

# Growth and development of foot

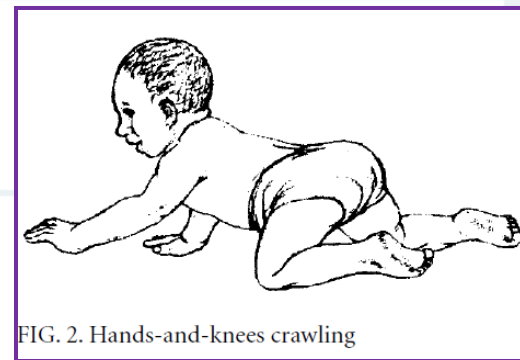
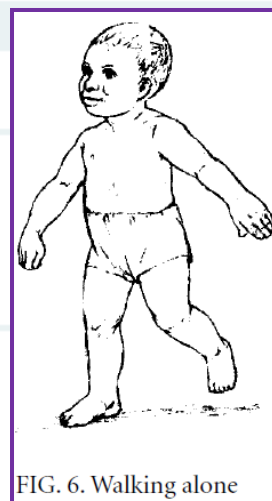
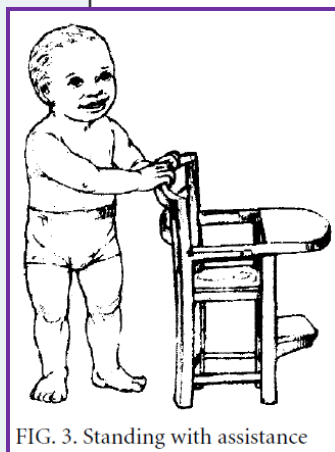
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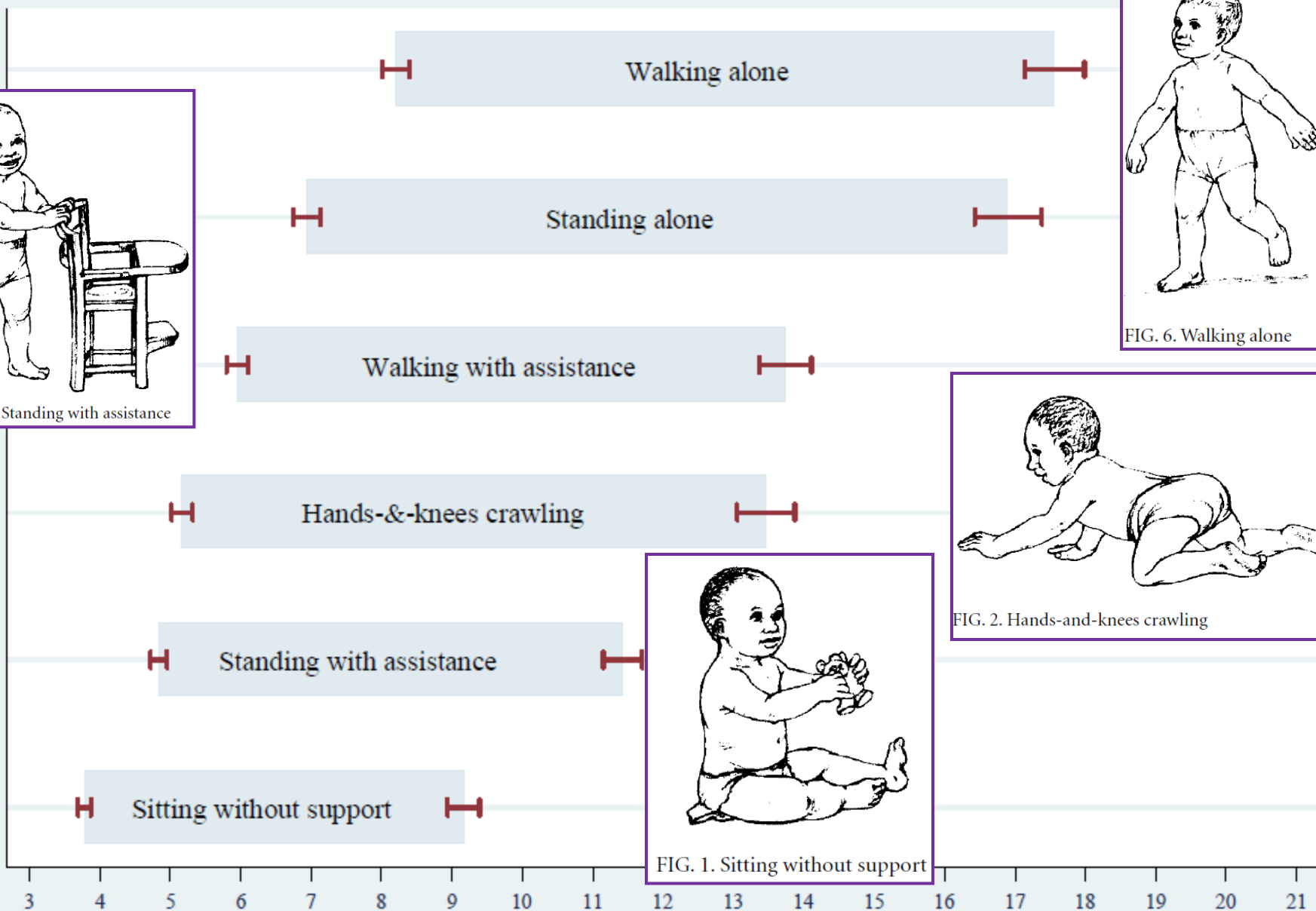
- Growth
  - Changes in size
- Development
  - Increases and changes in physical, intellectual, emotional, social..... skills



# Windows of achievement for six gross motor milestones

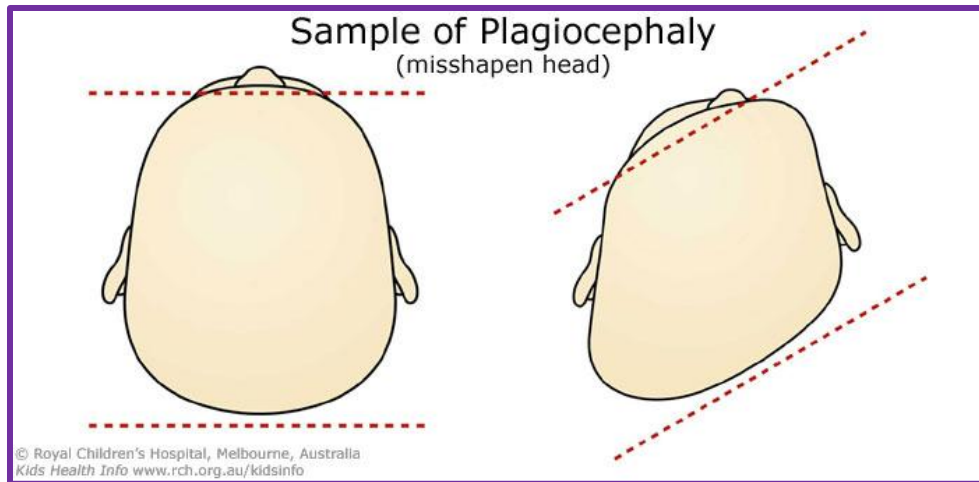


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# Growth and development of foot

- Nature
  - Heredity
  - Physical make-up
- Nurture
  - Environment
  - Influences such as
    - Height/Weight/Gender
    - Nutrition
    - Footwear
    - First walking age



# Growth and development of foot

- Foot

- Accommodate irregularities of the ground
- Maintain balance
- Support weight
- Shock absorber
- Generate forward movement
- Transmit propulsive forces
- Proprioception

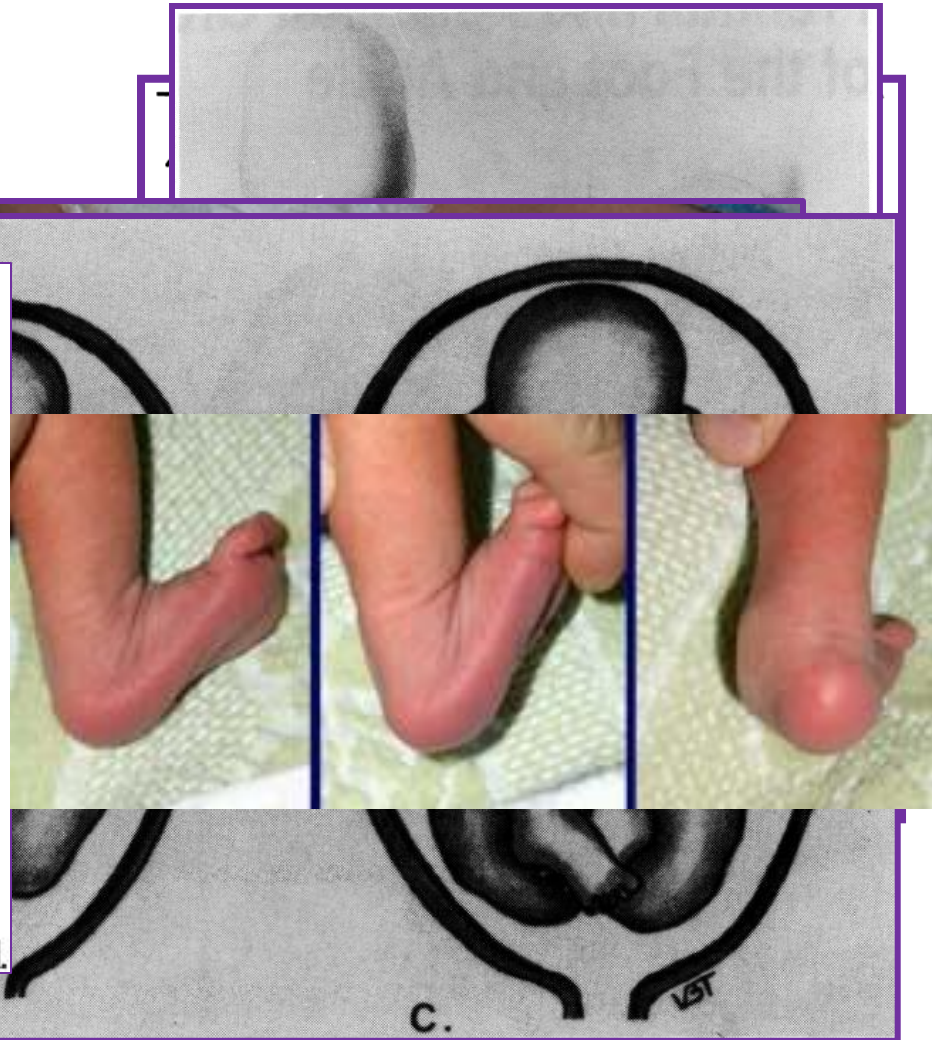
More dynamic  
Energy expenditure  
Body protection

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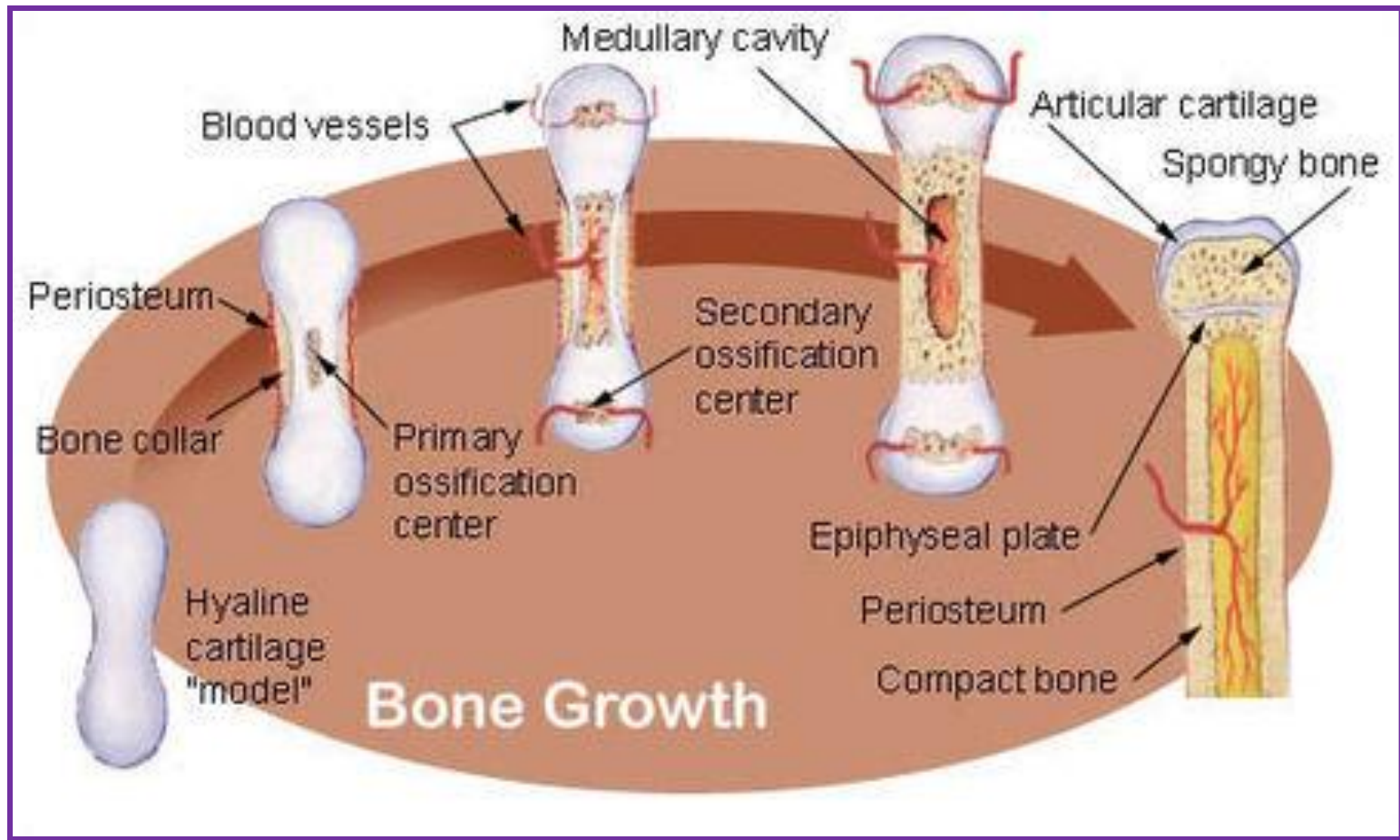
- Prenatal development
- Ossification
- Foot of Newborn and infant
- Postnatal development
  - Length
  - Longitudinal arch

# Prenatal development

- 28 days: Leg buds appear




# Ossification





# Ossification

	Appearance	Union
Metatarsals and phalanges	9-15 week fetus - 3-5 years	
Calcaneus - posterior surface	5 month fetus - 6-8 years	
Talus	6-7 month fetus - 8 years	
Cuboid	9 month fetus	
Lateral cuneiform	4-20 month	
Intermediate cuneiform	2-3 years	
Medial cuneiform	2-3 years	
Navicular	2-5 years	

# Foot of Newborn and Infant

- Soft and elastic (flexibility)
- Triangular shape
- Forefoot adduction
- More dorsiflexion ROM
- Larger size in relation to body weight
- Mid-foot fat pad
- Absence of a visible longitudinal arch

# Evaluation of early walking patterns from plantar pressure distribution measurements. First year results of 42 children

Comparison of the absolute pressure distribution parameters within the first year ( $n = 42$ )

	First exam		+3 Months		+6 Months		+9 Months	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.

Fat pad and large size of foot increase the loaded area of the plantar surface

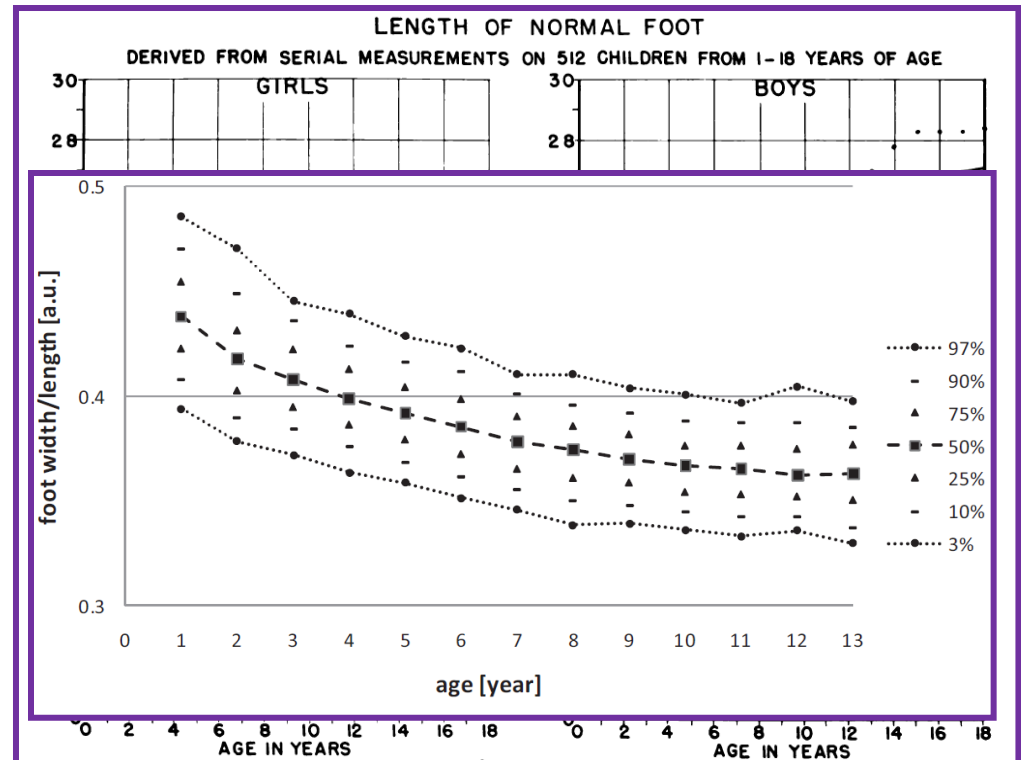
• Forefoot	14.2	2.0	16.8	1.9	17.9	1.9	18.9	1.9
• Hallux	3.6	0.7	3.9	0.8	4.0	0.8	4.4	0.9

Reduces the pressures to protect the sensitive cartilage of the foot skeleton and to reduce shear forces

• Forefoot	52.7	13.6	68.2	12.7	76.7	11.9	84.4	14.5
• Hallux	17.1	6.1	19.1	8.1	19.5	7.4	22.6	8.2
• Toes 2–5	7.7	4.5	8.2	4.3	7.8	4.1	9.5	5.2
<i>Peak pressure (kPa)</i>								
• Total foot	148.1	40.9	157.9	46.8	169.9	45.0	171.8	42.3
• Hindfoot	109.8	35.2	127.2	48.7	141.7	48.1	143.4	46.6
• Midfoot	73.1	14.8	78.2	17.4	80.1	21.5	74.8	16.5
• Forefoot	87.4	37.1	102.6	26.1	110.0	27.3	110.9	24.8
• Hallux	123.7	40.9	123.5	47.4	124.6	50.2	133.0	43.5
• Toes 2–5	49.4	20.0	54.1	22.6	50.5	18.9	57.3	20.5

# Lengths of growing foot

- The average length is 7 to 10 cm at birth.
- The average width is one half its length at birth.
- Half of adult is achieved by the first year.
- By age 10 years, girls reach 90%, whereas boys reach 82%



# Lengths of growing foot

	Gender		Appointment		Age onset of walking		Body height		Body weight	
	p	Beta	p	Beta	p	Beta	p	Beta	p	Beta
PP										
Total	0.8104	0.9902	0.2736	1.0271	0.1424	1.0176	<0.0001	1.1009	0.0056	0.9843
Hindfoot	0.3015	0.9506	0.3397	1.0308	0.0255	1.0293	<0.0001	1.1348	0.0009	0.9731
Midfoot	0.2374	1.0648	0.6252	0.9825	0.2885	0.9860	0.0003	0.9448	<0.0001	1.0348
Forefoot	0.8060	0.9902	0.3178	1.0259	0.9219	0.9991	0.0003	1.0709	0.3984	1.0033
Hallux	0.7699	1.0198	0.5212	0.9806	0.9795	1.0005	0.0017	1.0828	0.8812	0.9988
Toes 2-5										0.9704
CArel										
Total										0.9998
Hindfoot										0.9960
Midfoot										1.0303
Forefoot										0.9943
Hallux										0.9914
Toes 2-5										0.9753
MFrel										
Total	0.2096	0.9830	0.0036	1.0247	0.7359	0.9990	0.5891	0.9968	0.1051	0.9967
Hindfoot	0.2148	0.9703	0.8803	1.0023	0.6985	1.0023	<0.0001	1.0761	<0.0001	0.9796
Midfoot	0.1471	1.2298	0.4560	0.9423	0.1102	0.9471	0.0083	0.8793	0.0051	1.0358
Forefoot	0.2253	0.9712	0.5157	1.0107	0.3407	0.9933	<0.0001	1.0542	0.0012	0.9877
Hallux	0.2237	1.0814	0.6679	1.0141	0.3930	0.9911	0.0001	1.0936	<0.0001	0.9660
Toes 2-5	0.3782	1.1138	0.0112	1.1142	0.7972		0.0880		<0.0001	0.9397
AI	0.1326	1.1555	0.2556	0.9438	0.2283	0.9772	0.0047	0.9167	0.0036	1.0315
MFW	0.0022	0.5884	0.4526	0.0945	0.1240	-0.0734	0.0023	-0.2688	0.0047	0.0760
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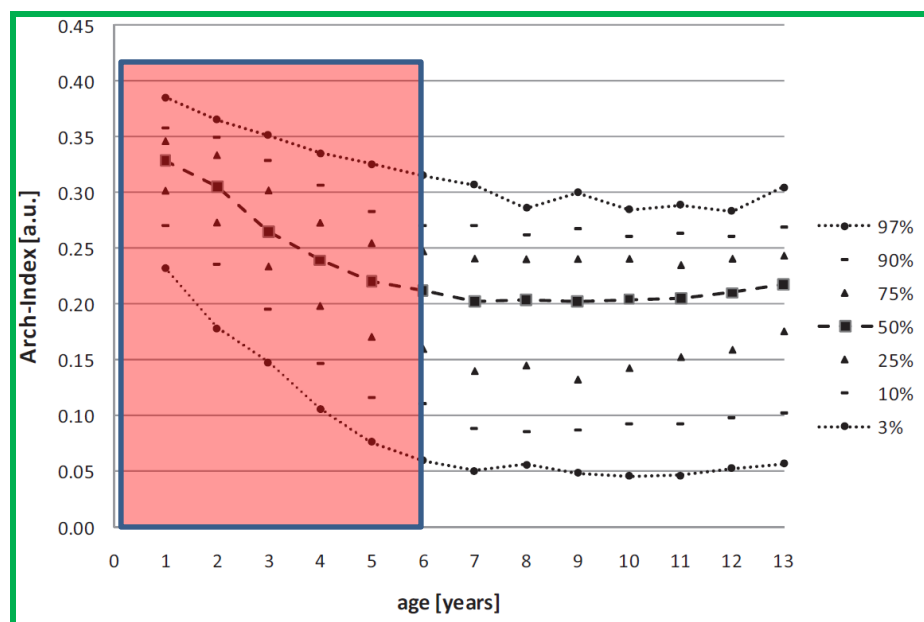
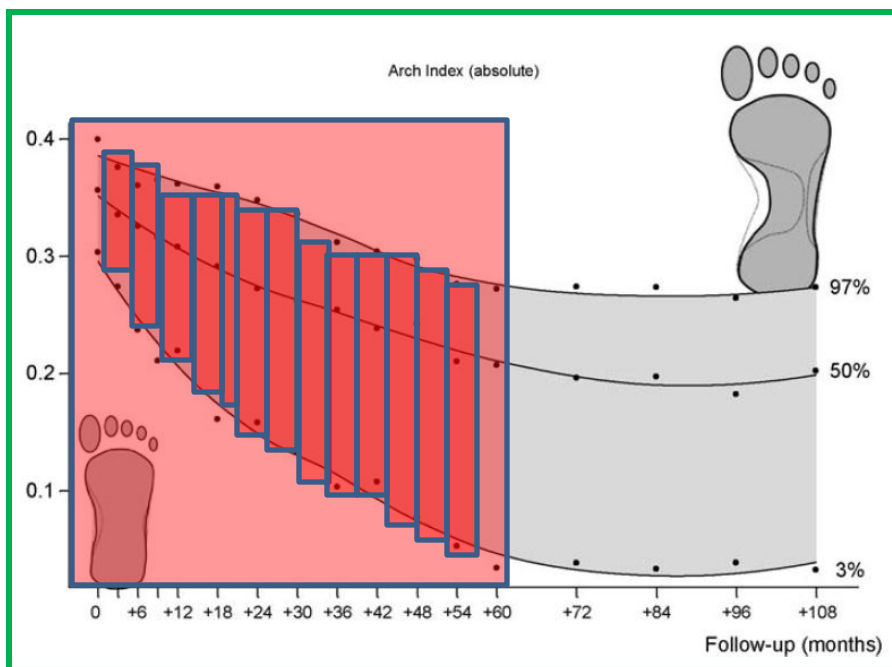
A 5 cm difference in height would be related to a longer foot (+0.4 cm) but a lesser foot width (0.3 cm).

# Longitudinal arch

- Debatable
- Arch index  
= midfoot contact area/total foot contact area

# Static and dynamic foot characteristics in children aged 1–13 years: A cross-sectional study

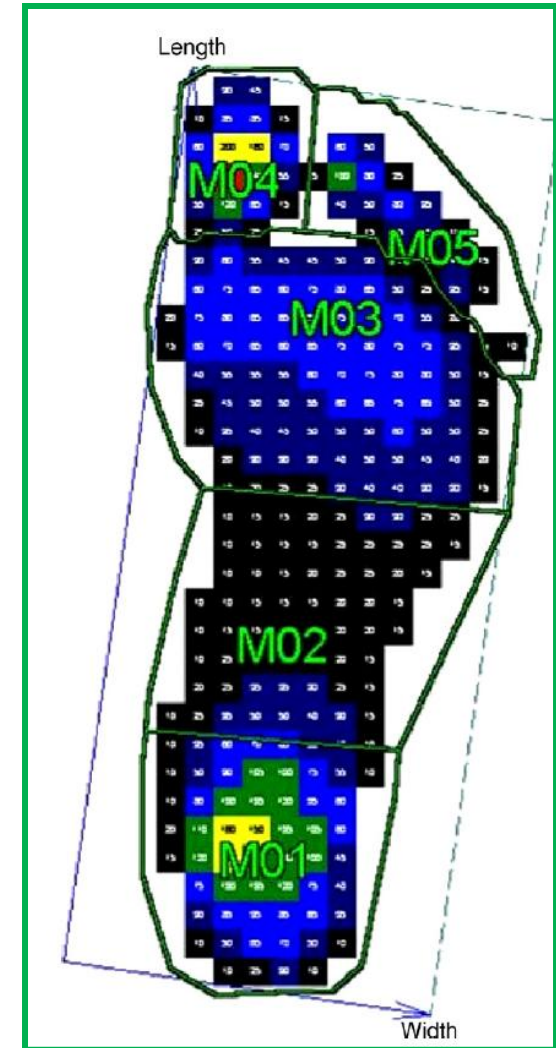
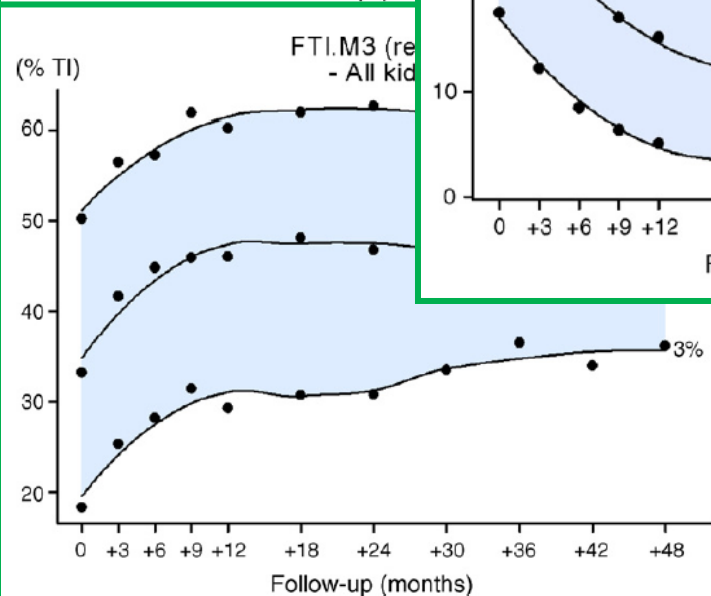
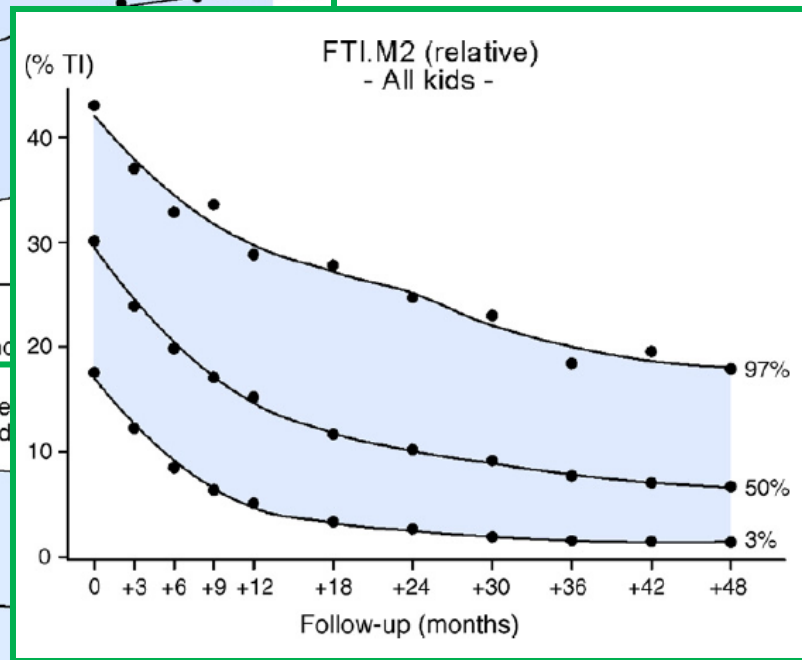
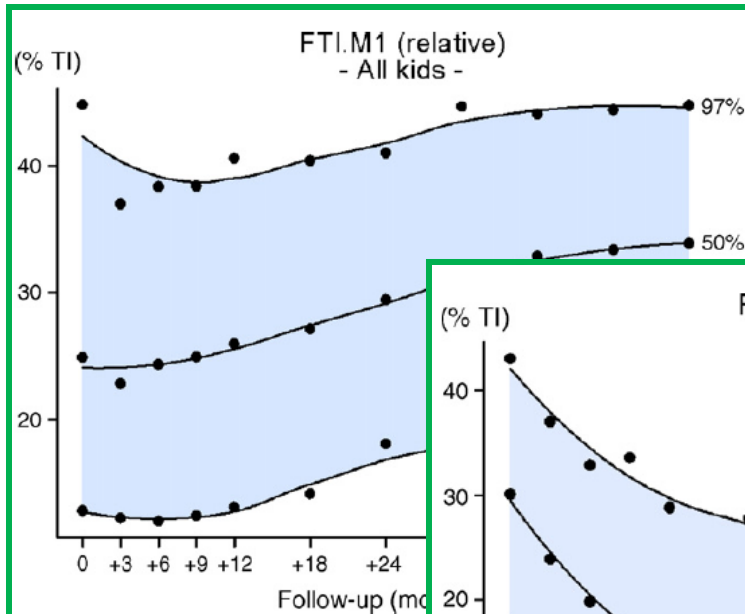
## Development of healthy children's feet—Nine-year results of a longitudinal investigation of plantar loading patterns



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# Preliminary normative values for foot loading parameters of the developing child





# Development of plantar pressure

- Increased loading on forefoot and heel
- Decreased loading on midfoot
- Fat pad shifts towards the heel and the forefoot

=> More controlled roll-over process

# Roll-over process

More dynamic gait and running  
Energy expenditure



Heel Rocker

Heel Rocker: Using the heel as the fulcrum (rod designating motion axis), the foot rolls into plantar flexion. Pretibial muscles, as they decelerate the foot drop, also draw the tibia forward. Limb progression preserved.



Ankle Rocker

Figure 3.25 Ankle Rocker: With the ankle as the fulcrum (rod designating the axis of motion) the tibia (and whole limb) rolls forward in response to momentum (arrow). The rate of tibial progression is decelerated by the soleus muscle.

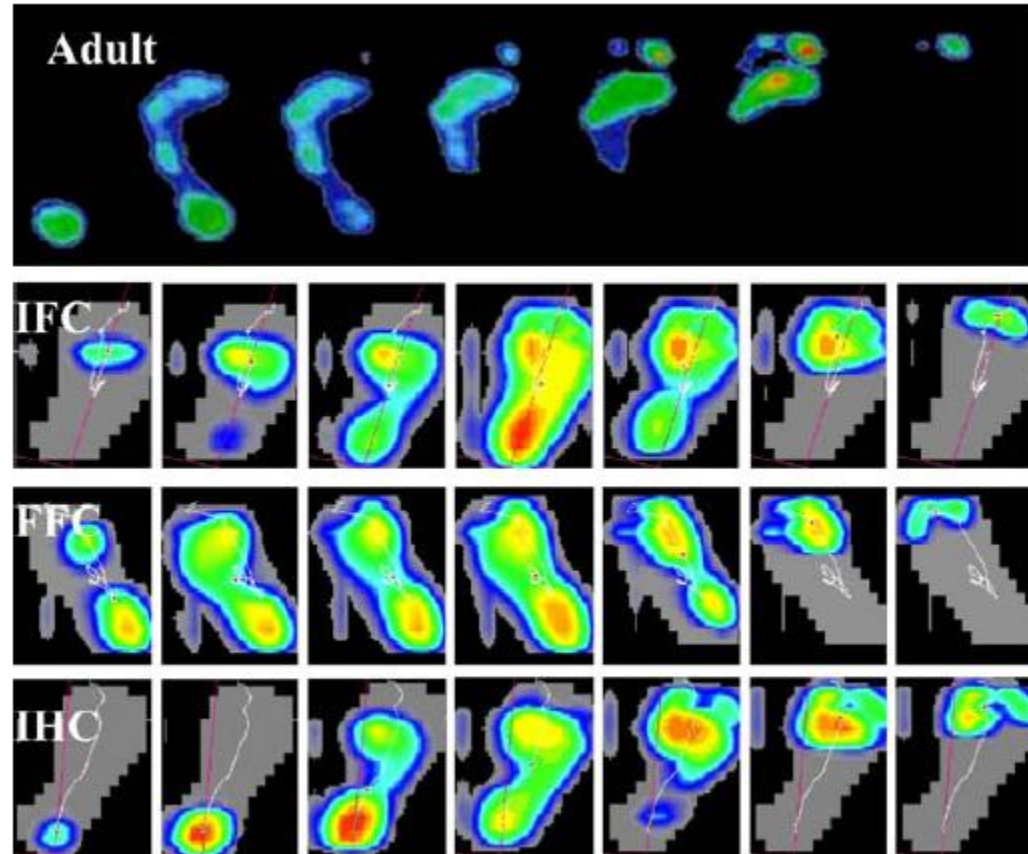


Forefoot Rocker

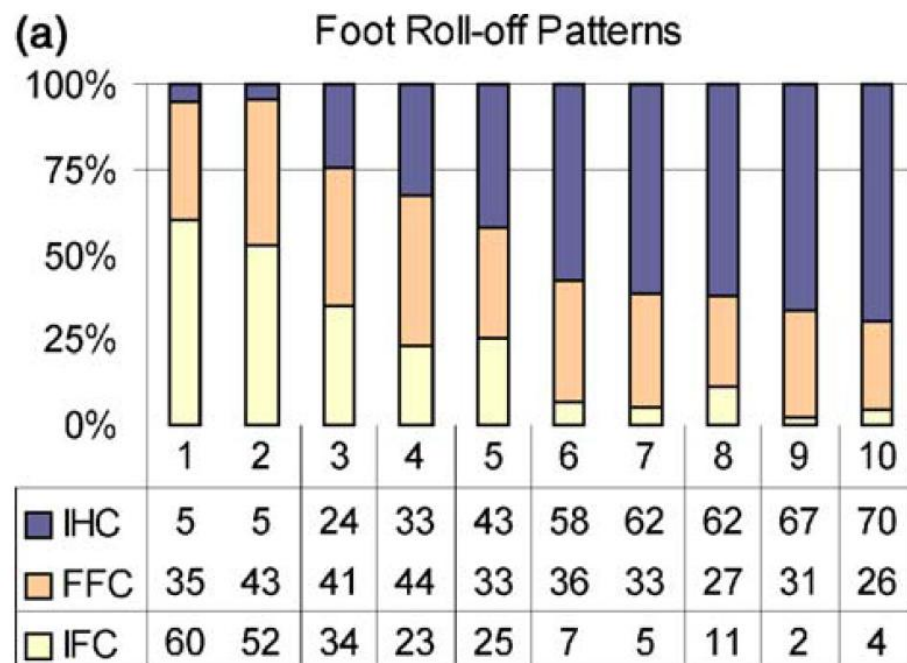
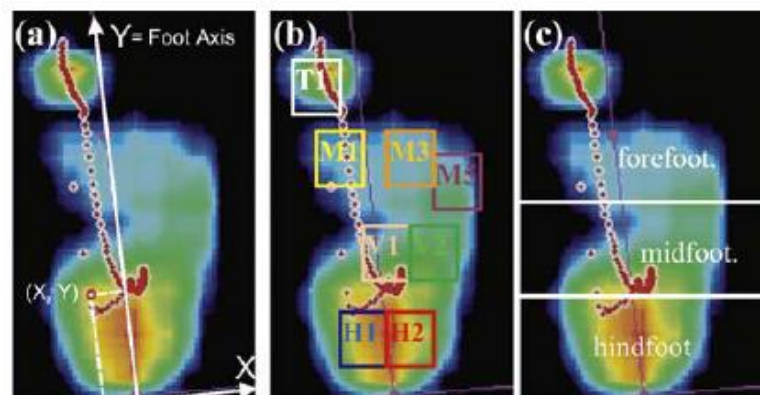
Figure 3.26 Forefoot Rocker: Tibial progression (arrow) is continued over the forefoot rocker (rod as the axis). Both gastrocnemius and soleus act vigorously to decelerate the rate of tibial advancement.

# Plantar pressure

- Three types at an initial walking
  - Initial forefoot-contact
  - Flat foot-contact
  - Initial heel contact



# Changes in foot-function parameters during the first 5 months after the onset of independent walking: a longitudinal follow-up study



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Fig. 3. Example of a child (#43) with a clear development of the arch after 6 months and even more so after 1 year. The gait line shows a smooth pattern after 1 year.

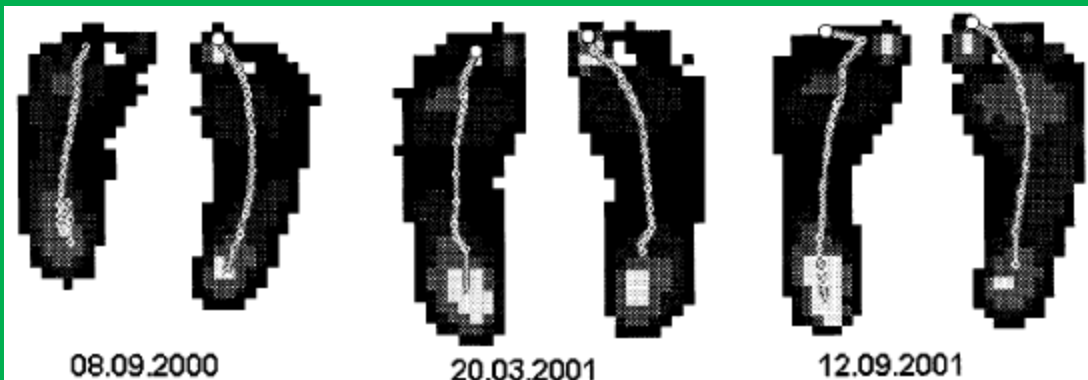
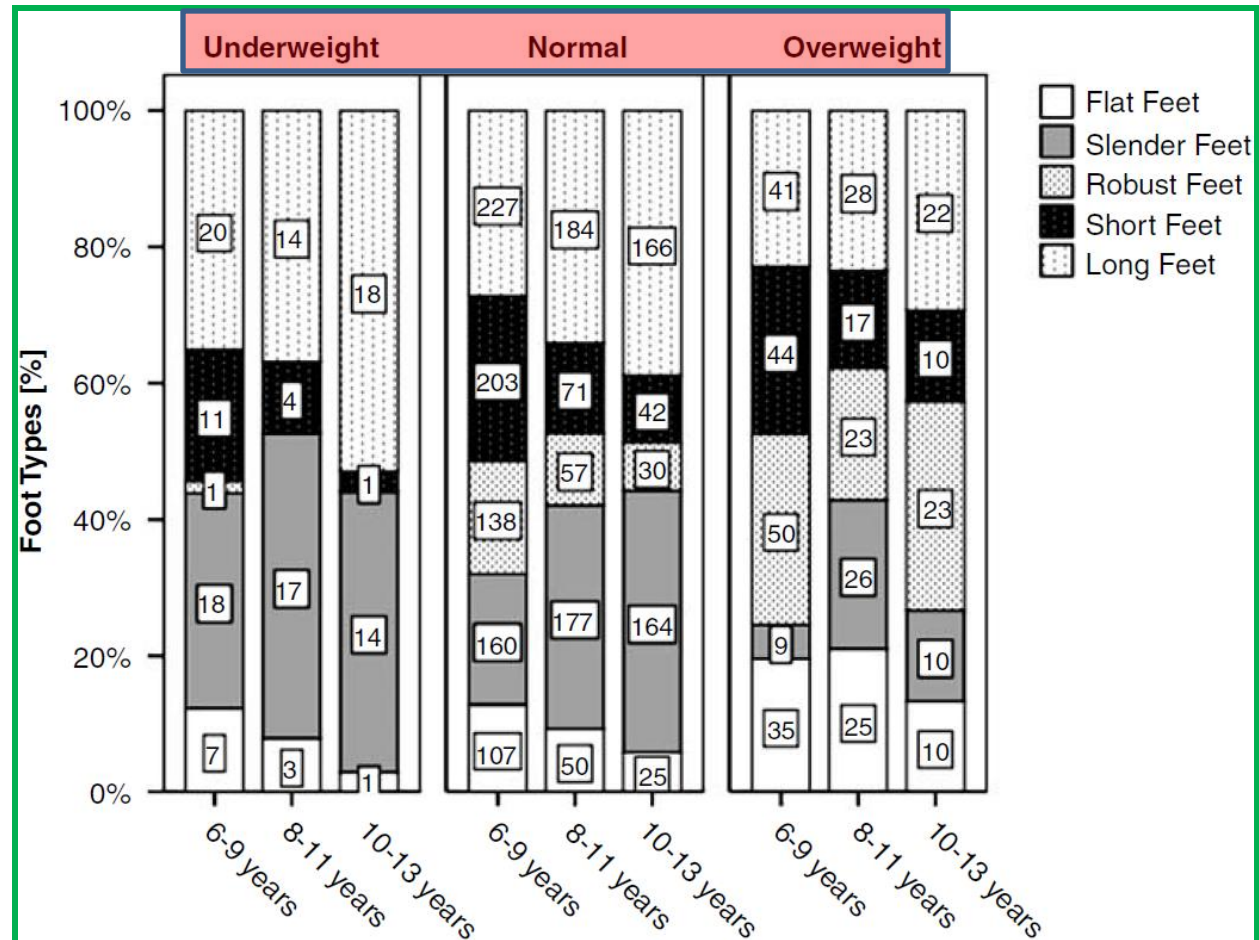


Fig. 5. Example of a plantar pressure pattern with the persisting flat foot pattern (#23).

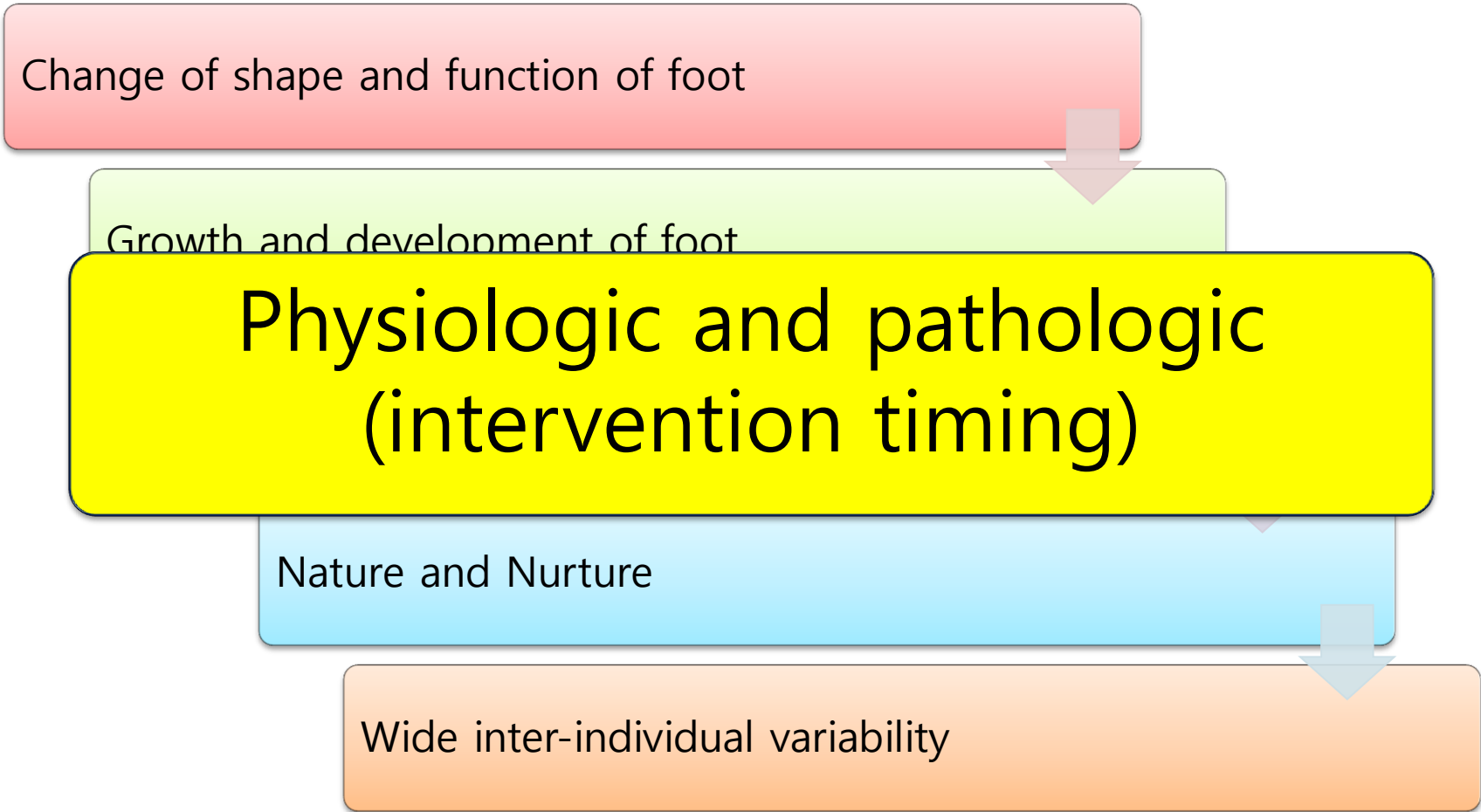
# Foot morphology of normal, underweight and overweight children

- 1450 boys  
1437 girls  
(2 – 14 years)
  - Flat feet
  - Slender feet
  - Robust feet
  - Short feet
  - Long feet



# Conclusion

Change of shape and function of foot



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graph TD; A[Change of shape and function of foot] --> B[Growth and development of foot]; B --> C[Physiologic and pathologic (intervention timing)]; C --> D[Nature and Nurture]; D --> E[Wide inter-individual variability];
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Growth and development of foot

**Physiologic and pathologic  
(intervention timing)**

Nature and Nurture

Wide inter-individual variability