

Preface



Douglas P. Beall, MD



Scot E. Campbell, MD

Guest Editors

In addition to being great athletes, Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Joe Montana, Monica Seles, Jason Kidd, Boris Becker, and Yao Ming all have one thing in common. Their careers and their athletic performance were adversely affected by injuries of their feet or ankles. Prompt diagnosis and treatment is of the utmost importance in getting these high performance athletes back to their typical level of function.

In addition to being common, injuries of the foot or ankle can be debilitating enough to have a serious affect on one's ability to perform normal activities of daily life. Injuries that limit ambulation also may carry a very high risk of morbidity and mortality in the elderly or otherwise debilitated population.

There is no greater need for accurate and prompt diagnosis than in foot and ankle imaging. This issue focuses on common injuries, like ankle inversions, but it also will address associated conditions like ankle impingement, midfoot injuries, and hindfoot pathology. Lisfranc fractures are discussed, which are significantly debilitating and commonly are missed on conventional radiography. A very interesting article on turf toe brings to light one of the most common athletic injuries to sideline players. A discussion on MR imaging of the diabetic foot illustrates some of the characteristic and ubiquitous findings seen in this patient population. Additionally, a less common but very important discussion of the osseous tumors of the foot and ankle provides valuable information for those occasions when masses are encountered.

The orthopedic advancements and the ability to treat pathologic conditions of the foot and ankle have paralleled the imaging improvements. This creates an optimal scenario to see and treat—to recognize the pathology and send the patient for treatment that has the potential to improve or correct the underlying condition. Never before has the accurate recognition of foot and ankle pathology been so important.

Douglas P. Beall, MD
 Director of Radiology Services
 Clinical Radiology of Oklahoma
 Oklahoma City, OK, USA
 and

Fellowship Director
 Musculoskeletal Imaging and Intervention
 Department of Orthopedic Surgery
 University of Oklahoma
 610 NW 14th Street
 Oklahoma City, OK 73103, USA

Scot E. Campbell, MD
 Chief of Musculoskeletal Imaging
 Department of Radiology
 Wilford Hall Medical Center
 2200 Bergquist Drive, Suite 1
 Lackland Air Force Base
 San Antonio, TX 78236, USA

E-mail addresses:
db@clinrad.org (D.P. Beall)
scot.campbell@lackland.af.mil (S.E. Campbell)