

Frontal, Lateral compartment of Leg and Dorsum of Foot

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- **Important**
- **Doctors Notes**
- **Notes/Extra explanation**

Objectives

- ✓ Identify the deep fascia of leg
- ✓ Identify the fascial compartments of the leg
- ✓ Describe the anatomy of the anterior & lateral compartments
- ✓ List the contents of each compartment (muscles, vessels & nerves)
- ✓ Describe the anatomy and contents of the dorsum of the foot

Fascia of the Leg

- The deep fascia surrounds the leg and is attached to Anterior & Medial borders of Tibia.

- **Two Intermuscular Septa**

Pass from the deep aspect of this fascia to be attached to :

Anterior border of fibula (Anterior intermuscular septum)

Posterior border of fibula (Posterior intermuscular septum)

- Interosseous membrane:

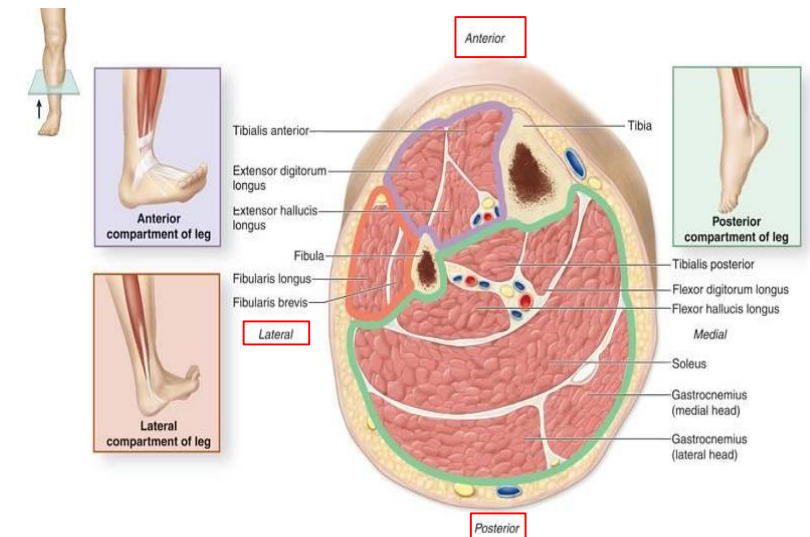
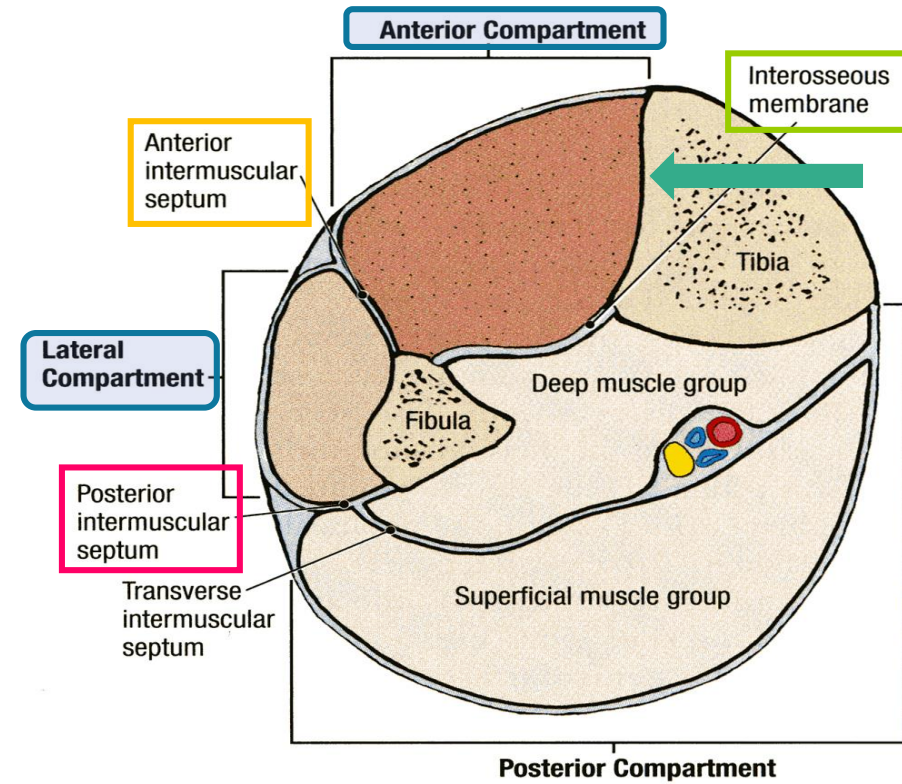
A thin & strong membrane, that binds the interosseous borders of tibia & fibula. It binds the two bones and provides attachment for muscles.

The interosseous membrane and the two intermuscular septa divide the leg into

(3) Compartments :

1. Anterior
2. Lateral (peroneal)
3. Posterior

Each one has its own **Muscles** (with specific action), **Blood vessels** and **Nerves**.



Anterior Compartment

Criteria (Contents)

Muscles :

- All muscles take origin from the fibula EXCEPT **Tibialis Anterior** .

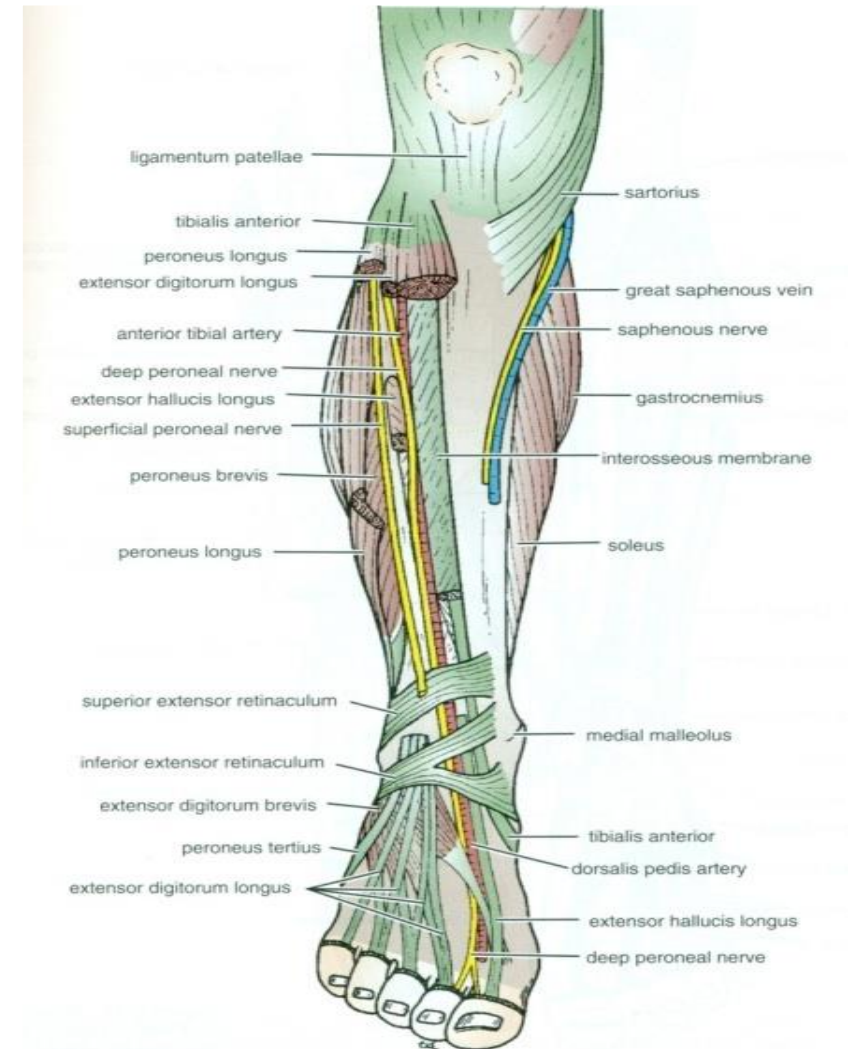
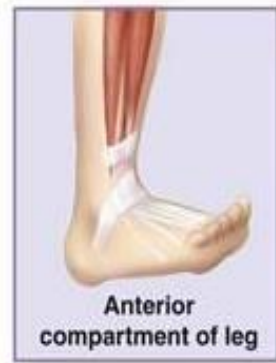
Nerve supply:

- Deep Peroneal.

Blood Supply:

- Anterior tibial.

Action: **Dorsiflexion** of the ankle joint & Extension of the toes & (**Inversion**).



Anterior Compartment Muscles

Tibialis Anterior

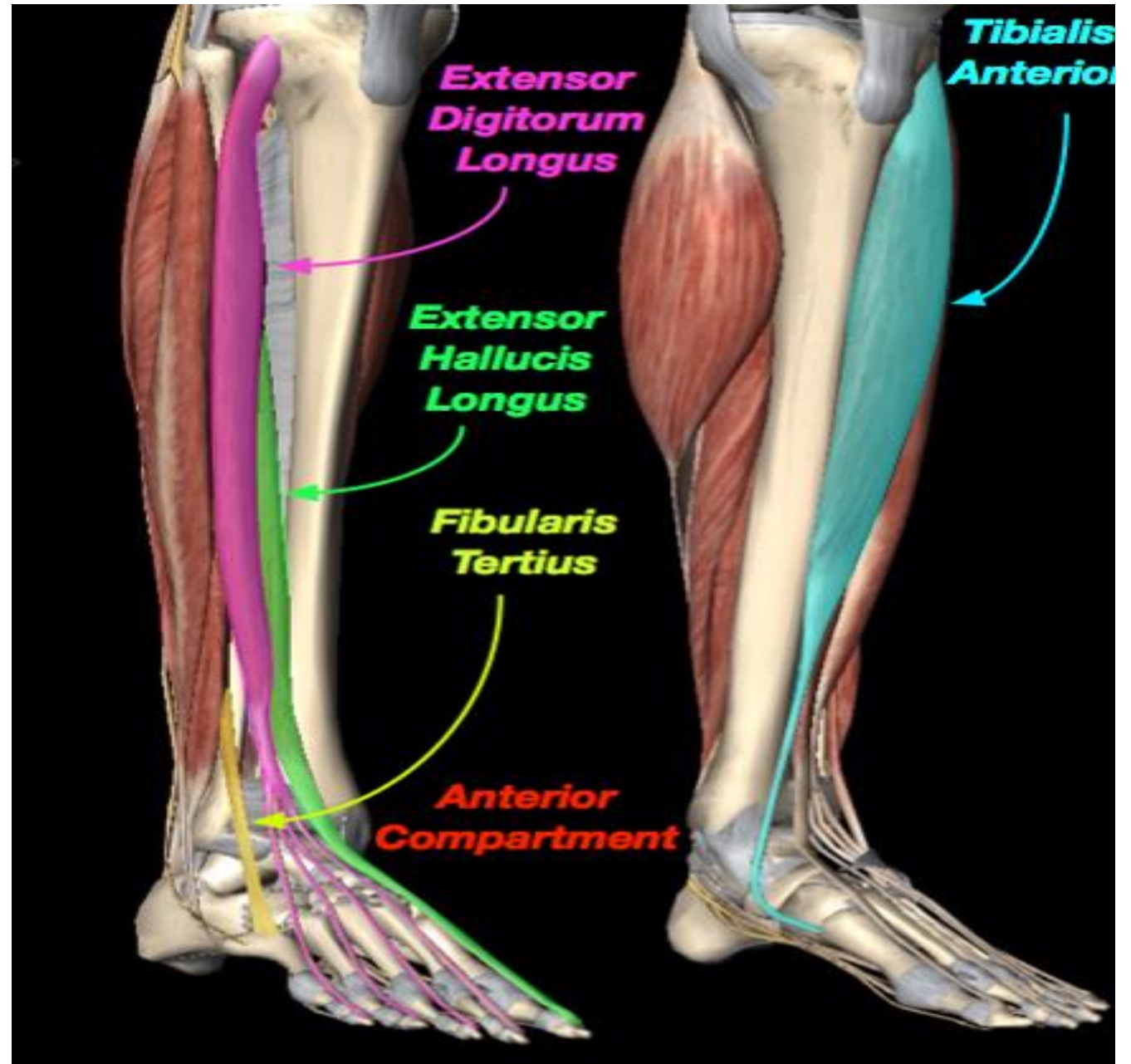
Extensor Digitorum Longus

Extensor Hallucius* Longus

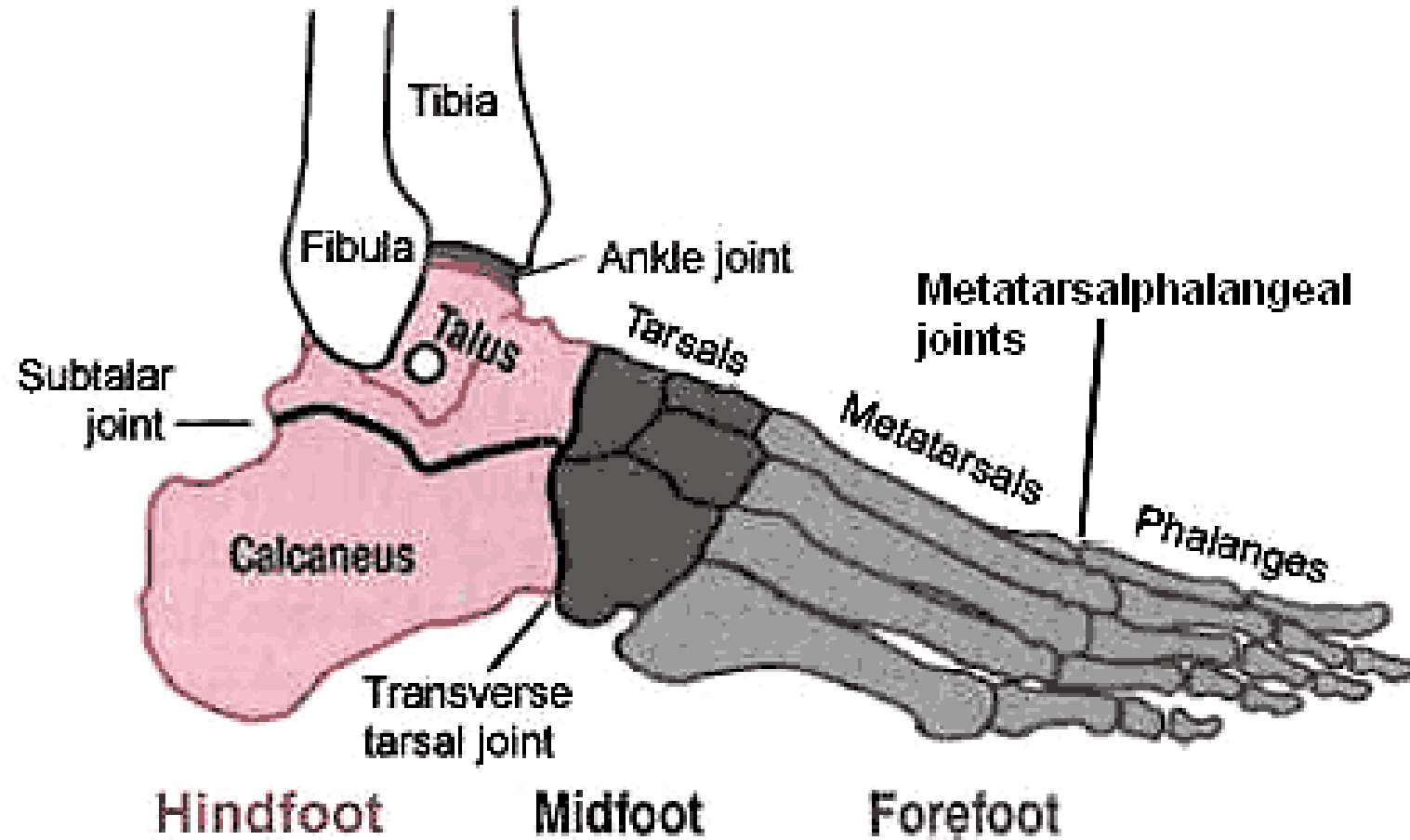
Peroneus Tertius**

*Hallucius = big toe

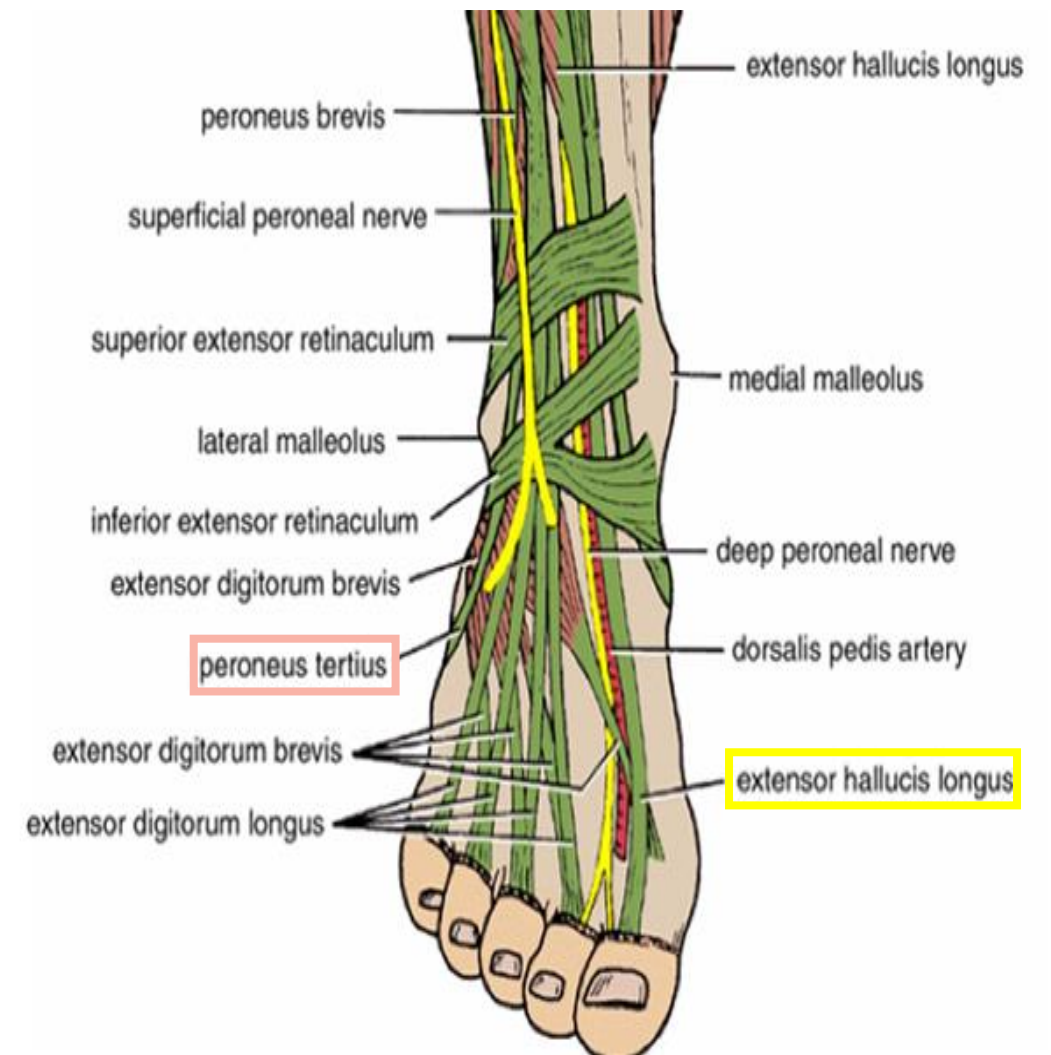
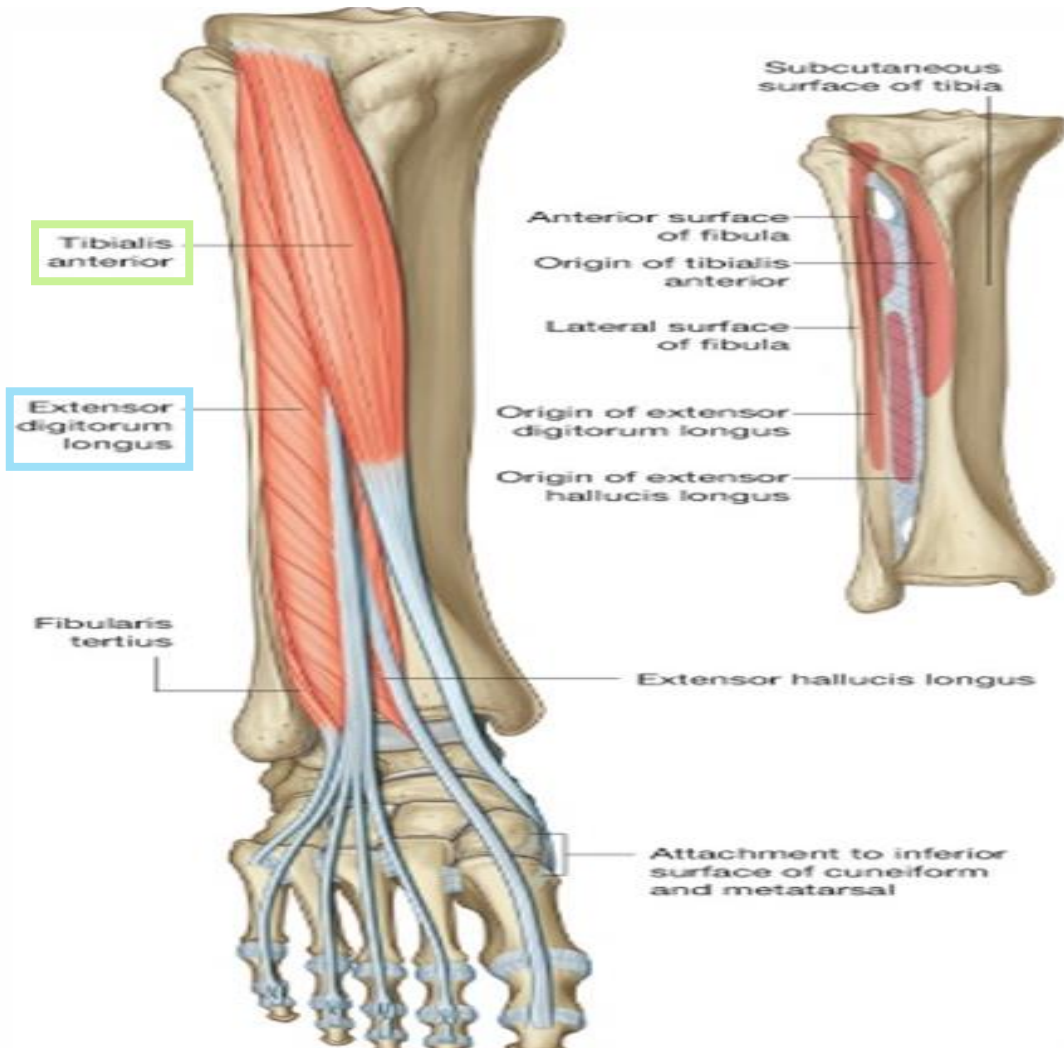
**Fibularis Tertius = Pernous tertius



Recall the bones and joints of the foot



Anterior Compartment Muscles



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Plantar flexion = flexion of ankle/foot
Dorsi flexion = extension of ankle/foot

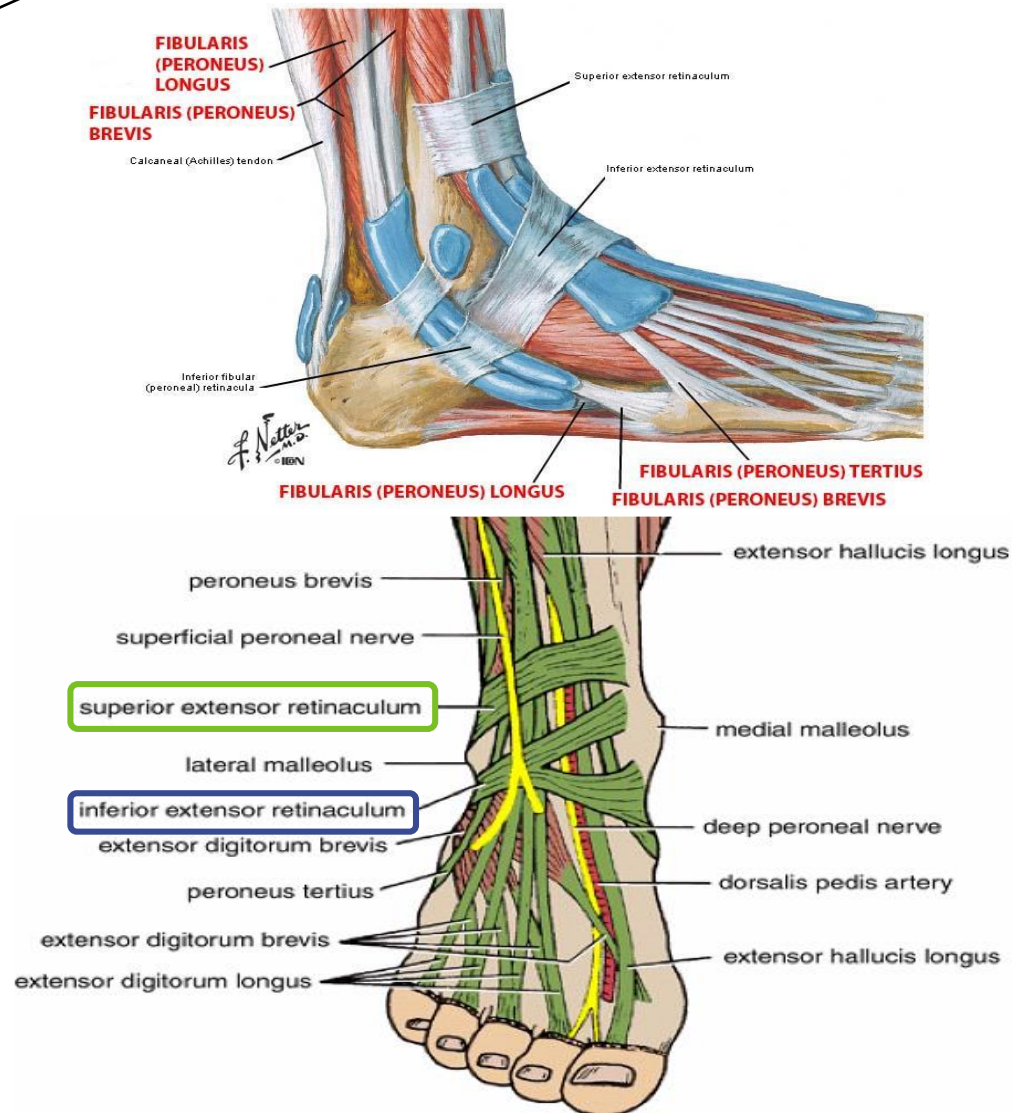
Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Action
Tibialis anterior.	<u>Lateral</u> surface of shaft of <u>tibia</u> & interosseous membrane.	Medial cuneiform & base of 1 st metatarsal bone.	<u>Extends</u> foot at ankle joint. <u>Inverts</u> foot at subtalar & transverse tarsal joints. <u>Holds up medial longitudinal arch</u> of foot.
Extensor Digitorum Longus.	<u>Anterior</u> surface of shaft of <u>fibula</u> .	Extensor expansion of lateral four toes.	<u>Extends</u> toes. <u>Dorsi flex</u> foot at ankle joint.
Peroneus tertius.	<u>Anterior</u> surface of shaft of <u>fibula</u> .	Base of <u>5th</u> metatarsal bone.	<u>Dorsi flex</u> foot at ankle joint. <u>Everts</u> foot at subtalar and transverse tarsal joints.
Extensor hallucis longus.	<u>Anterior</u> surface of shaft of <u>fibula</u> .	Base of distal phalanx of great toe.	<u>Extends</u> big toe. <u>Dorsi flex</u> foot at ankle joint. <u>Inverts</u> foot at subtalar and transverse tarsal joints.

Extensor Retinaculum

A thickening of deep fascia that keep the long tendons around ankle joints in position.

Superior Extensor Retinaculum:
Attached to anterior surface of tibia and fibula **above** the ankle.
(above the lateral and medial malleolus)

Inferior Extensor Retinaculum:
Y-shaped and located **inferior** to ankle.

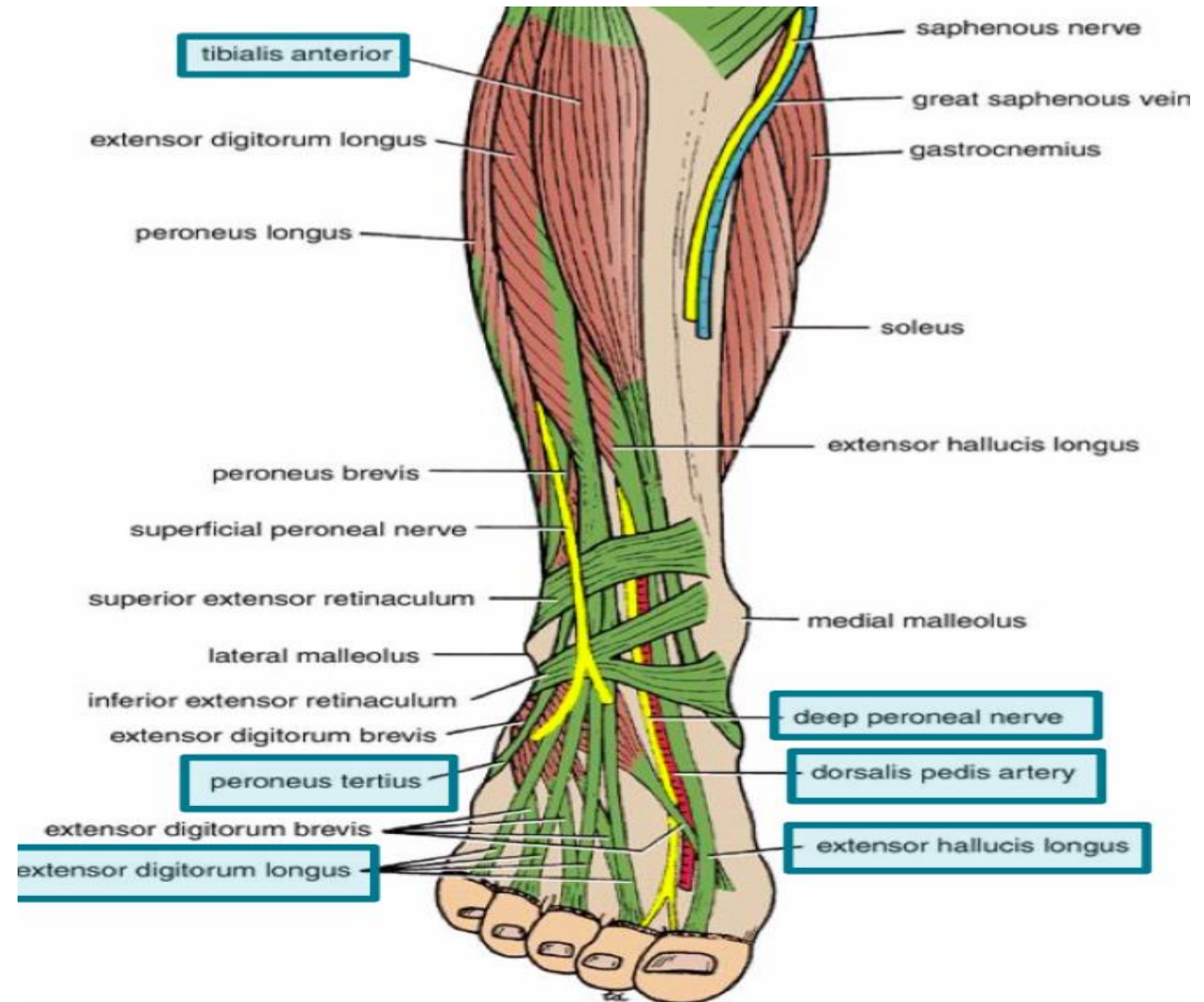


Structures Passing **Deep** to Extensor Retinaculum:

From medial to lateral:

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- 1- **Tibialis** anterior
- 2- Extensor **hallucis** longus
- 3- Dorsalis pedis artery (**vessel**)
- 4- Dorsalis pedis nerve (**nerve**)
- 5- Extensor **digitorum** longus
- 6- **Peroneus** tertius

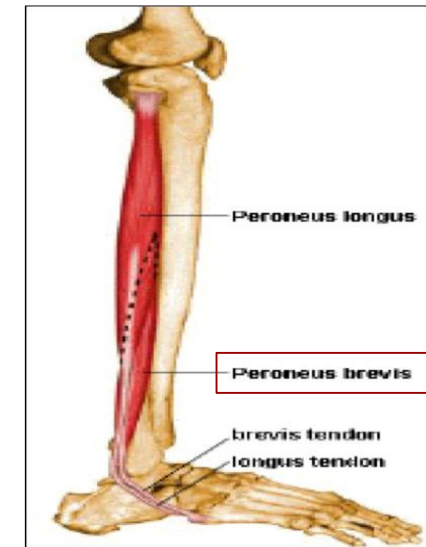
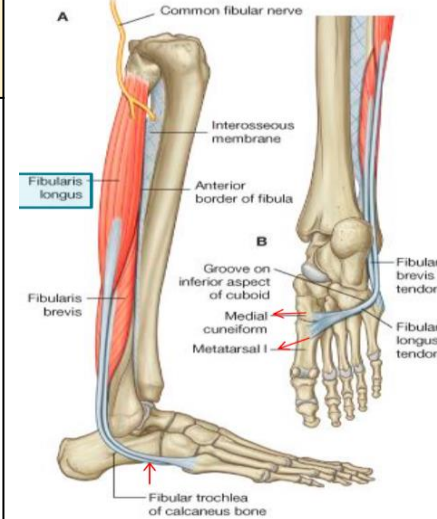


Lateral Compartment: Muscles

The lateral compartment contains only 2 muscles.
The general action is **Plantar flexion and Eversion**



Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Action	Nerve	Blood Supply
Peroneus Longus <p>Fibularis (peroneus) longus Fibularis (peroneus) tertius</p>	Lateral surface of shaft of fibula	Base of first metatarsal and the medial cuneiform (same as tibialis anterior)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Plantar flexes</u> foot at ankle joint 2. Everts foot at subtalar and transverse tarsal joints 3. Supports lateral longitudinal and transverse arches 	Superficial Peroneal (Musculocutaneous)	Peroneal Artery
Peroneus Brevis <p>Fibularis (peroneus) brevis</p>		Base of fifth metatarsal bone. (same as peroneus tertius)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Plantar flexes</u> foot at ankle joint; 2. <u>Everts foot</u> at subtalar and transverse tarsal joint 3. <u>Supports Lateral longitudinal arch</u> of foot. 		



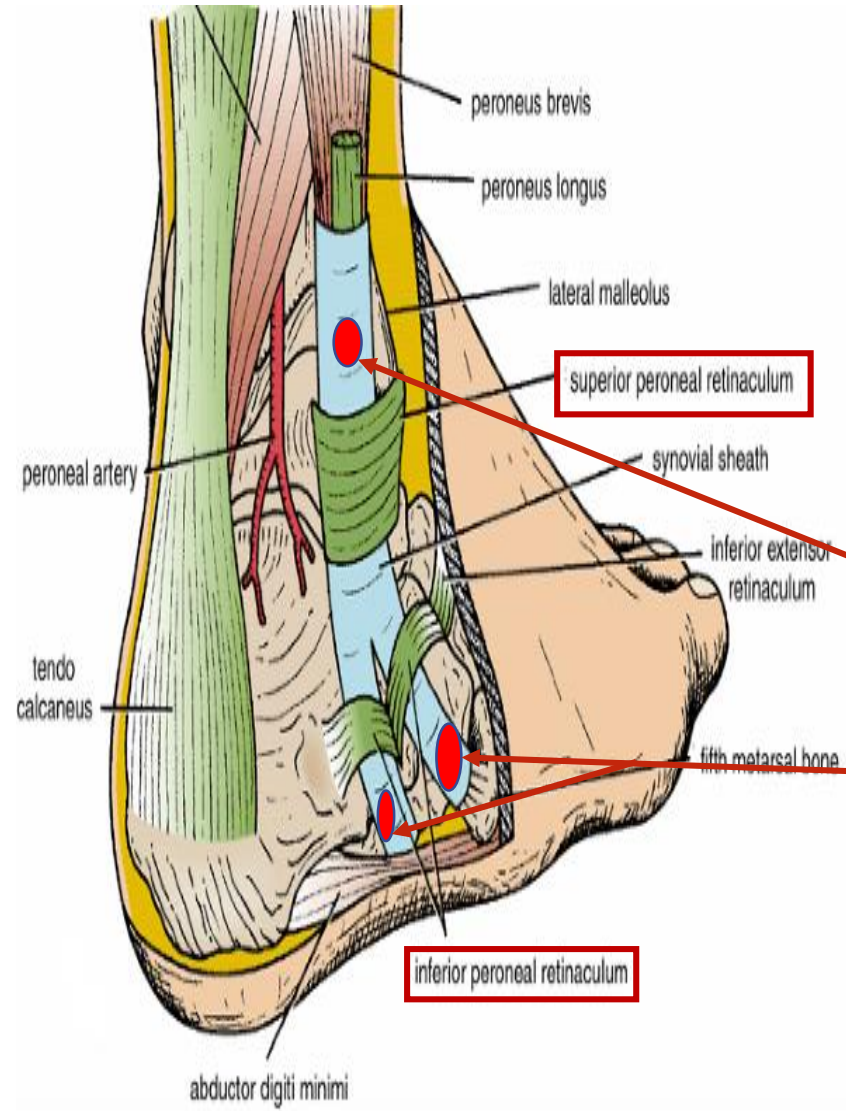
NOTE: Peroneus = Fibularis

Peroneal retinacula

1-Superior peroneal retinaculum

Connects the **lateral malleolus** to **calcaneum** & holds the tendons of peroneus longus & brevis

2-Inferior peroneal retinaculum



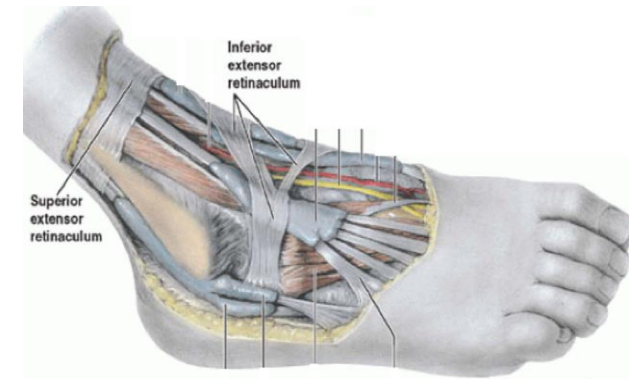
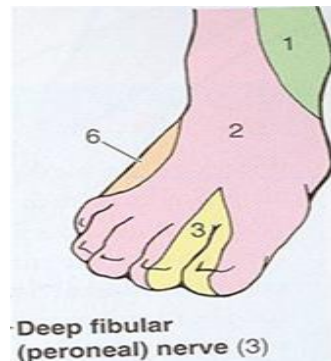
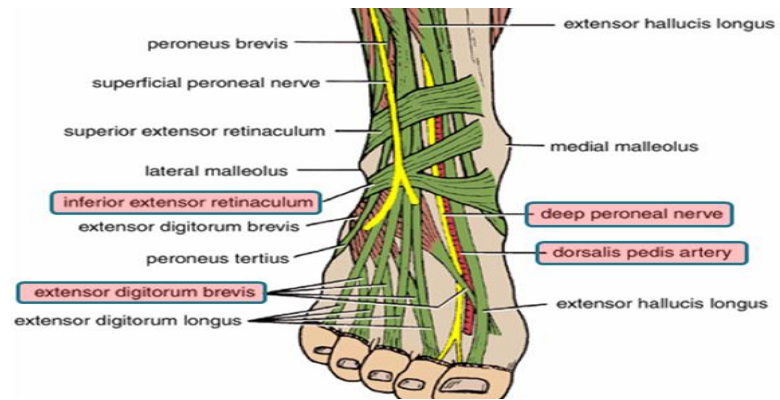
Synovial Sheaths of Peroneal Longus & Brevis:

Above the inferior peroneal retinaculum tendons of peronei are surrounded by a **single common tubular synovial sheath**, deep to inferior peroneal retinaculum, they have **separate sheaths**

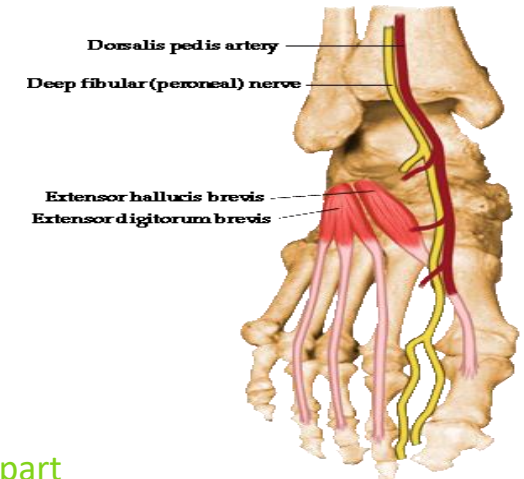
Dorsum of foot

Contents

- Muscles:** Extensor Digitorum Brevis
Blood Vessel: Dorsalis Pedis
Nerves: DEEP & Superficial Peroneal



Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Innervation	Action
Extensor Digitorum Brevis	Anterior part of upper surface of the Calcaneum & from the Inferior extensor retinaculum	tendons into the proximal phalanx of the big toe (extensor hallucis brevis) and long extensor tendons to second, third, and fourth toes	Deep fibular nerve	Extension of toes



Deep Fascia of Dorsum of Foot

It is very thin, but just distal to ankle joint, it is thickened to form Inferior extensor retinaculum.

The muscle has 4 tendons (since it is called digitorum): one on the big toe and 3 on the 2nd 3rd and 4th toes. We call the part that inserts into the big toe extensor hallucis longus, but they are all collectively known as extensor digitorum brevis

Insertion of Long Extensor Tendons (**Extensor Expansion**)

The tendons of **Extensor digitorum longus** pass to the **lateral four toes**.

- Each tendon to the 2nd, 3rd & 4th toes is joined on its lateral side by a tendon of **Extensor digitorum brevis**.

- The extensor tendons form:

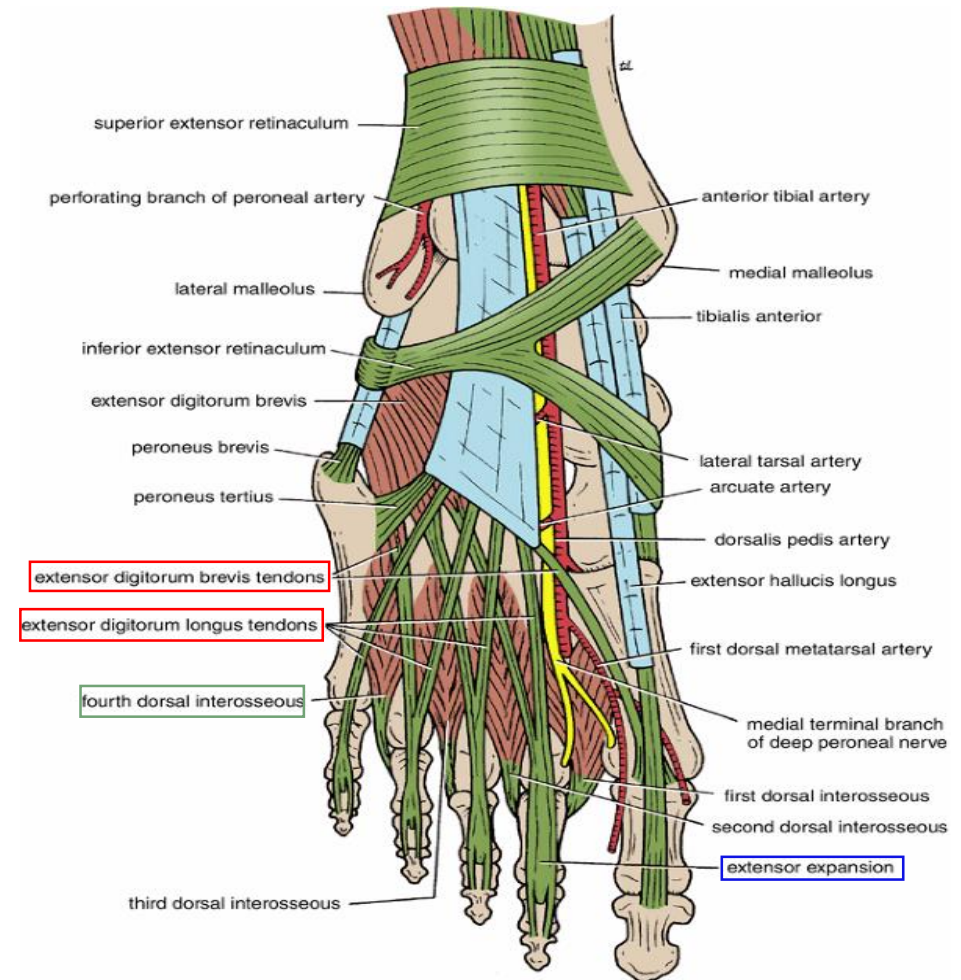
a **Fascial Expansion** (Extensor Expansion) on the dorsum of each toe.

-The expansion divides into (3) parts:-

~**Central part**: inserted into the Base of Middle phalanges.

~**Two Lateral parts**: inserted into the Base of Distal phalanges.

The (**Extensor Expansion**) receives insertion of : **Interossei & Lumbrical** muscles.



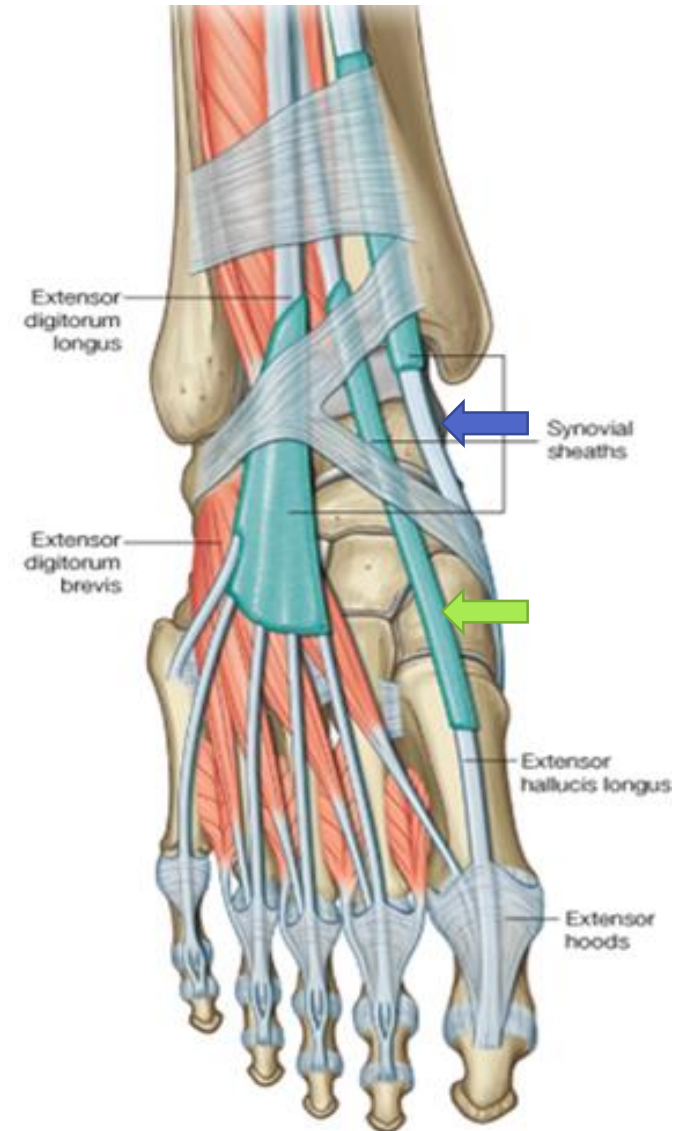
Synovial Sheaths of Extensor Tendons on the Dorsum of Foot

Tibialis anterior & Extensor hallucis longus

Both have their own synovial sheath

Extensor digitorum longus & **Peroneus tertius**

have a common sheath, it extends to the level of **Base of 5th Metatarsal bone**.



Summary

The interosseus membrane and the two intermuscular septa divide the leg into

Anterior Compartment

Muscles

Tibialis Anterior

Extensor Digitorum Longus

Extensor Hallucius Longus

Peroneus Tertius

(all take origin from fibula
EXCEPT tibialis anterior)

General Action

Dorsiflexion of the ankle
joint & Extension of the toes
& (**Inversion**).

Innervation

Deep peroneal

Lateral (Peroneal) Compartment

Muscles

Peroneus longus

Peroneus brevis

General Action

Plantar flexion and Eversion

Innervation

Superficial peroneal

Posterior Compartment

Structures Passing **Deep** to
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2- Extensor **h**allucis longus

3- Dorsalis pedis artery (**v**essel)

4- Dorsalis pedis **n**erve

5- Extensor **d**igitorum longus

6- **P**eroneus tertius

Contents of dorsum of foot

Muscles: Extensor Digitorum Brevis

Blood Vessel: Dorsalis Pedis

Nerves: Deep & Superficial Peroneal

Questions

1- Which muscle can evert the foot?

- A- Tibialis Anterior.
- B- Extensor Digitorum Longus.
- C- Peroneus Tertius.
- D- Extensor Hallucis Longus.

2- The Peroneus tertius is inserting from anterior surface of fibula to :

- A- Extensor expansion of lateral four toes.
- B- Base of distal phalanx of great toe.
- C- Base of 5th metatarsal bone.
- D- Medial cuneiform & base of 1st metatarsal bone.

3- The interosseus membrane and the two intermuscular septa divide the leg into ____ compartments.

- A- 1
- B- 2
- C- 3
- D- 4

4- Peroneus tertius is the most medial muscle passing down the extensor retinaculum.

- A- True
- B- False

5- The peroneus longus is inserted into:

- A- Base of first metatarsal
- B- The medial cuneiform
- C- The lateral cuneiform
- D- Both a&b

6- The blood vessel that supplies the dorsum of foot is the dorsalis pedis

- A- true
- B- false

7- The Extensor Expansion receives insertion of:

- A- Interossei
- B- Lumbricals
- C- Tibialis anterior
- D- A & B

- 1- C
- 2- C
- 3- C
- 4- B
- 5- D
- 6- A
- 7- D



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