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# Popliteal Fossa, Posterior Compartment of leg & Sole of foot

Lecture 18



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# Objectives

- The location, boundaries & contents of the popliteal fossa
  - The contents of posterior fascial compartment of Leg.
  - The structures hold by retinacula at ankle.
  - Layers forming in the sole of foot & bone forming the arches of the foot.
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# Popliteal Fossa

## Definition :

Is a diamond-shaped, intermuscular space at the back of knee .

## Boundaries :

**Laterally Above :** biceps femoris.

**Laterally Below :** lateral head of gastrocnemius & plantaris

**Medially Above :** semitendinosus & semimembranosus.

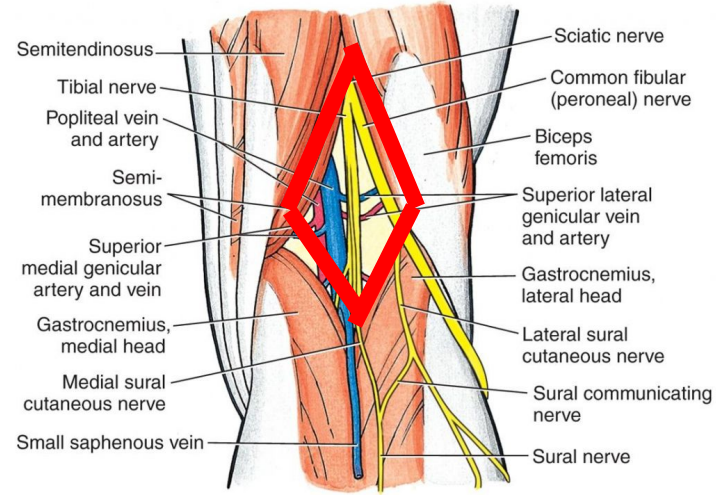
**Medially Below :** medial head of gastrocnemius.

**Roof** (يقصد به اللي مغليه (مو شرط يكون فوق) : Skin, superficial fascia and deep fascia of the thigh.

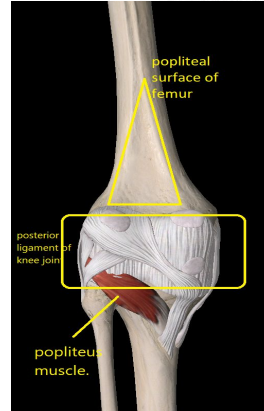
**Floor:** popliteal surface of femur, posterior ligament of knee joint and popliteus muscle.



- Semimembranosus
- Biceps femoris
- Plantaris
- Lateral head of gastrocnemius
- Medial head of gastrocnemius



C Posterior view



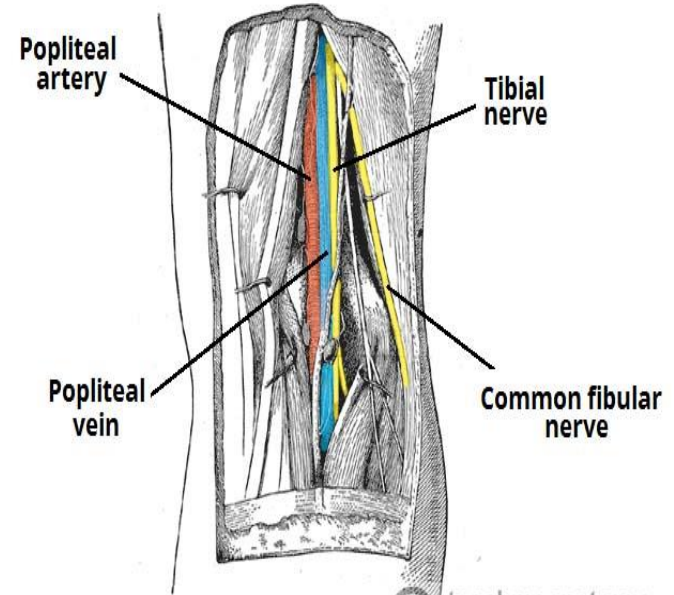
يوجد فراغ معين الشكل في الجزء الخلفي من الركبة ويحده أربعة عضلات :  
 لاترال فوق biceps femoris وتعتبر من عضلات hamstring muscles .  
 ميدبال فوق العضلات السيمي الثنتين من hamstring .  
 اللي تحت فيه عضلة gastrocnemius ولها راسين واحد ميدبال والثاني لاترال ويكون مع اللاترال تحت بعد plantaris

# Popliteal Fossa

**Contents :** (From medial to lateral) 6 structures

**Popliteal vessels(artery & vein) → Small saphenous vein → Tibial nerve → Common peroneal nerve → Posterior cutaneous nerve of thigh → Connective tissue & popliteal lymph nodes.**

**The deepest structure is popliteal artery.**



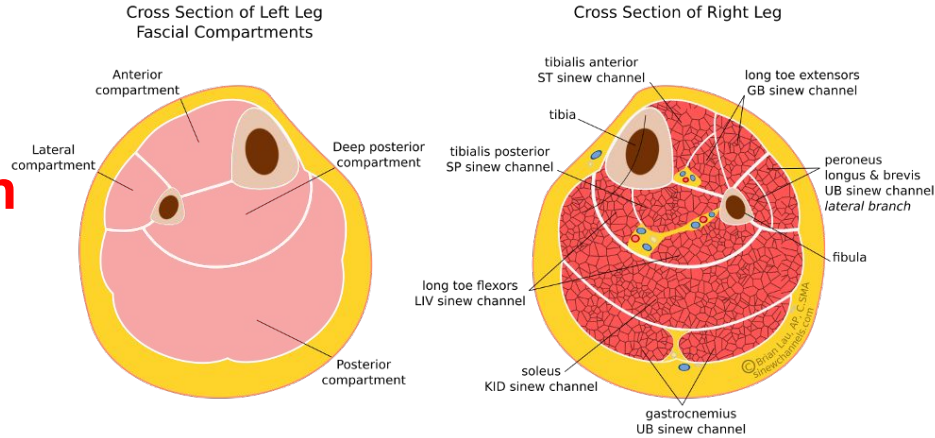
# Contents of The posterior fascial compartment of the leg

The **deep transverse fascia** or **transverse intermuscular septum**

of the leg is a septum that divides the muscles of the posterior compartment into **superficial** and **deep** groups.

**Contents:** \*\*no veins


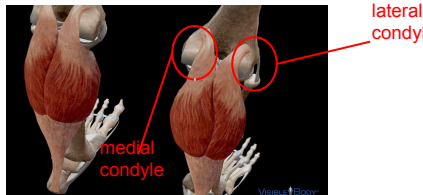
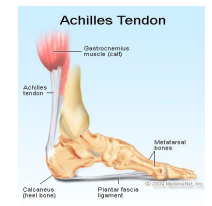
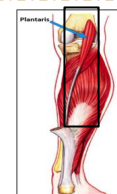
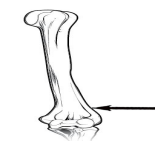


1. Superficial group of muscles
2. Deep group of muscles
3. Posterior tibial artery
4. Tibial nerve




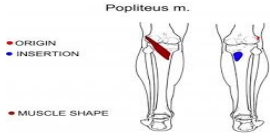

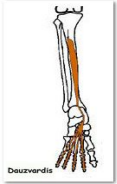


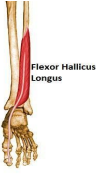

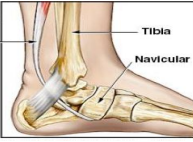
بشكل عام Interosseous membrane يقسم الـ Leg الى anterior و posterior compartment  
الـ anterior and posterior compartment ينقسمون الى قسمين بواسطة transverse intermuscular septum  
الى deep و superficial.

Interosseous = بين العظام  
intermuscular = بين العضلات

# Superficial group

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve	Action
<p><b>Gastrocnemius</b></p> 	<p><b>Lateral head</b> from lateral condyle of femur &amp; <b>medial head</b> from above medial condyle</p> 	<p><b>Posterior surface of calcaneum via tendo calcaneus</b></p> 		Plantar flexes foot at ankle joint; flexes knee joint
<p><b>Plantaris</b></p> 	<p>Lateral supracondylar ridge of femur</p> 	<p><b>Posterior surface of calcaneum</b></p> 	Tibial	Plantar flexes foot at ankle joint; flexes knee joint
<p><b>Soleus</b></p> 	<p>Shafts of <b>tibia</b> and <b>fibula</b></p>	<p><b>Posterior surface of calcaneum via tendo calcaneus</b></p>		Together with gastrocnemius and plantaris, it is a powerful plantar flexor of ankle joint; provides main propulsive force in walking and running

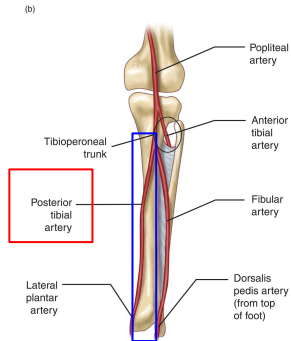
# Deep group

muscle	origin	insertion	nerve	action
<p><b>Popliteus</b></p> 	<p>Groove on Lateral surface of lateral condyle of femur (Intracapsular)</p>	<p>Post surface of shaft of tibia above soleal line</p> <p>Popliteus m.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ORIGIN</li> <li>● INSERTION</li> <li>● MUSCLE SHAPE</li> </ul>	<p>Tibial</p>	<p><u>Flexes knee joint</u> : <u>Unlocks knee joint</u> by lateral rotation of femur on tibia(or slight medial rotation of leg which accompanies the flexion)</p>
<p><b>Flexor digitorum longus</b></p> 	<p>Posterior surface of shaft of tibia</p>  <p>Dezuevvdia</p>	<p>Bases of distal phalanges of lateral 4 toes</p>  <p>Layer 2</p>		<p><u>Flexes distal phalanges of lateral four toes</u>; plantar Flexes foot at ankle joint; Supports <u>medial and lateral</u> longitudinal arches</p>
<p><b>Flexor hallucis longus</b></p>  <p>Flexor Hallucis Longus</p> <p>Flexor Hallucis Longus Tendon</p>	<p>Posterior surface of shaft of fibula</p>	<p>Base of distal phalanx of big toe</p>  <p>Flexor Hallucis Longus</p>		<p><u>Flexes</u> distal phalanx of <u>big toe</u>; plantar flexes foot at ankle joint; supports <u>medial</u> longitudinal arch</p>
<p><b>Tibialis posterior</b></p> 	<p>Posterior surface of shafts of tibia and fibula and interosseous membrane</p>	<p>Tuberosity of navicular bone and other neighboring tarsal bones, <b>except talus</b></p>  <p>Posterior tibial tendon</p> <p>Tibia</p> <p>Navicular</p>		<p><u>Plantar flexes</u> foot at ankle joint; inverts foot at subtalar and transverse tarsal joints; supports <u>medial</u> longitudinal arch</p>

# Posterior tibial artery and tibial nerve

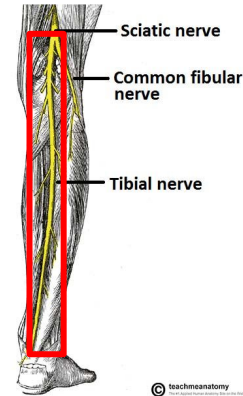
## **Posterior tibial artery:**

It is one of the terminal branches of the popliteal artery.



## **Tibial nerve**

It is the larger terminal branch of the sciatic nerve in the lower 1/3 of the back of the thigh





# Flexor Retinaculum

Structures passing posterior to medial malleolus, deep to flexor retinaculum:

**Medial to lateral :**

- 1- Tibialis posterior tendon
  - 2- Flexor digitorum longus tendon
  - 3- Posterior tibial artery with venae comitantes
  - 4- Tibial nerve
  - 5- Flexor hallucis longus tendon
- (All the tendons are surrounded by a synovial sheath)

“Tom, Dick And Nervous Harry”

Extends from back of **medial malleolus** to medial side of **calcaneum**.



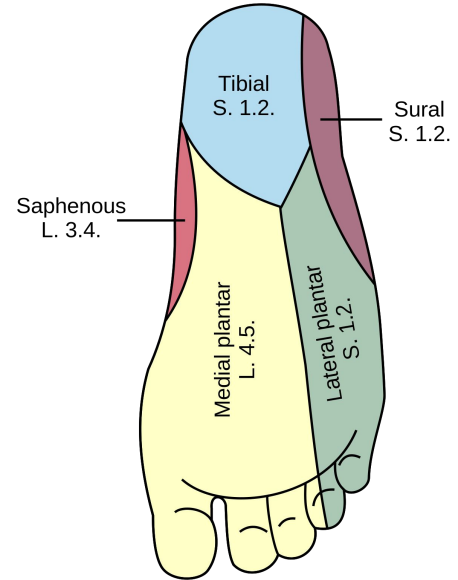
# Sensory Nerve supply

The **sensory nerve supply** to the skin of the sole of the foot is derived from:

Lateral plantar nerve innervate the **lateral third** of the sole.

Tibial nerve innervates the **medial side** of the heel.

Medial plantar nerve innervate the **medial two thirds** of the sole

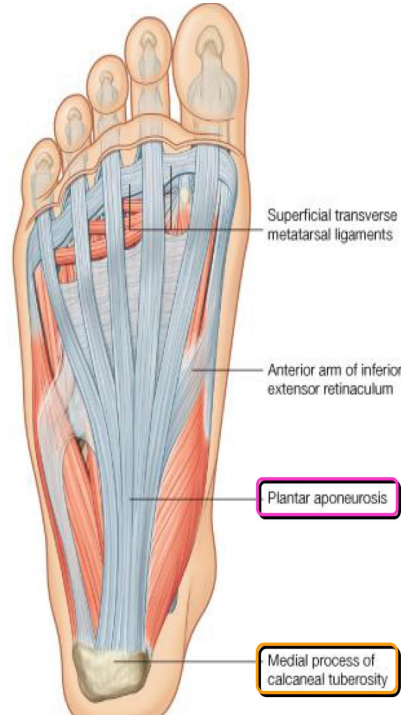


# Sole of the foot

- The skin of the sole of the foot is **thick and hairless**.
- The skin of the sole shows a **few flexure creases** at the sites of skin movement.
- **Sweat glands** are present in large numbers.



# Deep fascia



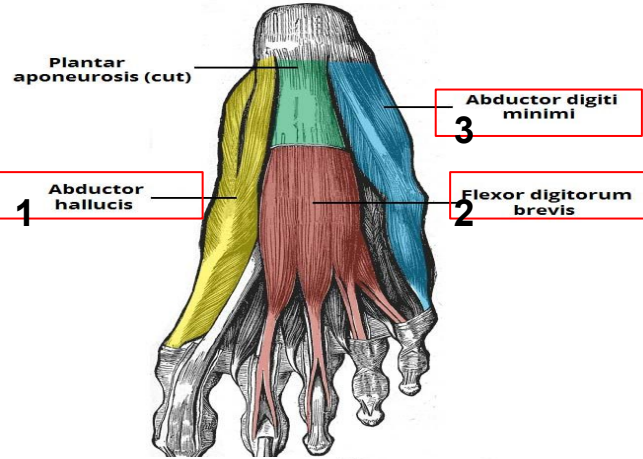
- The **plantar aponeurosis** is a triangular thickening of the deep fascia that protects the underlying nerves, blood vessels, and muscles.
- Its apex is attached to the **medial and lateral tubercles** of the calcaneum.
- The base of the aponeurosis divides into **five slips** that pass into the toes.

# Muscles of the sole of the foot

The muscles of the sole are conveniently described in **four layers** from superficial to deep

## First Layer

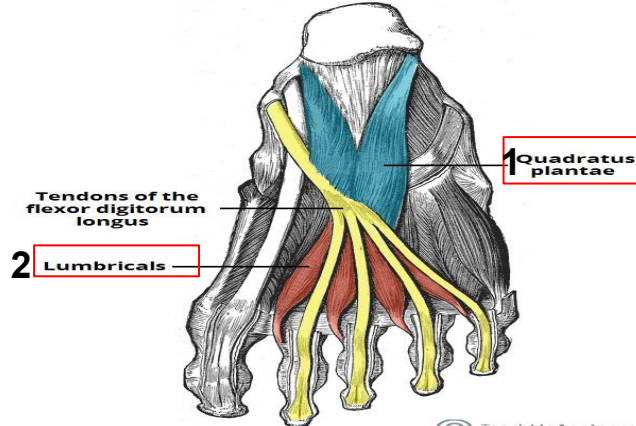
- 1- Abductor hallucis
- 2- Flexor digitorum brevis
- 3- Abductor digiti minimi



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\*Only the TENDON  
not the muscle  
To remember: only  
the even layers have  
tendons (2,4)

## Second Layer

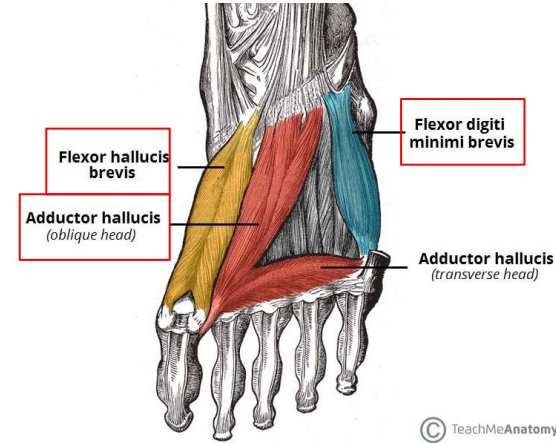
- 1- Quadratus plantae
- 2- Lumbricals (4 muscles)
- 3- Flexor digitorum longus **tendon\***
- 4- Flexor hallucis longus **tendon\***



# Muscles of the sole of the foot cont

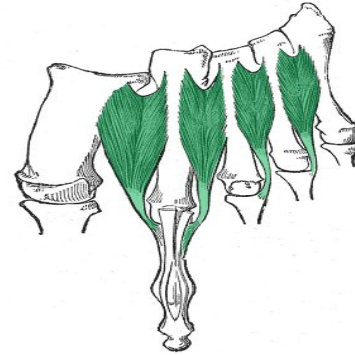
## Third Layer

- 1-Flexor hallucis brevis
- 2-Adductor hallucis
- 3-Flexor digiti minimi brevis

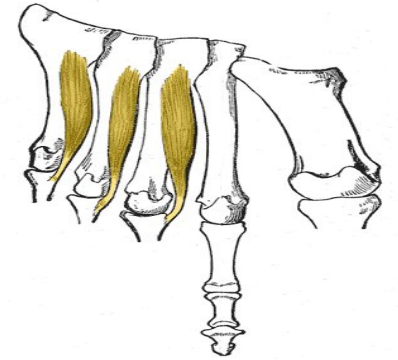


## Fourth Layer

- 1-Interossei, (3 plantar + 4 dorsal).
- 2-Peroneus longus **tendon**,
- 3-Tibialis posterior **tendon**



a) Dorsal Interossei

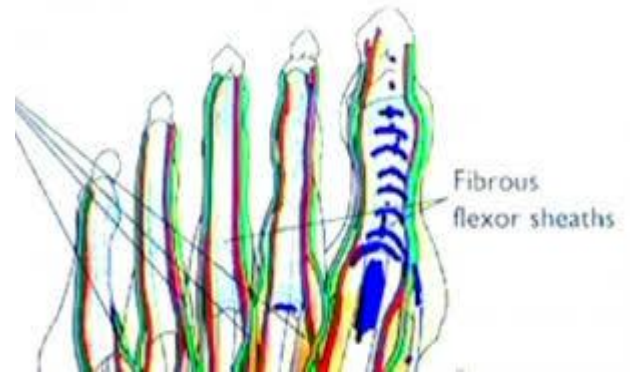


b) Plantar Interossei

# Fibrous Flexor Sheaths

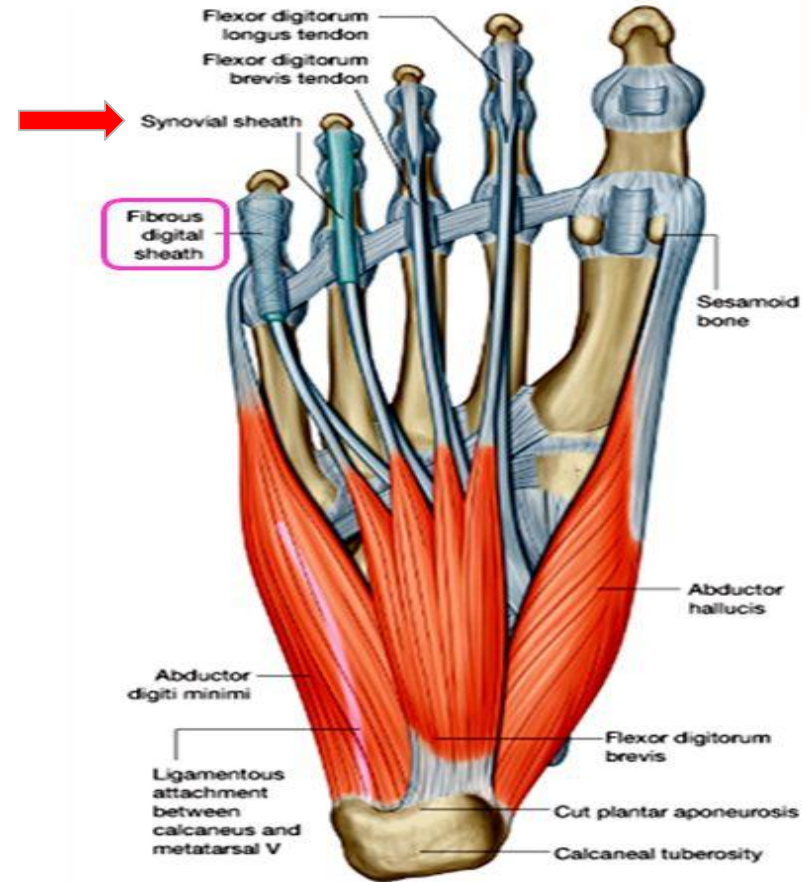
the inferior surface of each toe, from the head of the metatarsal bone to the base of the distal phalanx, is provided with a **strong fibrous sheath** which is attached to the sides of the phalanges.

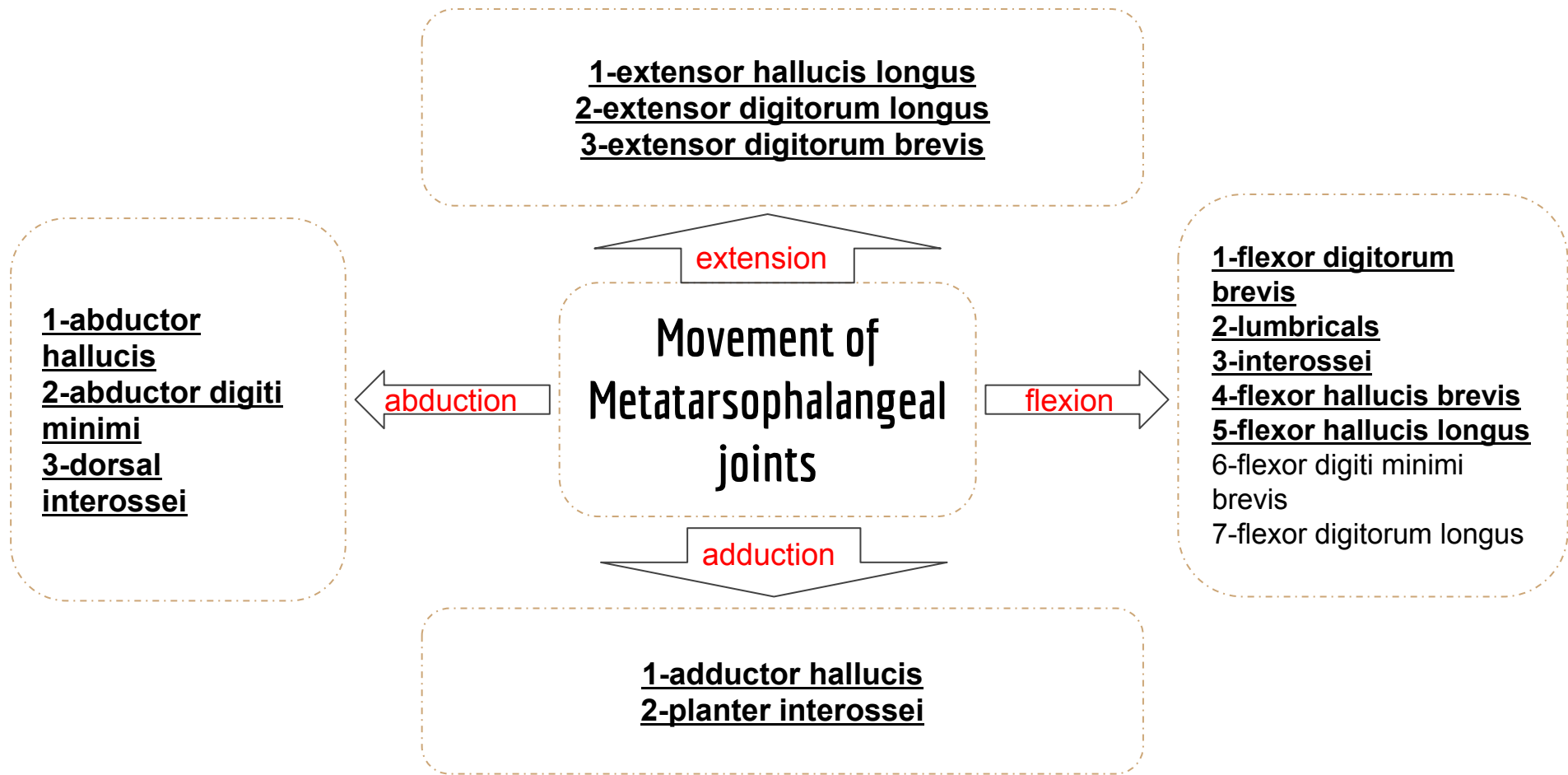
the fibrous sheath, together with the inferior surfaces of the phalanges and the interphalangeal joints, forms a **blind tunnel** in which lie the flexor tendons of the toe.



# Synovial Flexor Sheaths

the tendons of the flexor hallucis longus and the flexor digitorum longus are surrounded by **synovial sheaths**.





muscles in **bold** are chiefly responsible for the movement, the other muscles assist them



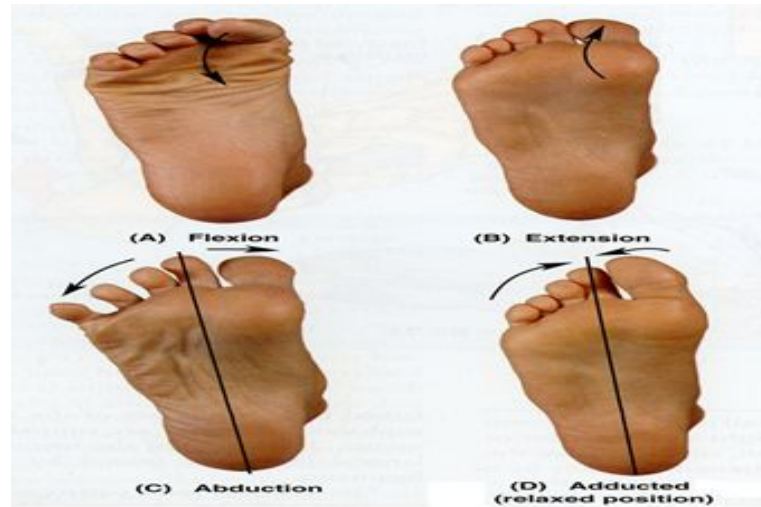
1-extensor hallucis longus  
2-extensor digitorum longus  
3-extensor digitorum brevis

← extension

## Movement of Interphalangeal joints

flexion →

1-flexor hallucis longus  
2-flexor digitorum longus  
3-flexor digitorum brevis  
4-quadratus plantae

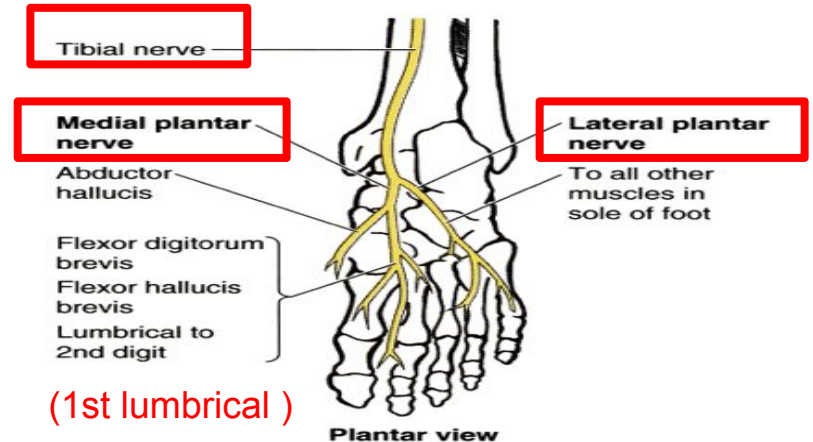
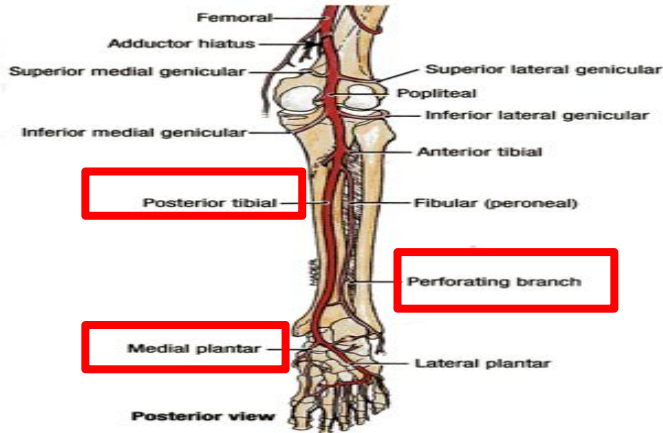


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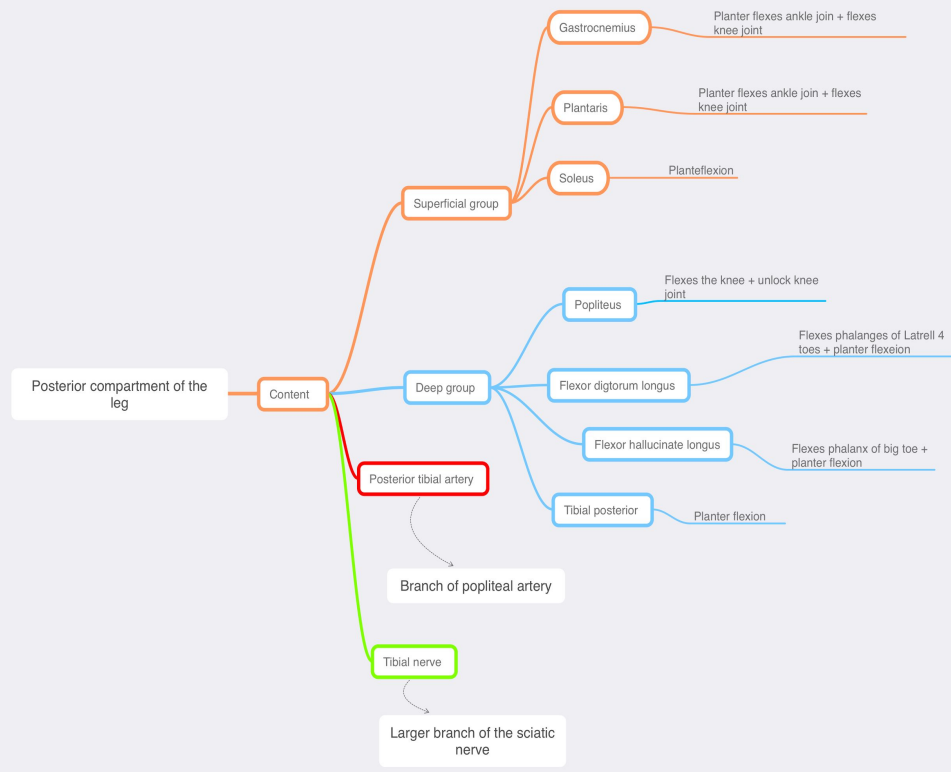
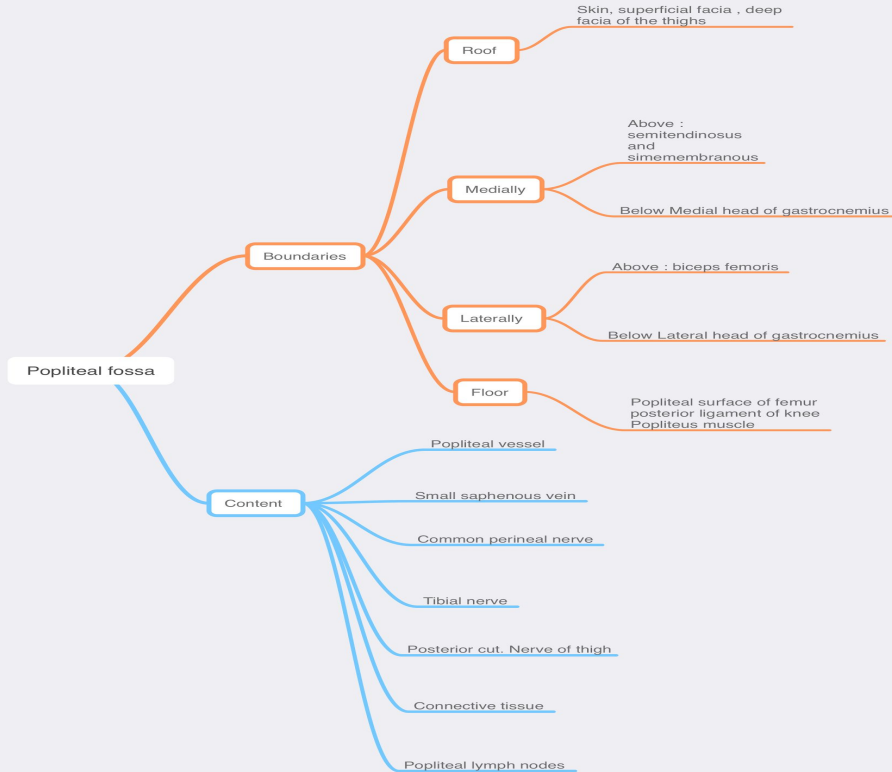
# Medial and lateral plantar arteries and nerve

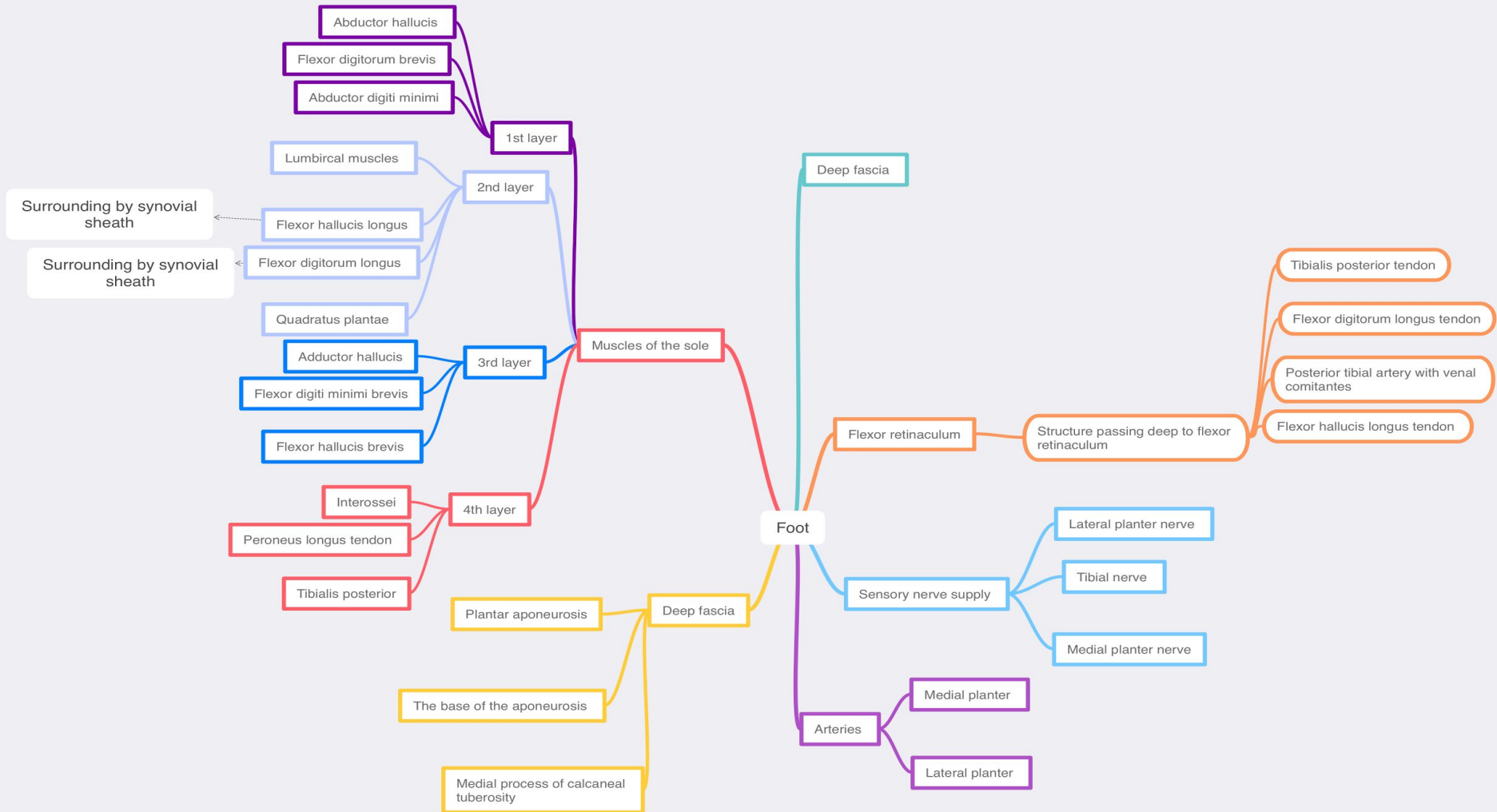
The **medial plantar** artery is the smaller & **lateral plantar** artery is the larger of the terminal branches of the **posterior tibial artery**

- The **medial plantar nerve** is a terminal branch of the **tibial nerve**.
- The **lateral plantar nerve** is a terminal branch of the **tibial nerve**.



# summary





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