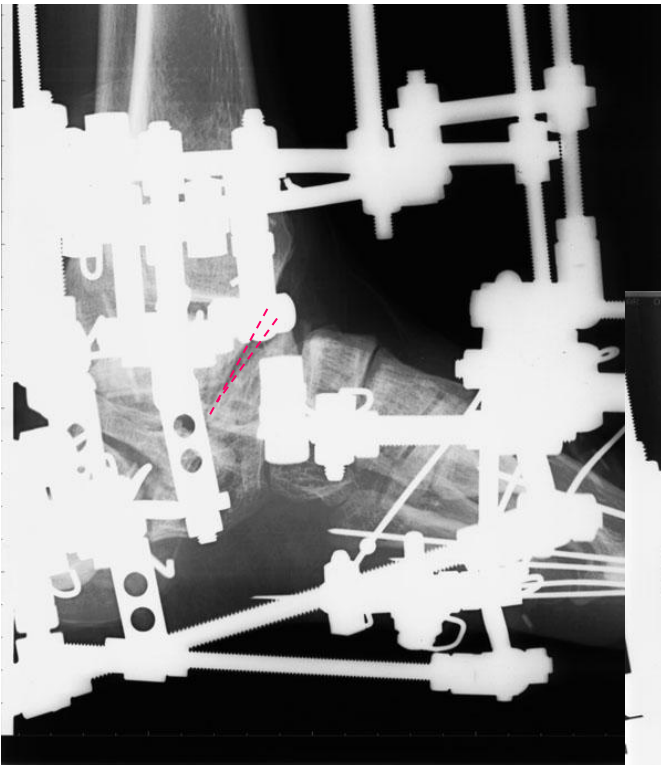


25 y.o. male. Overcorrection of equino-varus foot ,
vertical calcaneus, weakness of plantar flexion

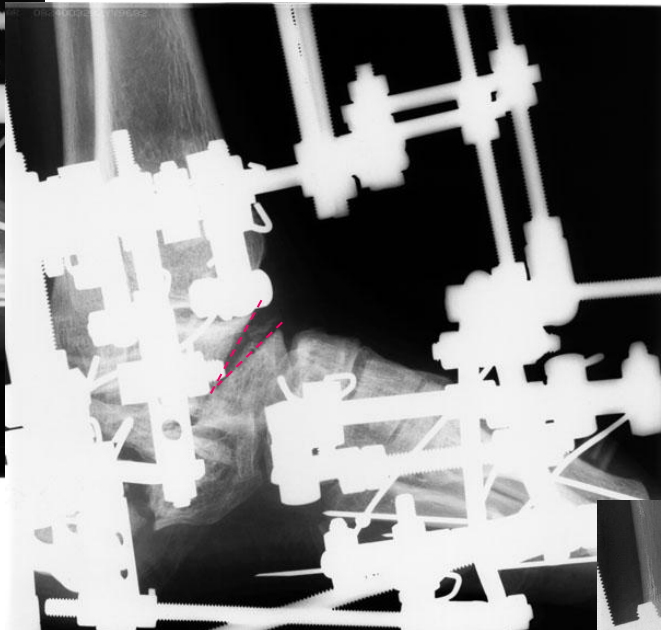


Intra-operative radiographs during and after Y osteotomy

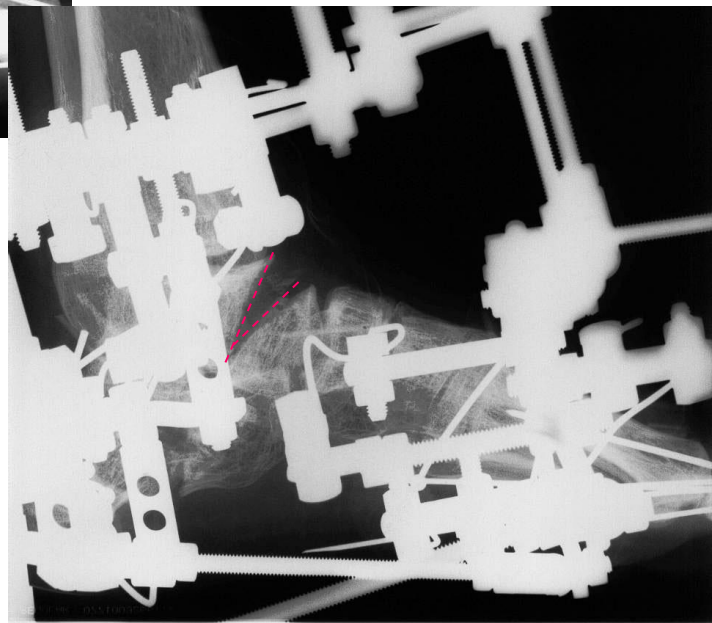




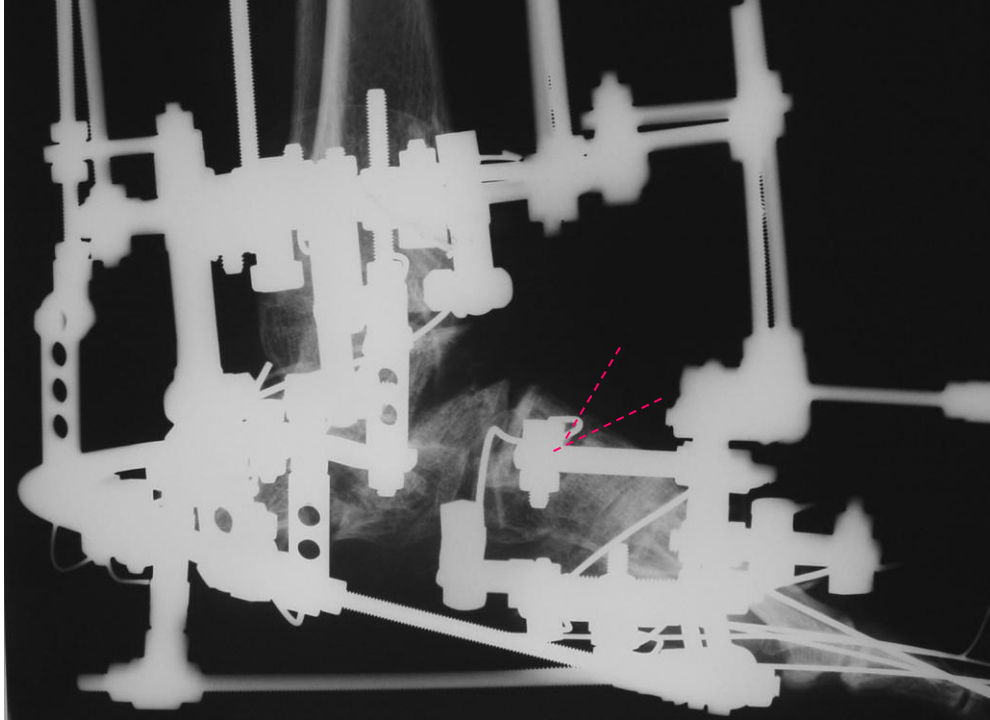
7 days of correction



20 days of correction

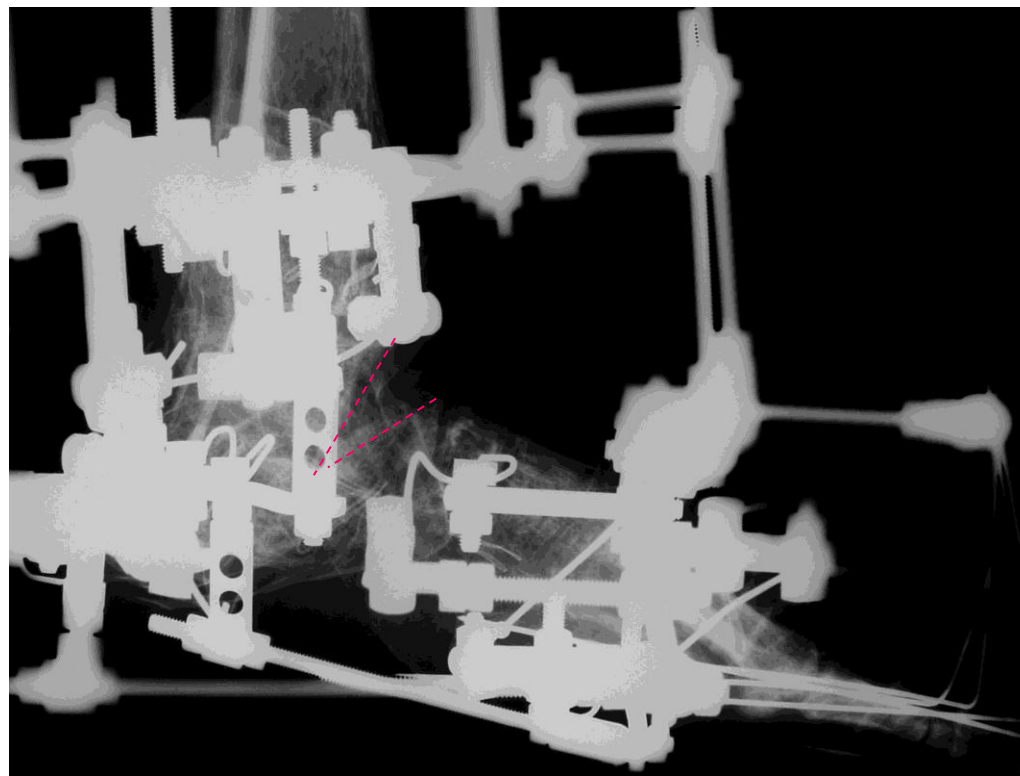


30 days of correction



End of distraction

2 months of fixation



Clinical result



Radiograph 1 month after frame removal



1 year follow up



Indication for arthrodesis with Ilizarov - insability

- Posttraumatic degenerative arthritis
 - Rheumatoid arthritis
 - Neuromuscular deformities with severe muscles imbalance
 - Diabetic foot
 - Neglected club foot in adults
 - Sequelae of Compartment syndrome
- (1st surgery-closed correction and 2nd -open arthrodesis)

Types of Ilizarov arthrodesis

One-step surgery

-Joint fusion only

-Joint fusion and distraction through the fusion site

-Joint fusion and distraction in the adjacent osteotomy site

Two-step surgery

1st Closed deformity correction
2nd Subsequent joint fusion

Types of arthrodesis of the foot joints with distraction

- Subtalar arthrodesis with lengthening
- Chopart joint arthrodesis with distraction
- Triple arthrodesis with progressive correction
- Triple arthrodesis with vertical or horizontal osteotomy of the calcaneus
- Lisfranc joint arthrodesis with distraction
- Pantalar arthrodesis and correction



16 y.o male

lesion of the external peroneal nerve
after knee flexion correction

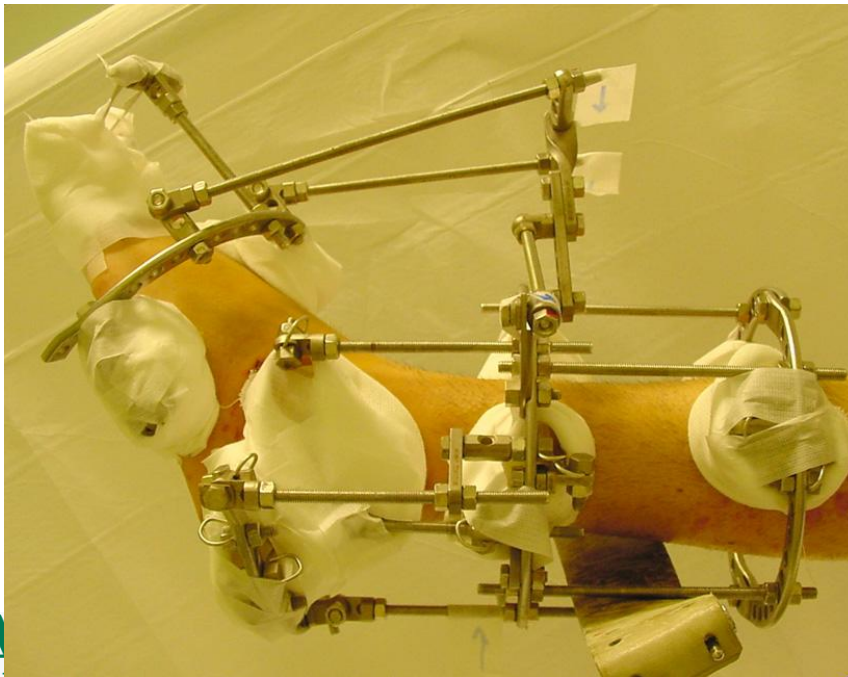


X-rays before treatment

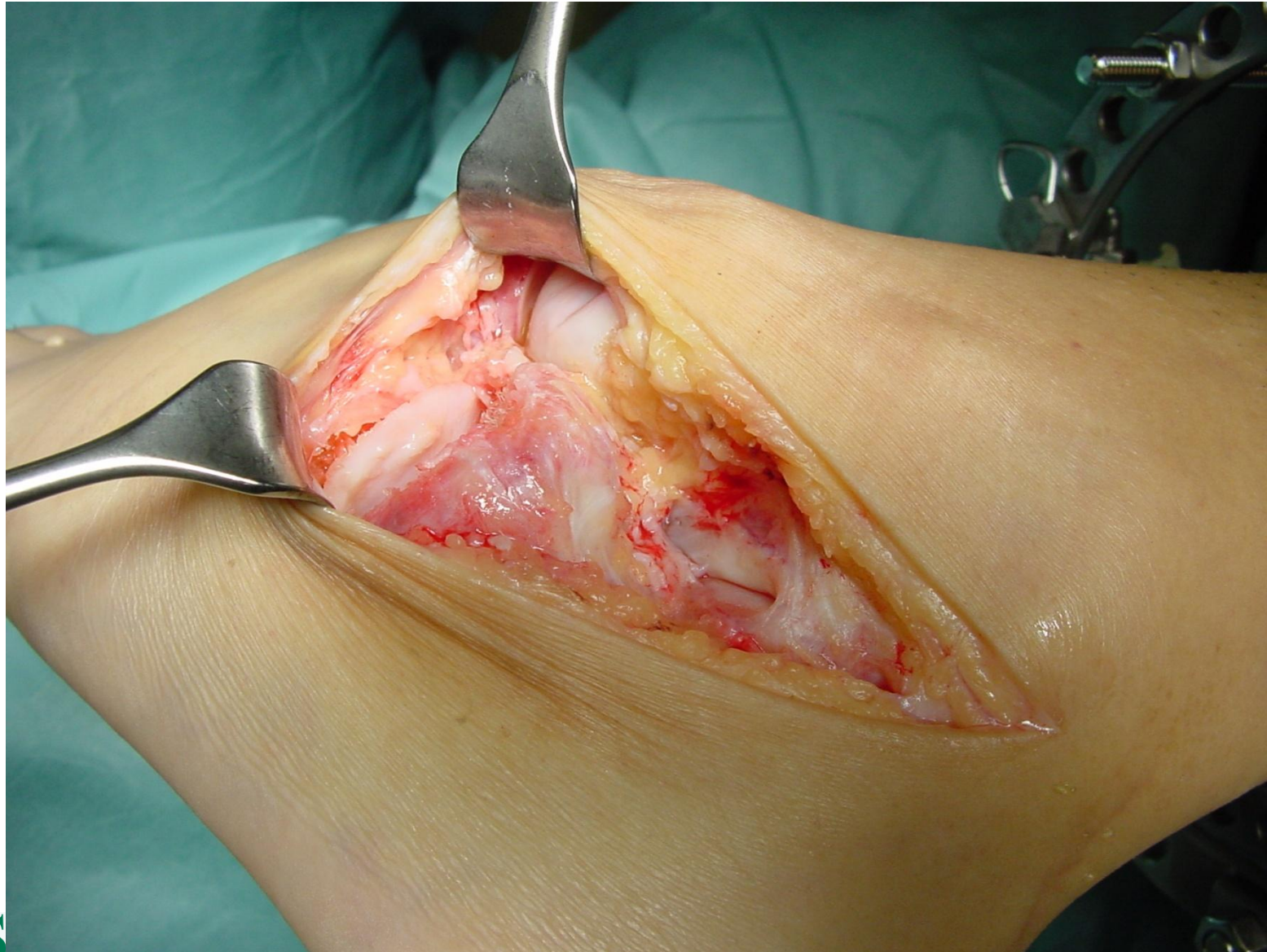




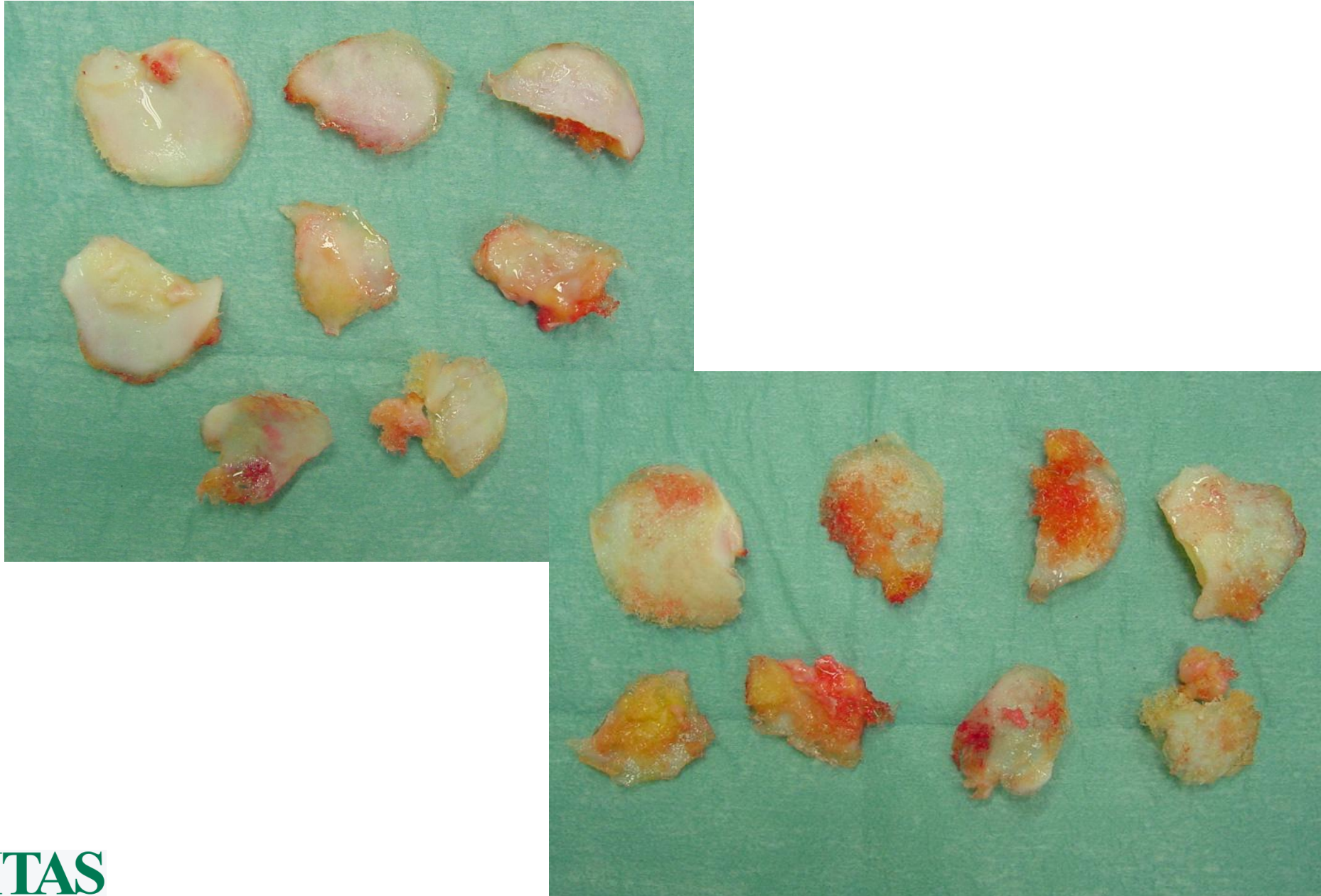
Progressive
correction after
Surgery



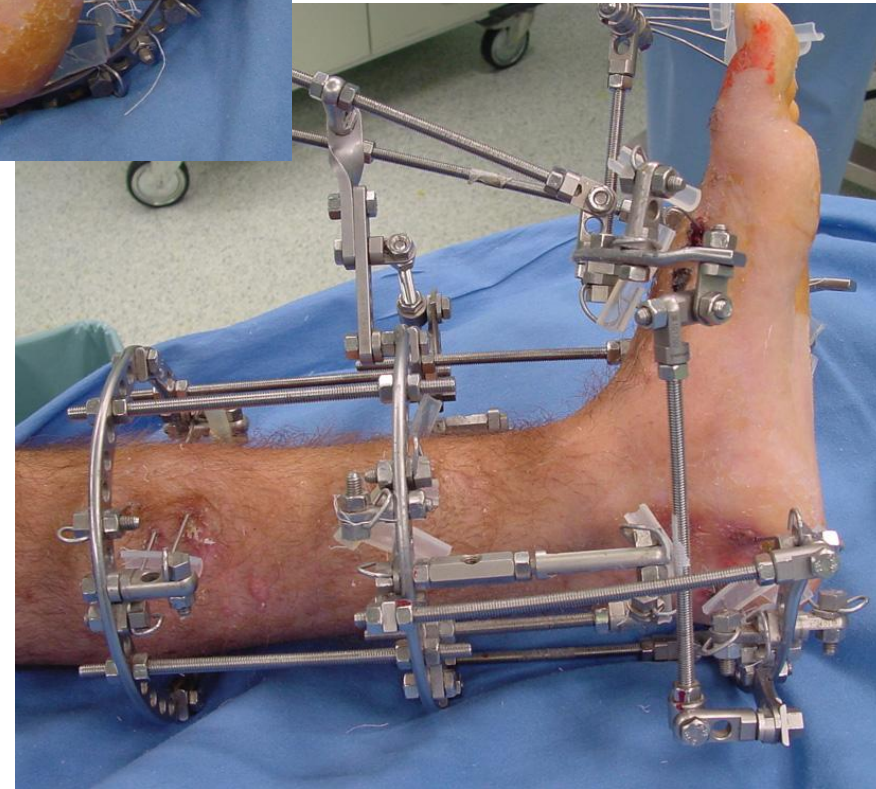
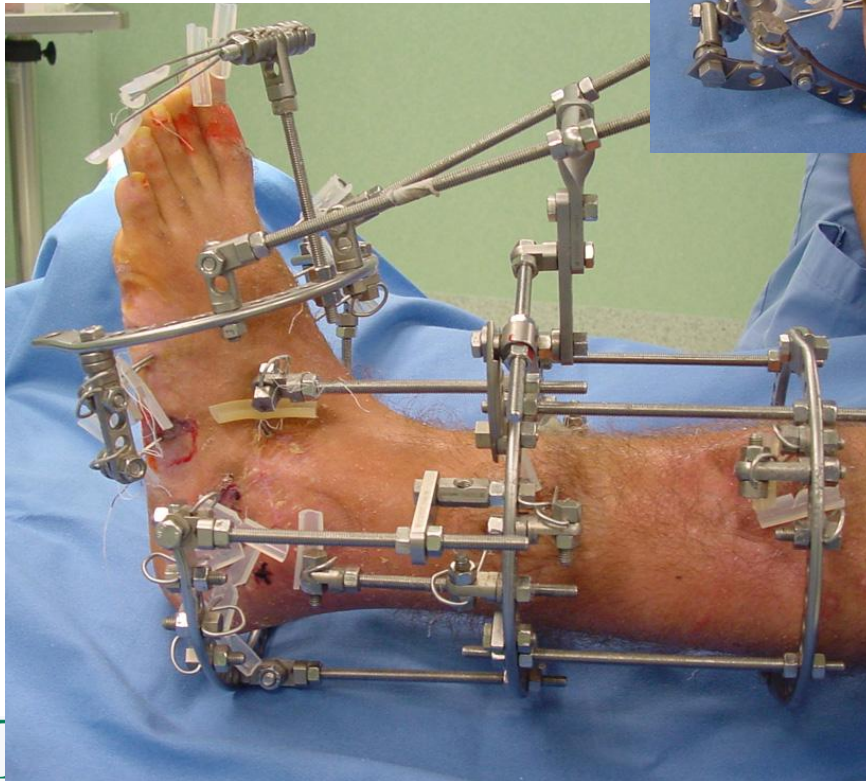
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At the End of
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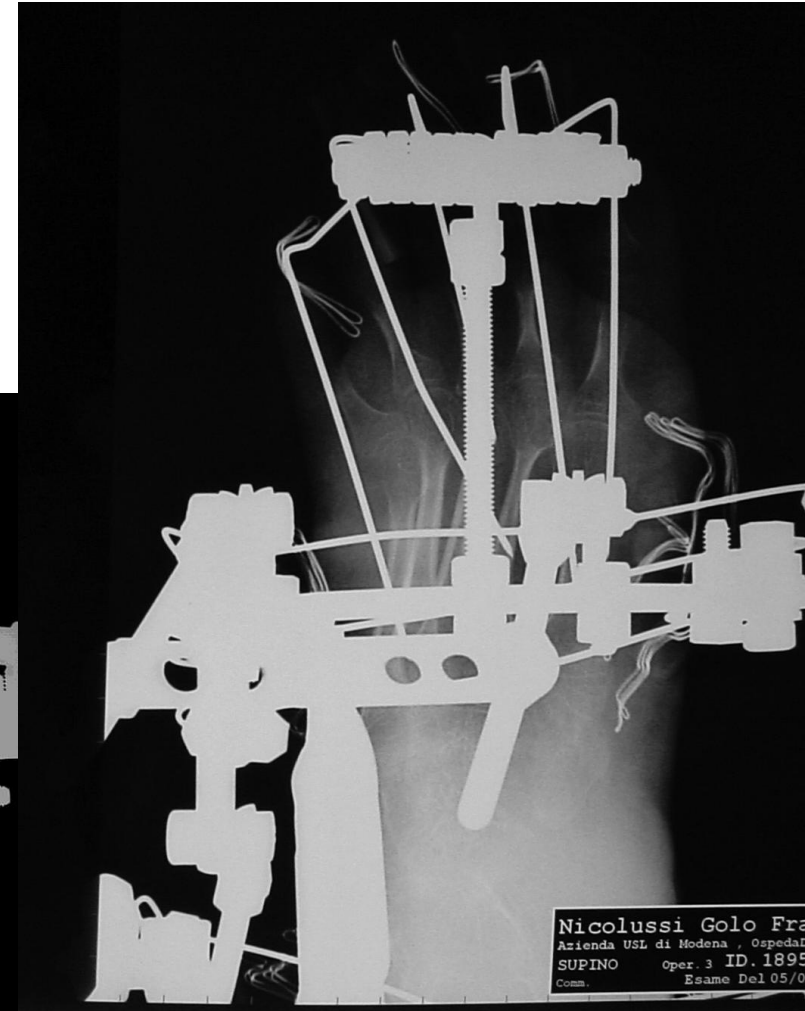
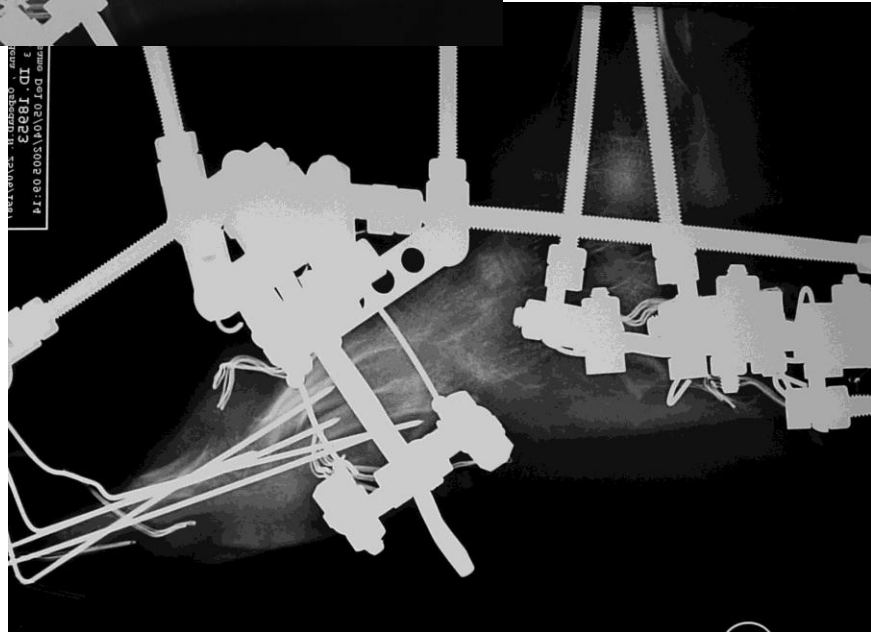
16 y.o. Male
residual club foot and
schiatic n. palsy



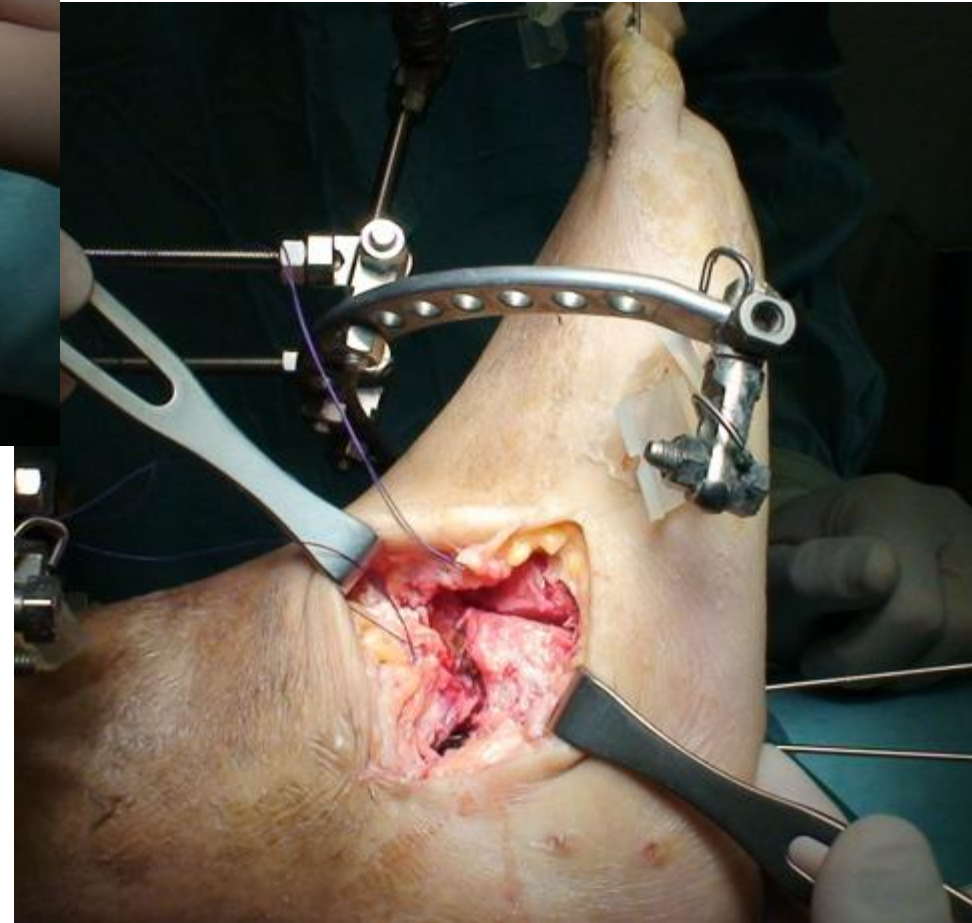
X-rays before treatment



1 st Step: Progressive closed correction of the deformities



Open triple arthrodesis



Clinical result



Diabetic Charcot foot.
Male 56 y.o.
Dislocation of Lisfranc
joint

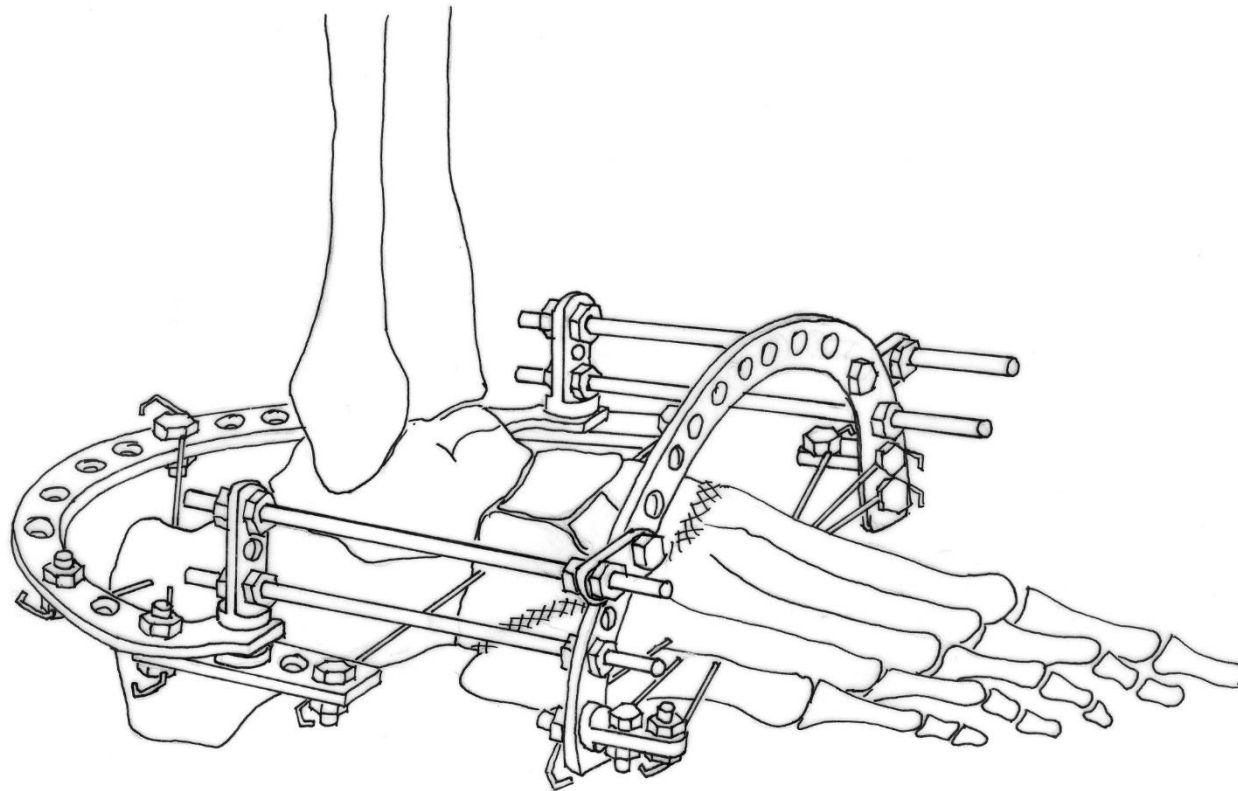








Lisfranc joint arthrodesis







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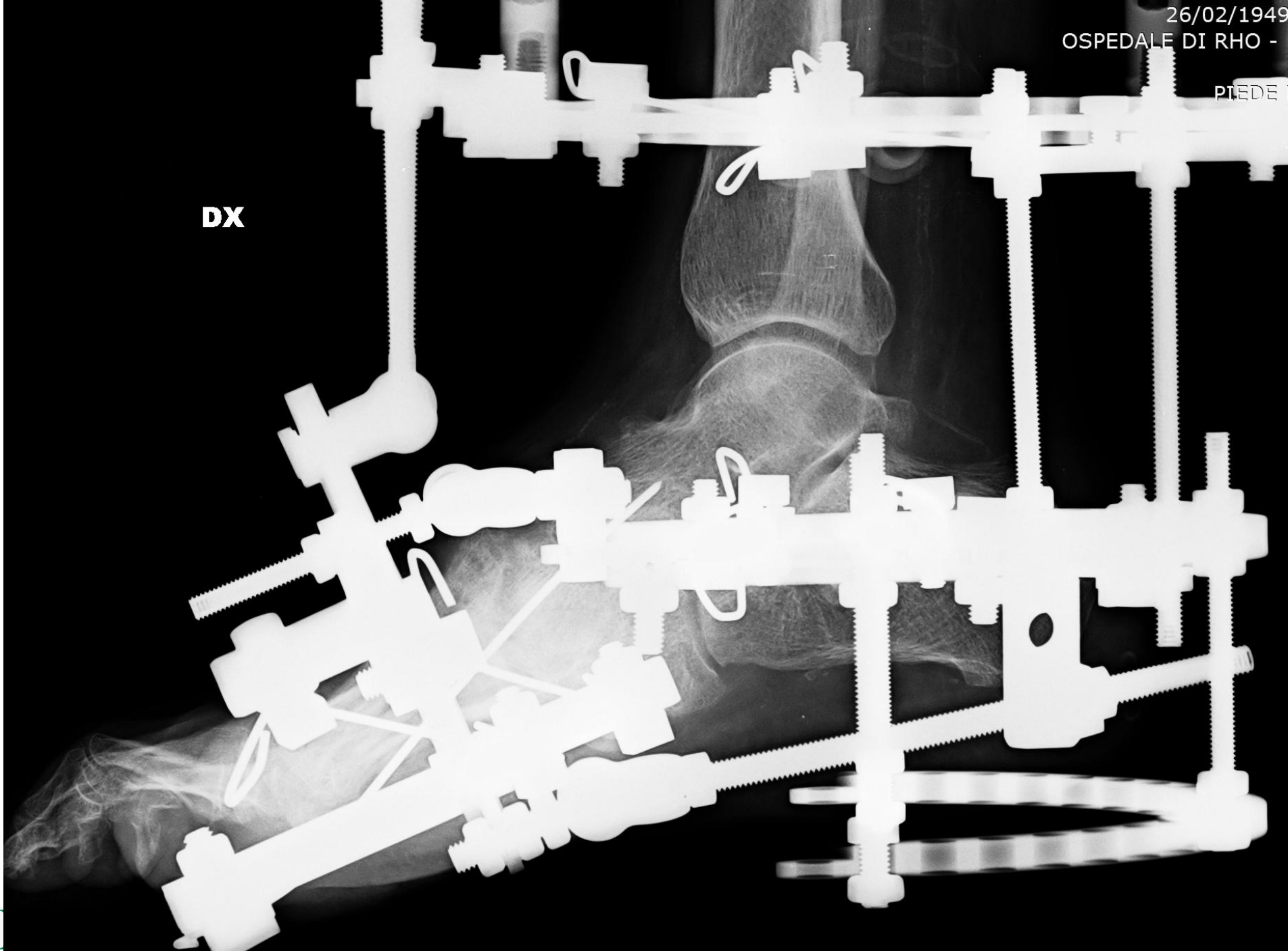
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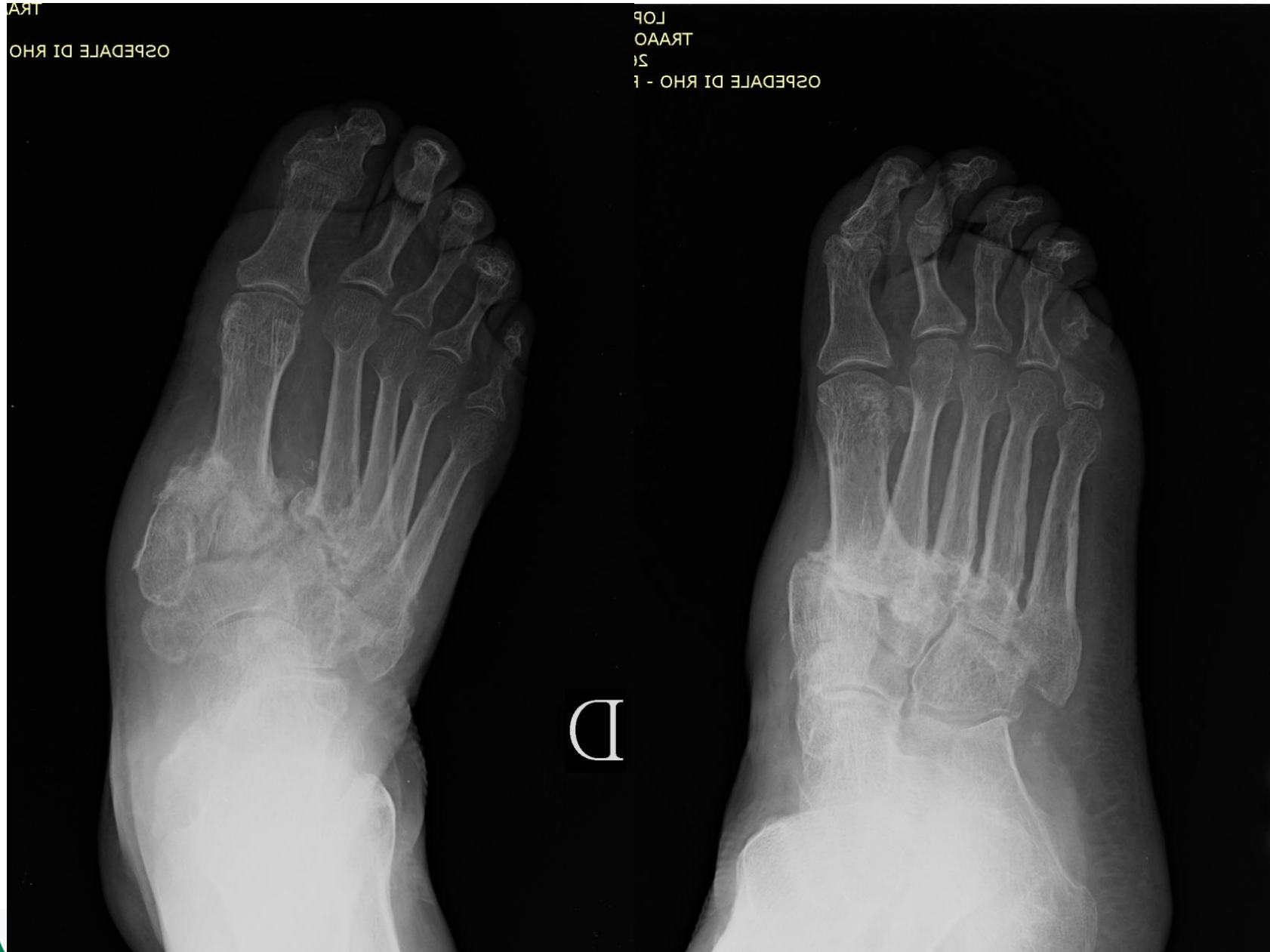
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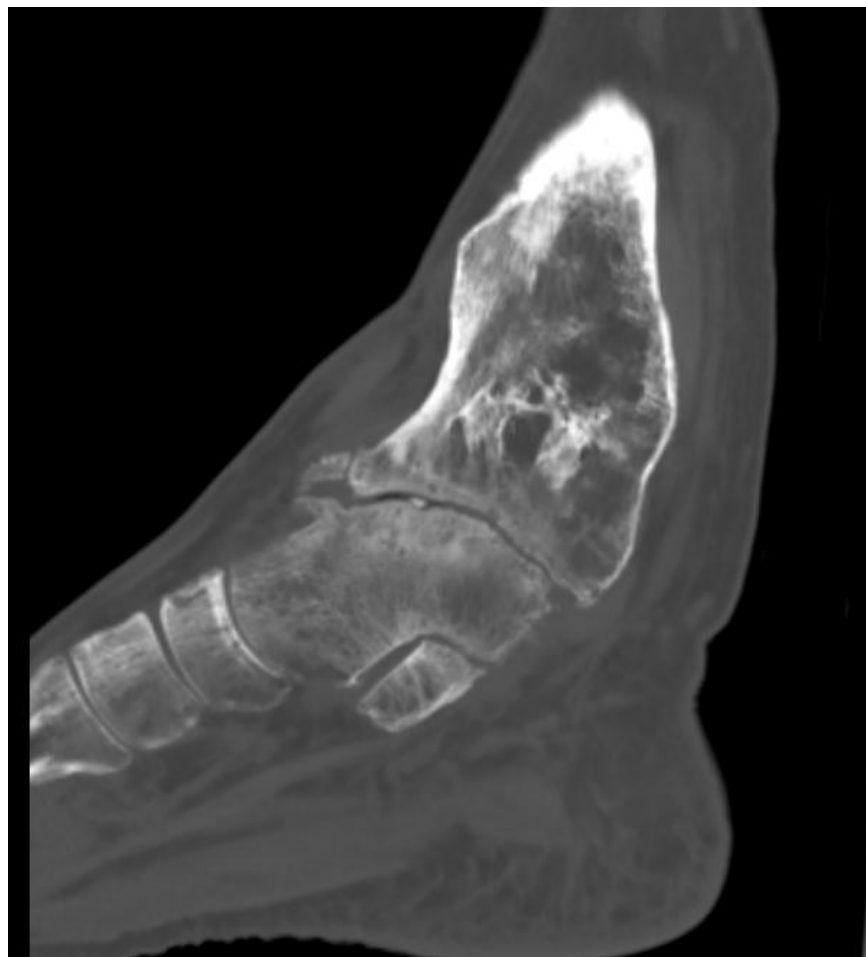


Result



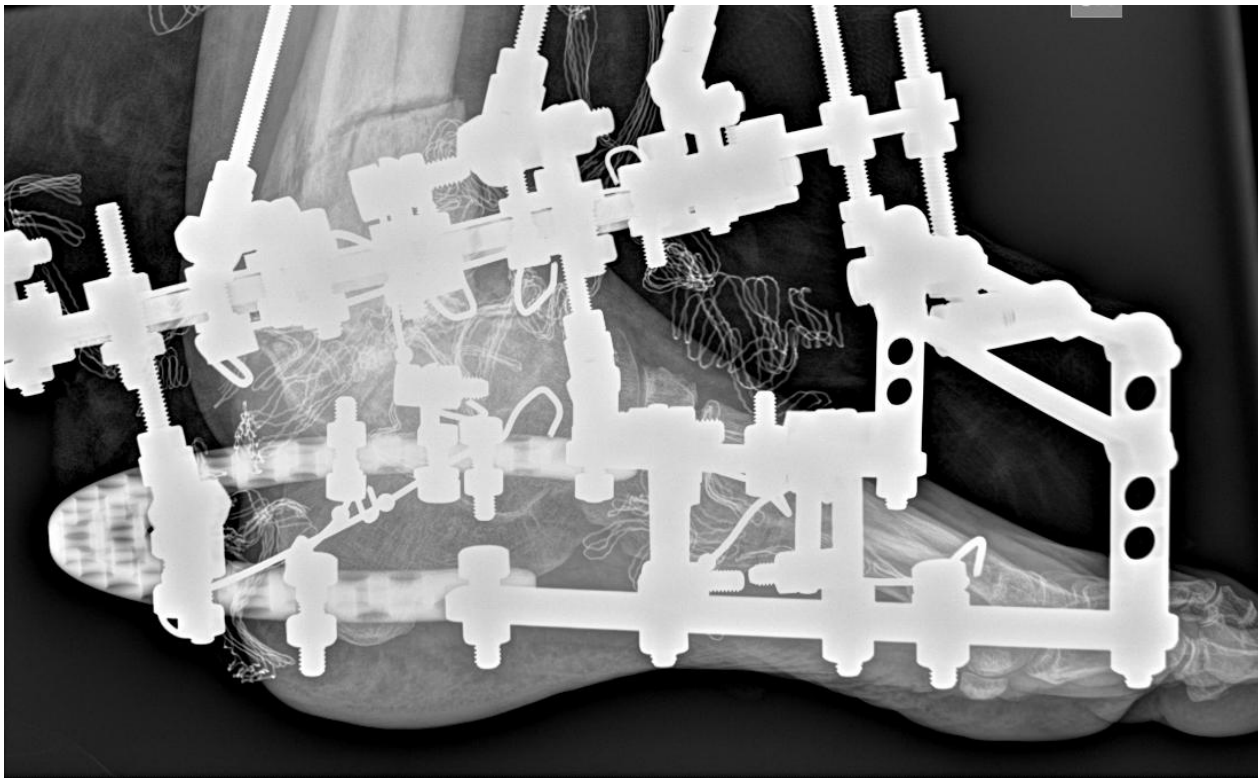
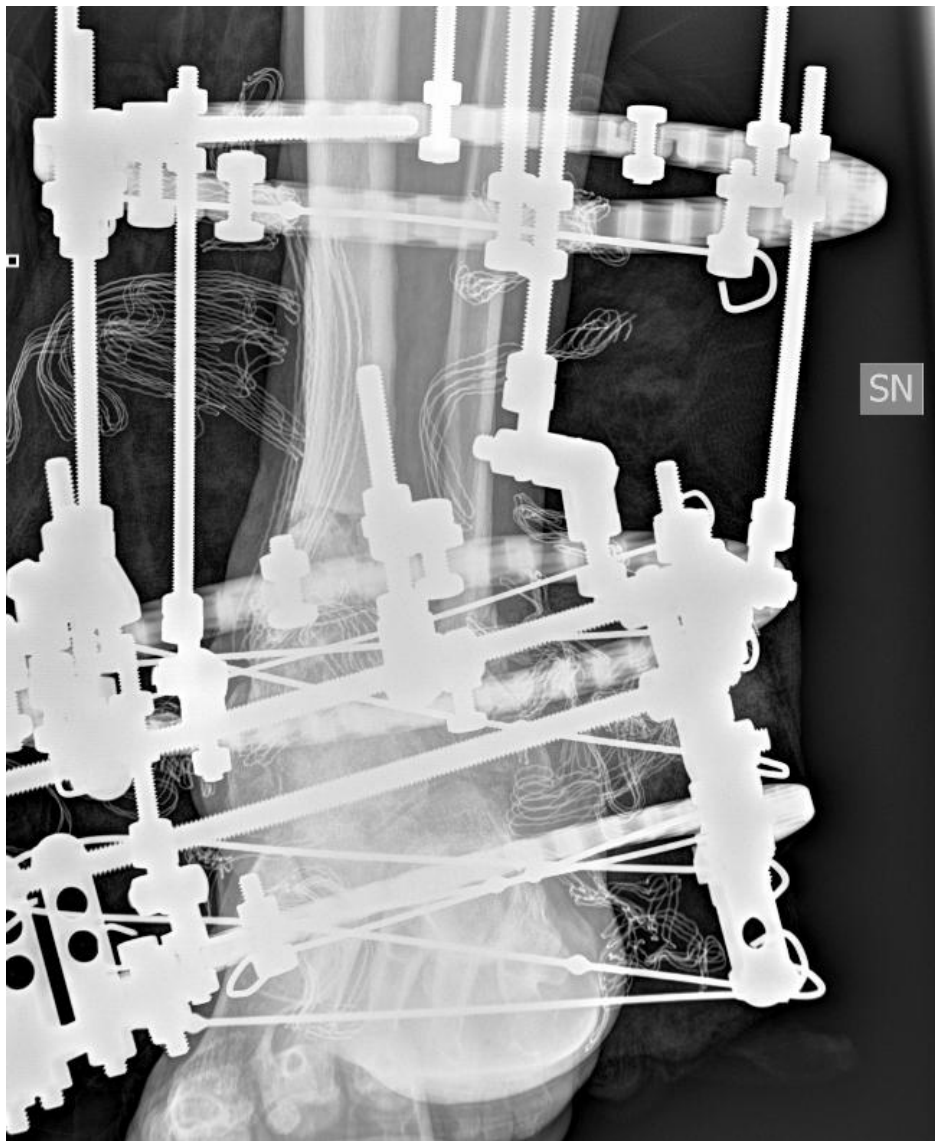
CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Ilizarov method gave possibilities to correct axial deviation of complex foot deformity by progressive distraction.
- ✓ Osteotomy and progressive correction with formation of distraction regenerated bone indicate for rigid foot, more frequently posttraumatic, hemimelic or in sequelae of many surgical procedures
- ✓ In the cases of instability, muscular imbalance or neurologic problem indicate arthrodesis





- AMPUTAZIONE TRANSTIBIALE
- PROTESI DI CAVIGLIA
- PLANTARE
- OSTEOTOMIA
- ARTRODESI



LENGTHENING OF THE HUMERUS WITH ILIZAROV METHOD: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY



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