



# PLANTAR FASCIITIS SURGERY

## SURGERY INFORMATION



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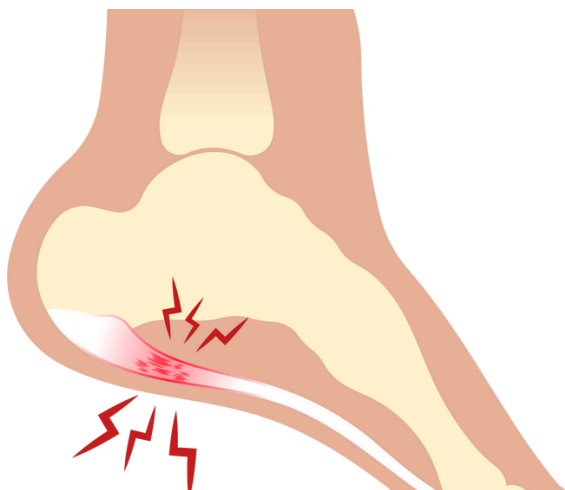
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## THE SURGERY

The surgery is usually a day case procedure. Under an anaesthetic, a camera is used to visualise the plantar fascia and a second small incision is used to release the plantar fascia. Often a keyhole procedure is used to release the fascia of the achilles tendon as well. This helps relieve tension on the plantar fascia insertion.



Graphic of plantar fasciitis

## THE HOSPITAL STAY

- You will wake up with a moonboot
- You will be able to walk in the boot, but only for essential activities such as going to the toilet
- You will need to take blood thinners and vitamin C as prescribed
- You will need to leave the boot on full time, like a plaster cast

## WHEN YOU GO HOME

- You will need medications for pain relief; regular paracetamol (2 tablets four times a day) is recommended, as well as strong pain killers, especially at night before bed. These can have side effects of drowsiness, nausea and constipation, and other tablets to help with these side effects may be required.
- You will need to take blood thinners and vitamin C as prescribed
- You will need a shower chair and bags to keep the boot dry
- You will need to attend your post op appointment in 2-3 weeks where the wounds will be checked
- After this you will be able to shower with a shower chair and pat the dressings dry and remove the boot to sleep

## REHABILITATION

**All patients are different. These timelines are only a guide, and some patients may progress faster or slower than others.**



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<b>0-3 weeks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You will be in a moonboot full time for 2-3 weeks</li><li>• You will be allowed to walk in the boot for essential things only such as going to the toilet</li><li>• You will need to bag the leg for showers</li><li>• Pain relief: Please take regular paracetamol with meals and before bed; stronger pain killers are often needed, especially before bed</li><li>• Please take blood thinners and vitamin C as prescribed</li></ul>
<b>2-3 weeks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post op appointment for a dressing change</li><li>• You can start walking more in the boot</li><li>• You can remove the boot for showers and sleeping and .range of motion exercises with physio</li><li>• You can start static strengthening, core strengthening and leg lifts with physiotherapy</li></ul>
<b>4-6 weeks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You will transition from a boot to cushioned sneakers</li><li>• Cease aspirin</li><li>• Continue stretching the plantar fascia and achilles increase strengthening</li></ul>
<b>8-12 weeks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You can ease back into jogging, then running, then sports specific training</li><li>• Once your foot feels as strong as pre-surgery you can return to sport as guided by your physio</li></ul>

## WHEN CAN I DRIVE?

- Left foot 2-3 weeks (if driving an automatic car)
- Right foot 4-6 weeks

## WHEN CAN I RETURN TO WORK?

- Seated work at 3-4 weeks
- Prolonged standing 6-8 weeks
- Heavy labour work 2-3 months

## WHEN CAN I RETURN TO SPORT?

- Usually about 2-3 months but this is a transition.
- Start with walking, then straight line jogging, straight line running, then training.
- You will be guided by your physio as to when your strength and range of motion is back to normal to return to competitive sport

## WHAT CAN GO WRONG?

- Anaesthetic problems
- Wound/scar problems
- DVT/PE
- Recurrence
- Infection
- Ongoing pain/swelling
- Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome
- The need for further surgery

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