

## **Foot & Ankle Words and Phrases**

### **A**

AAOFAS - American Association of Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Surgeons  
abduction  
abductory base wedge osteotomy  
ABI (ankle/brachial index)  
ablation  
accommodate  
accommodative balance padding  
accommodative dressing  
accommodative orthotic  
Ace bandage  
Ace wrap  
ACFAS - American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons  
ACFAOM - American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedics & Medicine  
Achilles tendon  
Achillotrain® Achilles tendon support  
Active Ankle® brace (Cramer)  
Acufex® MosaicPlasty™ comprehensive system - See [FDA 510\(k\) summary \[Acrobat required\]](#)  
Adaptic® dressing (Johnson & Johnson)  
adduction  
AFO (ankle-foot orthosis)  
Agility™ total ankle system [prosthesis] ([DePuy Inc.](#))  
Air-Stirrup® ([Aircast, Inc.](#))  
Aircast® walking brace ([Aircast, Inc.](#))  
Akin bunionectomy  
Albert disease  
AliMed® PF™ night splint ([AliMed, Inc.](#))  
Aliplast - foam-like material used in orthotics  
alphabet exercise  
Alznner orthotic (Alznner Orthotics/Bio Orthotics International, 972-437-5454)  
Ambulator® shoe(s)/footwear ([Apex Foot Health Industries, Inc.](#))  
Amerigel® wound care products ([Amerx, div. of Procyon Corp.](#))  
Ammens® [medicated, antiseptic, deodorant] powder ([Bristol-Myers Squibb](#))  
angulation  
anhydrotic  
ankle/brachial index (ABI)  
ankle circle exercise  
ankle equinus  
ankle instability  
ankle joint  
ankle pump exercise  
ankle sprain  
ankle-foot orthosis (AFO)  
ankylosing spondylitis  
antalgin gait  
anterior tibiofibular ligament  
anterolateral approach  
AO screw fixation  
AO (Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Osteosynthesefragen) surgical technique  
AO technique  
aperture pad  
Apligraf™ - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
APMA - American Podiatric Medical Association  
aponeurosis (pl. aponeuroses)  
aponeurosis plantaris  
apophysitis  
apropulsive gait  
arch height (foot type measurement)  
Arizona AFO™, a.k.a. Arizona Brace® ([Custom Footwear, Inc.](#))

**arrectores pilorum muscles of the foot**

**arthrocentesis**

**arthrodesis**

**arthrography**

**arthroplasty**

**arthroscopy**

**arthrotomy**

**artificial extensor hood apparatus**

**AS3 stirrup brace (Johnson & Johnson Orthopedics)**

**Asics® shoes (Asics Tiger Corp.)**

**ASSI® Lalonde™ dynamic compression bone clamp (Accurate Surgical & Scientific Instruments [ASSI])**

**atavistic tarsometatarsal joint**

**ataxic gait**

**athlete's foot**

**athletic taping**

**Austin bunionectomy**

**autogenous bone graft**

**avascular necrosis**

**avulsion fracture**

**axial compression of the foot**

**B**

ball of the foot  
BAPS (biomechanical ankle platform system)  
BAPS board  
Bauerfeind® Achillotrain® Achilles tendon support  
Bechtol arthroplasty  
Bennett fracture  
benzoyl peroxide (5% or 10%) gel  
Betadine™ foot soak  
betamethasone  
bimalleolar fracture  
Bio-Action™ implant (MicroAire)  
bioabsorbable pins  
biomechanics  
Bionx® 1.5-mm bone fixation kit - See MT Desk glossary Bionx® SmartScrew™ (Bionx)  
BioStim® TENS unit, various models (BioMedical Life Systems)  
Birkenstock® shoes, inserts, etc. (Birkenstock)  
Blair fusion  
Bledsoe brace, boot, walker, etc. (Bledsoe)  
bleomycin  
Body Armor™ walker - short leg walking cast/brace/boot (Darco)  
Böhler (Boehler) angle (measured on radiograph)  
Bone Bullet™ suture anchor - See MT Desk glossary entry  
bony prominence  
Boston brace  
boxer's fracture  
brawny edema  
Breg® brace, walker, boot, etc. (Breg, Inc.)  
broach  
broad-based gait  
bromhidrosis  
Broström procedure, repair Brostrom  
Broström-Gould ankle instability procedure  
Buechel-Pappas [total] ankle implant, replacement, procedure  
Buechel-Pappas total ankle prosthesis  
bunion  
bunionette (tailor's bunion)  
Burow's solution  
burr - small drill bit used in dentistry or surgery; syn: bur  
bursa

**C**

calcaneal fat pad  
calcaneal valgus  
calcaneal  
calcanectomy  
calcaneocavus  
calcaneocuboid joint  
calcaneodynia  
calcaneofibular ligament  
calcaneoplantar  
calcaneovalgus  
calcaneus gait  
calcaneus  
Caldwell-Luc  
calf corset weightbearing ankle-foot orthosis  
calf stretching exercises  
callosity (see tyloma, tylosis)  
callus (see tyloma, tylosis)  
calluses  
Cam Walker® (Orthomedics)  
cancellous bone  
cancellous screw  
Canthacur® (cantharidin)  
Canthacur®-PS (cantharidin, podophyllin, salicylic acid)  
cantharidin (Verr-Canth™; Canthacur®)  
capillary refill time  
capital fragment  
capsular thickening  
capsule  
capsulodesis  
capsulotomy  
CarboFlex™ odor control dressing (Convatec)  
cast boot  
Castaway® orthotic (Orthomedics)  
Castillani Paint - OTC first aid antiseptic and drying agent (Pedinol Pharmacal, Inc.)  
cauda equina (pl. caudae equina)  
causalgia syndrome  
Cavilon™ products (3M)

3M™ Cavilon™ cleanser, emollient, barrier film, diabetic foot care kit, after cast skin care kit  
cavovarus  
cavus foot (pes cavus)  
cefazolin (Ancef, Kefzol, Zolicef)  
Celestone® Soluspan® (betamethasone)  
cellulitis  
cephalosporin  
cephradine  
Charcot foot, joint  
Charcot-Marie-Tooth  
Charnley arthrodesis  
Charnley-Mueller arthroplasty  
Charnley-Mueller prosthesis  
cheilectomy  
chemical matricectomy  
chevron (bunion repair) procedure  
Cheyenne off-loading AFO brace (Quorum Orthopedic Labs)  
chiropodist  
chiropody  
Chopart (midtarsal) joints, complex

Chrisman-Snook procedure - for ankle instability  
CircAid® compression systems - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
claudication  
clavus (pl. clavi) - corn  
clawfoot  
Cleanwheel™ disposable neurological pinwheel - for skin sensitivity testing ([Langer Biomedics](#))  
clindamycin 1% solution  
Clinitex® HealWell™ contracture splint(s), night splint ([FLA Orthopedics, Inc.](#))  
clonidine  
closed fracture  
closing abductory base wedge osteotomy  
closing base wedge osteotomy  
clubfoot  
CO (certified orthotist)  
Coban® wrap, dressing ([Delasco](#))  
cock-up deformity  
colchicine  
collar-stud abscess  
collateral ligaments  
Comf-Orthotic© insoles ([Hapad, Inc.](#))  
communited fracture  
compartment syndrome  
compensated  
compensation  
complete fracture  
complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS)  
compound fracture  
Compridur® compression bandage ([Beiersdorf](#))  
Comprihaft® compression bandage ([Beiersdorf](#))  
Comprilan® compression bandage ([Beiersdorf](#))  
Comprinet® pro; Comprinet® S antiembolism stockings ([Beiersdorf](#))  
compression dressing  
condylectomy  
Conformer diabetic boot, walker ([Bledsoe Brace Systems](#))  
congenital vertical talus  
conical hyperkeratosis  
contralateral  
coralline hydroxyapatite  
cortical screw  
cortisone injection  
cortisone  
CPO (certified prosthetist/orthotist)  
crepitus  
crescentic osteotomy  
CRPS (complex regional pain syndrome)  
Cryo/Cuff® ([Aircast, Inc.](#))  
cuboid (bone)  
cuneiform (bone)  
curetted

**D**

dancer's pad  
Danis-Weber fracture classification  
DarcoGel® ankle brace  
Darco® A.P.B.™ postoperative boot  
Darco® SlimLine™ cast boot  
Darco®  
debrided  
debridement  
Decadron acetate  
deconditioned  
deep fascial spaces  
degenerative joint disease (DJD)  
dehiscence  
deltoid ligament  
dendritic synovitis  
Denis Browne splint  
depigmentation  
Dermagraft® - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
derotational arthroplasty  
derotational  
DeRoyal ankle contracture boot ([DeRoyal](#))  
DeRoyal Three-D Orthopedic [product line] ([DeRoyal Sports Medicine](#))  
DesignLine® orthotic ([Langer Biomechanics](#))  
dexamethasone  
Dexon (suture)  
Diab-A-Thotics® orthotic ([Langer Biomechanics](#))  
diabetic neuropathy  
digital tourniquet  
DIP (distal interphalangeal) joint  
DIP (distal interphalangeal)  
DIPJ (distal interphalangeal joint)  
direct fracture  
disarticulation  
dislocation fracture  
dislocation  
distal interphalangeal joint (DIPJ)  
distal phalanx  
distal  
DJD (degenerative joint disease)  
DonJoy® RocketSoc® ankle brace ([dj Orthopedics \[DonJoy\]](#))  
dorsal bump  
dorsal cortical margin  
dorsiflexed  
dorsiflexion  
dorsiflexory  
dorsoplantar  
dorsum of the foot  
double fracture  
DP (dorsalis pedis) pulse  
Dr. Scholl's® ([Schering-Plough HealthCare Products](#))  
drawer sign  
Dressflex® orthotic ([Langer Biomechanics](#))  
Drionic® - device to reduce perspiration ([General Medical Co.](#))  
dropfoot gait  
Drysol®  
DuoDerm® dressing ([ConvaTec](#))  
Dupuytren fracture  
Dura\*Kold or DuraKold wrap, including foot and ankle wrap and surgical foot wrap ([dj Orthopedics \[DonJoy\]](#))

**Dura\*Soft or DuraSoft wrap, including surgical foot/ankle wrap and universal wrap ([dj Orthopedics](#)  
[\[DonJoy\]](#))**

DuVries hammertoe repair

Dwyer osteotomy

dyshidrosis

dystonic gait

dystrophic gait

dystrophic mycotic toenail(s)

dystrophic nail(s)

**E**

**EBI bone stimulator (EBI Medical)**

**EDIN procedure (endoscopic decompression interdigital neuroma)**

**Elodur® fine; Elodur® forte compression bandage(s) (Beiersdorf)**

**Eloflex®; Eloflex® Lycra® compression bandage(s) (Beiersdorf)**

**Elohaft® compression bandage (Beiersdorf)**

**eminence**

**EMLA® cream - acronym: eutectic mixture of local anesthetic**

**EMLA® anesthetic disc - See MT Desk glossary entry**

**endoscopic decompression interdigital neuroma (EDIN) [procedure]**

**endoscopic plantar fasciotomy (EPF)**

**EPF (endoscopic plantar fasciotomy)**

**epicritic sensation**

**epicritic**

**epinephrine**

**eponychia**

**eponychial fold**

**eponychium (syn. epionychium)**

**equine gait**

**equinovarus**

**erythromycin 2% solution**

**Ethibond (suture)**

**Etonic® running shoes (National Footwear)**

**Eucerin lotion, cream**

**evanescent swelling**

**Evans procedure - ankle**

**Evazote® (Zotefoams)**

**eversion**

**eversion stress test**

**excisional matricectomy**

**exertional compartment syndrome**

**exostectomy**

**exostosis**

**exsanguination**

**extensor contracture**

**extensor tendons**

**extensor**

**F**

**F-Scan™ mat system ([Tekscan](#))**  
**Fabco wrap; Fabco self-adhesive gauze dressing (W W Medical, 860-536-8499)**  
**fascia**  
**fasciodesis**  
**fascioplasty**  
**fasciorrhaphy**  
**fasciotomy**  
**fatigue fracture**  
**festinating gait**  
**fetid foot syndrome**  
**fiberglass**  
**fibula**  
**field block (anesthetic technique)**  
**fifth metatarsal**  
**first metatarsal-cuneiform arthrodesis**  
**first metatarsal**  
**flail foot**  
**flexor hallucis brevis**  
**flexor hallucis longus**  
**flexor tendon**  
**Floam® cushioning material ([Johnson & Johnson Orthopedics](#))**  
**Florsheim shoes**  
**Flowpac® compression pump ([Huntleigh Healthcare](#))**  
**Flowpress® compression garment(s) & pump ([Huntleigh Healthcare](#))**  
**Flowtron® compression garment(s) & pumps ([Huntleigh Healthcare](#))**  
**fluconazole**  
**fluoroscope**  
**foam mold**  
**footdrop**  
**Footmaxx® orthotics ([Footmaxx](#))**  
**Footmaxx® system - computerized gait and pressure analysis ([Footmaxx](#))**  
**footprint indices (foot type measurement)**  
**footprint**  
**forefoot**  
**fourth metatarsal**  
**Freiberg disease**  
**Freiberg infraction**  
**Friedreich ataxia, ataxia, foot, sign**  
**frontal plane**  
**frontal-plane measurement**  
**fulguration**  
**fully-threaded cortical screw**  
**Fungi-Nail® antifungal solution ([Kramer Labs](#))**  
**fusion**

## G

GAIT - acronym: great toe arthroplasty implant technique  
gait: antalgic

apropulsive  
ataxic  
broad-based  
calcaneus  
dropfoot  
dystonic  
dystrophic  
equine  
festinating  
myopathic  
propulsive  
steppage  
gait cycle  
gangrene  
gastrocnemius reflex  
gastrocnemius muscle  
gastrocnemius resection  
gastrocnemius-soleus muscles  
gelatinous  
Gel-Band® stirrup ankle brace ([FLA Orthopedics, Inc.](#))  
Gelocast® zinc-gel bandage ([Beiersdorf](#))  
Gelostretch® zinc-gel bandage([Beiersdorf](#))  
gentian violet  
GentleStep™ insoles ([Darco](#))  
GentleStep™ shoe ([Darco; product information](#))  
genu recurvatum  
genu valgum  
genu varum  
GES (gradient elastic stocking)  
Gissane angle (measured on radiograph)  
glomus tumor  
goniometer  
gradient  
gradient elastic stocking (GES)  
granulating  
granulation tissue  
great saphenous vein  
Grice arthrodesis  
Gris-PEG® (griseofulvin ultramicrosize)

## H

Haglund deformity - posterior Achilles tendon bursitis  
Haglund square-back deformity  
hairline fracture  
half-shoes  
hallux abductovalgus (HAV)  
hallux rigidus  
hallux valgus deformity  
hallux valgus  
hammertoe deformity  
hammertoe  
Hapad Comf-Orthotic© insoles ([Hapad, Inc.](#))  
hard corn (heloma durum)  
HAV (hallux abductovalgus)  
HealWell™ [Clinitex® HealWell™] contracture splint(s), night splint ([FLA Orthopedics, Inc.](#))  
heel cord  
heel pad  
heel spur syndrome  
heel spur  
heloma durum (hard corn)  
heloma molle (soft corn)  
helotomy  
hemiphalangectomy  
Herbert screw  
Herbst Cradle™ ankle/foot orthosis ([Brown Medical Industries](#))  
Hibiclens™  
high-voltage pulsed current (HVPC)  
hindfoot  
Histofreezer® cryosurgical wart treatment - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
Homans sign  
HVPC (high-voltage pulsed current)  
hyfrecated  
hyfrecation  
[Hyfrecator® \(Medical Solutions\)](#)  
hyperkeratosis  
hypermobile  
hypermobility  
hyperostosis  
hyponychium

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I&D (incision and drainage)  
Iceman® cold therapy system (VQ OrthoCARE)  
IM (intermetatarsal) angle  
IM (intermetatarsal)  
impingement  
incision and drainage (I&D)  
incurvated  
incursion  
indurated  
induration  
infracalcaneal bursitis  
infracalcaneal  
ingrown toenail - onychocryptosis  
innervated  
innervation  
insensate foot  
insufficiency fracture  
interdigital nerves  
interdigital space  
intermetatarsal (IM)  
intermetatarsal interspaces  
internal fixation  
interphalangeal (IP)  
interpositional toe arthroplasty  
interspace(s)  
intra-articular  
intractable plantar keratosis (IPK)  
intratendinous calcification  
intrinsic muscle strength  
inversion-eversion motion  
inversion  
iontophoresis  
IP (interphalangeal) joint  
IPK (intractable plantar keratosis)  
ipos™ orthotics (ipos North America)  
  
anti-adductus shoe  
forefoot relief orthosis  
heel lifts  
heel relief orthosis  
surgical boots  
irradiated chondral graft implantation arthroplasty  
ischemia  
Iselin disease - apophysitis of the fifth metatarsal base

**J**

**Jobst™ stockings (Beiersdorf AG)**  
**Jones fracture**  
**Jones suspension (procedure)**  
**Joplin bunionectomy**  
**Joplin neuroma**  
**Juvara osteotomy**  
**juxtamalleolar lipoma**  
**Juzo® ankle brace (Juzo/Julius Zorn, Inc.)**  
**Juzo® compression stockings/hose (Juzo/Julius Zorn, Inc.)**

**K**

**K-wire - 0.035, 0.045, 0.062 [inches, outside diameter] (United American Medical, for example)**  
**K-wire (Kirschner wire) fixation**  
**K-wire fixation**  
**KAFO (knee-ankle-foot orthosis)**  
**Kallassy® ankle support [ankle brace] - patent abstract; also see photograph and description**  
**Keller bunionectomy**  
**Keller resection arthroplasty**  
**keloid**  
**Kenalog® (triamcinolone)**  
**Kendall T.E.D.® hose, stockings**  
**Kerasal® ointment (Draxis Health, Inc.)**  
**keratoderma**  
**keratoma**  
**keratosis**  
**ketorolac tromethamine (injectable NSAID)**  
**Kidner procedure**  
**Kinetec® Ankle CPM 5190™ - for continuous ROM therapy (VQ OrthoCARE)**  
**Kirschner apparatus, splint**  
**Kirschner wire (K-wire)**  
**Kleiger test - syndesmosis; deltoid ligament**  
**Kling™**  
**Kocher approach**  
**Köhler (Koehler) disease**  
**koilonychia (spoon nail)**  
**Kreuscher bunionectomy**  
**Künzli™ ankle shoe (Künzli)**

**L**

L'Nard Multi Podus® - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)

Lac-Hydrin

lamb's wool

Lamisil (terbinafine)

Lapidus bunionectomy

LaPorta great toe MPJ implant ([Futura™ Biomedical](#))

Laschal® suture cutter

last [as in *straight-last shoe*] - a form over which a shoe is constructed

broad forefoot last

combination last

in-flare last

narrow heel last

out-flare last

straight last

lateral cuneiform

lateral deviation of the hallux

lateral malleolus

lateral

leather ankle lacer (orthotic device)

LEAP program - Acronym: lower extremity amputation prevention

LEAP monofilament screening kit

self-testing sensory kit includes LEAP filament, instructions, questionnaire

leg-length discrepancy

lesser metatarsals

lichen planus

lidocaine and clonidine - for local anesthetic block

lidocaine

ligament

ligamentous laxity

Lisfranc joints: articulations between midfoot & forefoot; tarsometatarsal joints

Lockhart Toe Splint™

long flexor tendon

long leg cast

longitudinal arch

Ludloff (oblique shaft) osteotomy

Ludloff-Akin procedure

lymphangitis

## M

macerated  
maceration  
**Maisonneuve ankle fracture**  
**Malleoloc device**  
malleolus (gen. and pl. malleoli)  
**Marcaine**  
**March fracture**  
matricectomy (secondary spelling, matrixectomy)  
matrixectomy (matricectomy)  
**Mau osteotomy**  
**Mayo (bunion repair)**  
Mayo block (regional anesthetic technique)  
**McBride (bunion repair)**  
**McGlamry elevator**  
**McKeever arthrodesis**  
medial cuneiform  
medial malleolus  
medial  
**Mephisto® shoes (Mephisto S.A.)**  
Mercado triple arthrodesis  
metatarsal-cuneiform joint axis  
metatarsalgia  
metatarsectomy  
metatarsophalangeal (MTP; MP)  
metatarsus adductovarus  
metatarsus adductus  
metatarsus atavicus  
metatarsus brevis  
metatarsus latus  
metatarsus primus elevatus (MPE)  
metatarsus primus varus  
metatarsus varus  
**MicroAire Bio-Action™ implant (MicroAire)**  
middle cuneiform  
middle phalanx  
midfoot  
midstance  
midtarsal (Chopart) joints: articulations between hindfoot & midfoot; talonavicular, calcaneocuboid  
**Mitchell (bunion repair)**  
**Moberg arthrodesis**  
mobile adaptor  
moccasin-type tinea pedis  
modified Broström procedure - ankle  
modified Mitchell bunionectomy  
moleskin  
monodactylous cleft  
monodactyly  
**Morton neuroma**  
mosaicplasty - for treatment of talar dome OCD [also knee]  
**MosaicPlasty™ system (a.k.a. Acufex® MosaicPlasty™ system)**  
MP (metatarsophalangeal) joint  
MPE (metatarsus primus elevatus)  
MPJ (metatarsophalangeal joint)  
MTP (metatarsophalangeal) joint  
**Mulder click, sign**  
**Multi Podus® - See MT Desk glossary entry**  
**Multi-Phase® ankle orthosis (OMNI)**  
**Mycocide NS® topical antifungal (Woodward Laboratories)**  
mycotic toenail(s)

**myopathic gait**  
**myrmecial warts**

**N**

nail bed  
nail debridement

nail plate

navicula

navicular drift

navicular drop

navicular

necrosis

necrotic tissue

neoprene

neurectomy

neuroarthropathic

neuroma

neuropathic foot

neurovascular status

neutral position

New Balance® shoes ([New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc.](#))

N'ice Stretch™ night splint suspension system ([Brown Medical Industries](#); [product information](#))

night cast

night splint

nonedematous

nonerythematous

nonunion

nonweightbearing

normal saline

NuPulse foot compression device ([Kinetic Concepts, Inc.](#); [photograph](#))

nylon

**O**

OCD (osteochondritis dissecans; osteochondral defect)  
offset blade system  
Ollier incision, approach  
onychauxis  
onychocryptosis (ingrown toenail)  
onychodystrophic  
onychodystrophy  
onychogryphosis (secondary spelling, onychogryposis)  
onychogryphotic  
onychogryposis (onychogryphosis)  
onycholysis  
onychomadesis  
onychomycosis  
onychopathy  
onychotomy  
open fracture  
orthosis (pl. orthoses)  
orthotic  
orthotist  
orthotripsy - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
oscillating saw  
OssaTron® Orthotripter™ (ESWT system) - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
ossicle  
ossiform  
ossify  
ostectomy  
osteoarthropathy  
osteochondral defect (OCD)  
osteochondritis dissecans (OCD)  
osteochondritis  
osteochondroma  
osteogenic  
OsteoGen™ surgically implantable bone growth stimulator ([EBI Medical](#))  
osteolysis  
osteomyelitis  
osteophyte  
osteoporotic washout  
overlapping  
overpronation  
overriding fracture  
overriding hallux  
overuse syndrome

**P**

palliative therapy, treatment  
palmoplantar warts  
palpable click  
panmetatarsal  
paronychia  
paronychial nail infection  
paronychial  
partial nail avulsion  
patellar-tendon-bearing orthosis  
pedal arch  
pedal pulse  
Pedi-Dri® (nystatin topical powder USP)  
Pedifix® crest pad (a.k.a. buttress pad)  
pedorthist - specialist in the design, manufacture, modification of prescribed shoes and related foot appliances  
Pelite - polyethylene closed-cell foam  
Penlac™ nail lacquer (topical antifungal) - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
percussion ("thump") test  
periarticular  
peripheral nerve block  
peroneal muscles  
peroneal nerve entrapment  
peroneal spastic flatfoot  
peroneal tendon sheath  
peroneal tendon subluxation  
peroneus brevis  
peroneus longus  
pes cavus  
pes planus  
PF™ night splint ([AliMed, Inc.](#))  
phalangeal  
phalangectomy  
phalangitis  
phalangophalangeal  
phalanx (pl. phalanges)  
phenol  
phenolization  
phlebitis  
PhleboPump™ dorsiflexion device ([Prevent Products, Inc.](#))  
pigmentation  
pilon (plafond) fracture  
PIP (proximal interphalangeal) joint  
PIP (proximal interphalangeal)  
PIPJ (proximal interphalangeal joint)  
pitted keratolysis  
pitting edema  
PLA (polylactic acid) absorbable screw  
planovalgus  
plantar aponeurosis  
plantar fascia  
plantar fasciitis  
plantar flexion  
plantar nerves  
plantar rest strapping  
plantar wart (verruca pedis)  
plantarflexory  
plantigrade posture  
plantigrade  
Plastazote® ([Zotefoams](#)); [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
PlexiPulse® intermittent pneumatic compression device for DVT prophylaxis ([Kinetic Concepts, Inc.](#))

**[KCI]**

PlexiPulse® foot wrap ([Kinetic Concepts, Inc. \[KCI\]](#))

PLLA (poly-L-lactic acid) screw, pin - biodegradable fixation device

PneuGel™ ankle support/brace ([Sroufe Healthcare Products](#))

pneumatic ankle tourniquet

podagra

podagral

podagric

podalgia

podarthritis

pododema

PodiClens™ OTC foot sanitizer ([Woodward Laboratories](#))

pododynbia

podogram

Pod-Orthoses™ insoles ([Darco; product information](#))

polylactide absorbable screw(s)

poly-L-lactic acid (PLLA) cortical screw - biodegradable fixation device

polypropylene orthotic

Polysorb (suture)

popliteal fossa neural blockade (regional anesthetic technique)

posterior tibial tendinitis

posterior tibialis (PT)

posterior tibiofibular ligament

Pott fracture

power burr

PPCID™ (pneumatic peripheral circulation improvement device) - Rx slipper-like SFCD. See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)

PRICE (protection, rest, ice, compression, elevation)

Primus™ flexible great toe implant ([Futura™ Biomedical](#))

Prolene (suture)

pronated

pronation

propulsive gait

prosthetist

Pro-Tech Fit sport orthotics ([PAL Health Systems](#))

proximal interphalangeal (PIP)

proximal interphalangeal joint (PIPJ)

proximal phalanx

proximal

PT (posterior tibialis) pulse

pump bump (retrocalcaneal bursitis)

purulence

purulent drainage

**R**

Ragnell retractor  
ram's horn nail  
range of motion (ROM)  
ray  
rearfoot  
reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD)  
Regnault classification system  
Regranex® - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
Reiter syndrome  
relative rest  
relaxed flatfoot  
removable walking cast  
Restore® AF antifungal lotion (Laxim Laboratories, 888-663-8644)  
Restore® AF antimicrobial skin cleanser (Laxim Laboratories)  
retrocalcaneal bursitis  
retrocalcaneal  
retrograde massage  
retromalleolar bursitis  
Reverdin bunionectomy  
RICE - acronym: rest, ice, compression, elevation  
Richie ankle brace - developed by Douglas Richie, DPM ([PAL Health Systems](#))  
rigid flatfoot  
rigid-soled postoperative shoe  
Rochester bone trephine  
rockerbottom foot  
RocketSoc® ([dj Orthopedics \[DonJoy\]](#))  
Rockport (shoes)  
Rohadur orthotic(s)  
RollBlock™ ankle support ([CMO, Inc.](#))  
ROM (range of motion)  
Romika (shoes)  
rotary burr  
rotational  
RSD (reflex sympathetic dystrophy)  
rubber walking heel  
rubor

## S

SACH - acronym: solid-ankle, cushioned heel  
SAFE - acronym: stationary attachment flexible endoskeletal sagittal plane  
sagittal-Z osteotomy  
salicylic acid  
Saucony shoes ([Saucony](#))  
scarf bunionectomy  
scarf osteotomy  
SCD (sequential compression device)  
SCFD (sequential foot compression device)  
second metatarsal  
self-tapping lag screw  
Semmes-Weinstein monofilament test  
Semmes-Weinstein test  
sequential compression device (SCD)  
sequential foot compression device (SCFD)  
seronegative  
serosanguineous serous drainage  
serpentine  
sesamoid  
sesamoidectomy  
sesamoiditis  
Sever disease (calcaneal apophysitis)  
Sgarlato lesser toe MP implant ([Futura™ Biomedical](#))  
SherForm TPE; SherForm silicone insoles ([Sher™ Company](#))  
shoe terms: flare, heel counter, lace stay, last, liner, quarter, shank, sole, toe box, vamp  
short flexor tendon iontophoresis  
short leg cast  
signal intensity  
[Sigvaris® compression stockings/hose \(Ganzoni Sigvaris; Sigvaris Inc. \[USA\] - 770-631-1778\)](#)

[Sigvaris® Delilah, Samson, Sculptors, etc., \(supportsocks.com\)](#)  
[Silipos digital pad, insoles, etc. \(Silipos\)](#)  
[Silopad™ bunion shield, digital pad, digital caps \(Silipos\)](#)  
[Silvadene™ cream \(silver sulfadiazine 1%\)](#)  
[Silver bunionectomy](#)  
[Simmonds \(Thompson\) test - for Achilles tendon rupture](#)  
[sinus tarsi](#)  
[sinus tract infection](#)  
[skew](#)  
[skew foot \(metatarsus adductus\)](#)  
[slap hammer](#)  
[Slimthotic® orthotic \(Langer Biomechanics\)](#)  
[slough \(s/l sluff\)](#)  
[SmartPin™ \(PLLA pin\) - See \[MT Desk glossary entry\]\(#\)](#)  
[SmartScrew™ \(PLLA screw\) - See \[MT Desk glossary entry\]\(#\)](#)  
[Snugs™ foot glove; Snugs™ foot/plantar wrap \(Incare, Inc.\)](#)  
[soft corn \(heloma molle\)](#)  
[sole](#)  
[Sonicator® \(Mettler Electronics\)](#)  
[Sorbothane® footwear, insoles, heel cushions, etc. \(\[Sorbothane, div. of Leyland & Birmingham Ltd.\]\(#\)\)](#)  
[Sorbsan™ wet wound dressing \(Delasco\)](#)  
[SP™ \(single patient\) ankle orthosis \(\[VQ OrthoCARE\]\(#\)\)](#)  
[spasmodic flatfoot](#)  
[Spenco insole \(\[Spenco\]\(#\)\)](#)  
[splay foot](#)  
[splay](#)  
[Sporanox® PulsePak™ - See \[MT Desk glossary entry\]\(#\)](#)  
[STAR \(Scandinavian total ankle replacement\) prosthesis - available in U.S. only under FDA approved IDE](#)

stasis ulcer(s) static mold  
Steady Step™ walker - walking cast/brace/boot ([Brown Medical Industries](#))  
Steinmann pin  
stellate fracture  
stenosing  
stenosis  
steppage gait  
Steri-Strips  
Stieda process  
STNP (subtalar neutral position)  
Stone bunionectomy  
strapping  
stress fracture  
StrideRite (shoes)  
styloid process  
subchondral sclerosis  
subchondral  
subcuticular  
subluxation  
subtalar joint  
subtalar neutral position (STNP)  
subungual exostosis  
subungual ulceration  
Sullivan sign - associated with chronic neuroma formation causing toes to spread  
[Supazote® \(Zotefoams\)](#)  
superficial peroneal nerve  
Superform Stylootic® orthotic ([Langer Biomechanics](#))  
supination  
Supp-Hose™ support stockings  
suppuration  
Sure Step® stirrup brace ([Joint Solutions, Inc.](#))  
SurgiLav Plus hydro-debridement system - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
sustentaculum tali  
[Swede-O® Ankeloc™ \(Swede-O\)](#)  
[Swede-O® brace \(Swede-O\)](#)  
swing phase [part of gait cycle]  
Syme ankle disarticulation, amputation  
sympathectomy  
syndesmial joint  
syndesmosis tibiofibularis  
syndesmotic joint  
synovial effusion  
synovial fluid  
synovial impingement

## T

tabes  
tabetic  
tailor's bunion  
**TakeOff™ Ankle Protec™ wrap (Smith and Nephew Inc.)**  
talar dome  
talar tilt test  
talipes calcaneus  
talipes equinovarus  
talipes equinus  
talipes valgus  
talipes varus  
talipes  
talocalcaneal  
talocrural  
talofibular ligament  
talofibular mortise  
talofibular  
talon noir (black heel)  
talonavicular joint axis  
talonavicular joint  
talonavicular  
talotibial exostosis  
talotibial joint (TTJ)  
talus  
tannic acid  
taping technique  
tarsal canal  
tarsal coalition  
tarsal tunnel release  
tarsal tunnel syndrome  
tarsal tunnel  
tarsometatarsal (TMT) joint  
tea soaks (black tea)  
**T.E.D.® hose, stockings (Kendall)**  
Telos ankle stress apparatus, device - to asses ankle instability  
tendinitis (secondary spelling, tendonitis)  
tenosynovitis  
TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation)  
TENS unit  
terbinafine (Lamisil)  
**Therafirm™ compression stockings/hose (Therafirm Compression Products Corp.)**  
third metatarsal  
Thomas heel  
Thompson (Simmonds) test - for Achilles tendon rupture  
Three-D short leg walker [brace, boot] (DeRoyal)  
"thump" (percussion) test  
tibia  
tibial pilon (plafond)  
tibial plafond (pilon)  
tibial plateau  
tibial torsion  
tibial tuberosity  
tibiofibular syndesmosis  
tibiofibular torsion  
Tillaux fracture  
**TIML (transverse intermetatarsal ligament)**  
tinea pedis  
**Tineacide® - OTC topical for fungal infections of toes and fingers**  
Tinel sign

TMT (tarsometatarsal)  
toenail  
tophaceous gout  
total nail avulsion  
total-contact cast  
Tourni-cot™ exsanguinating tourniquet - See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
tourniquet  
towel curls  
transchondral fracture  
transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS)  
transverse flatfoot  
transverse intermetatarsal ligament (TIML)  
transverse plane  
tricorrectional bunionectomy  
tricorrectional osteotomy  
trigger point  
trimalleolar fracture  
triplane fracture  
triple arthrodesis  
Truform™ compression stockings/hose  
TTJ (talotibial joint)  
tuberosity  
tuft  
Tuli's® heel cup, heel cushion - See [Muller Sports Medicine](#)  
tuning fork test - for fracture, stress  
turgor  
T-Walker universal ambulatory AFO ([Orthotic Rehab](#))  
tyloma (see callus, callosity)  
tylosis (see callus, callosity)

## U

UCBL (orthosis, insert) - acronym: University of California Berkeley Laboratory  
UCOheal® Adjust-a-Lift heel lift ([UCO International](#))  
UCOlite® ([UCO International](#))  
ultrasound  
UnderDog system of modular orthotics; insoles, heel spur cushion, components ([PAL Health Systems](#))  
underlapping toe(s)  
ungual tuft  
uniportal plantar fasciotomy (UPF); see

[procedure description](#) (A.M. Surgical)  
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Unna boot  
UPF (uniportal plantar fasciotomy)

## V

v-shaped sliding osteotomy  
valgus index (foot type measurement)  
valgus  
Valleix sign, point  
varus  
vascular calcification  
Velcro  
Venodyne® compression device for DVT ([Microtek Medical, div. of Isolyzer](#))  
venous stasis ulcer(s)  
Verr-Canth™ (cantharidin)  
verruca (pl. verrucae) - wart(s)  
verruca pedis - plantar wart  
vibration perception threshold (VPT)  
viscoelastic heel cushion  
Viscoheel® ([Bauerfeind USA, Inc.](#))  
Viscolas® insoles, heel cushions, heel spur cushions ([Viscolas](#))  
VPT (vibration perception threshold)

## W

WACH shoe - pronounced "watch"; acronym: wedge adjustable cushioned heel)  
Wagner classification - of diabetic foot ulcers  
Wagstaffe fracture  
WalkCare™ - OTC slipper-like SCFD. See [MT Desk glossary entry](#)  
walking cast  
wart (verruca)  
watch shoe - See WACH shoe  
Watson-Jones procedure - for ankle instability  
Weber type C ankle fracture  
wedge shelf osteotomy  
weightbearing  
Weil distal shortening osteotomy  
Weil osteotomy  
WEST (Weinstein enhanced sensory test)  
WEST-foot™ - See [description](#)  
Whirlpool  
Winograd procedure (nail surgery)  
Wolin sign - scar tissue in the ankle  
Wound Care Shoe System™ ([Darco](#); [product information](#))  
Wound Stick™

## X

xerosis  
XeroSox cast/bandage protector ([XeroSox](#))  
Xylocaine® (lidocaine HCl)

## Y

YAG laser  
Youngswick modification (of Austin bunionectomy)

## Z

Z-bunionectomy  
Zinco walker ([Zinco Industries](#))