



# Frontal Lateral Compartments of the leg and dorsum foot

Lecture 20



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# Objectives:

At the end of the lecture, student should be able to:

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

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# Fascia of the leg

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

- **Two Intermuscular Septa:**

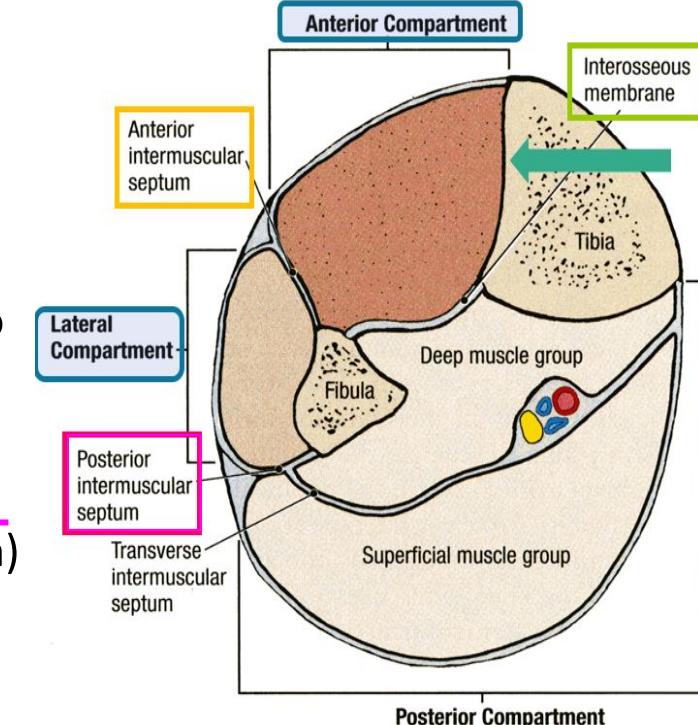
Pass from the deep aspect of this fascia to be attached to :

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.



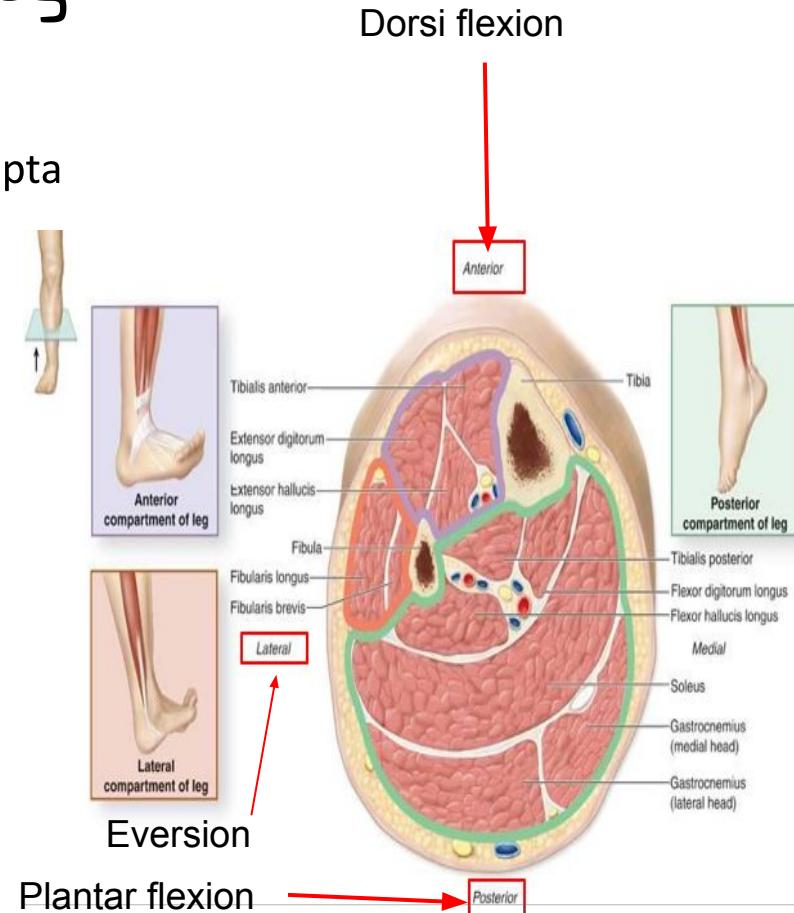
# Fascial Compartments of Leg

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:

## Muscles :

**Extensor Hallucis Longus, Extensor Digitorum Longus, Peroneus Tertius, Tibialis Anterior**

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

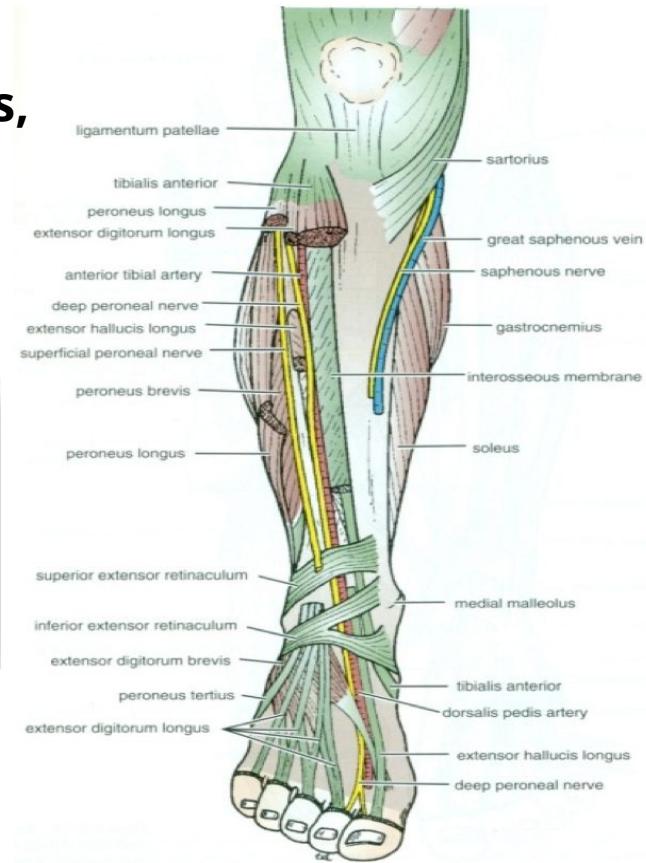
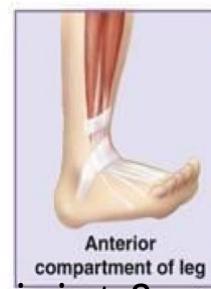
## Nerve supply:

- Deep Peroneal.

## Blood Supply:

- Anterior tibial.

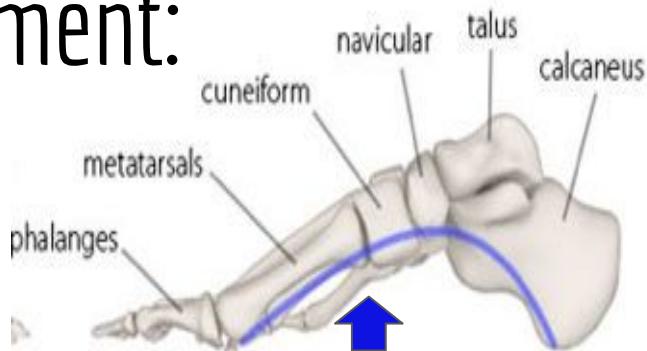
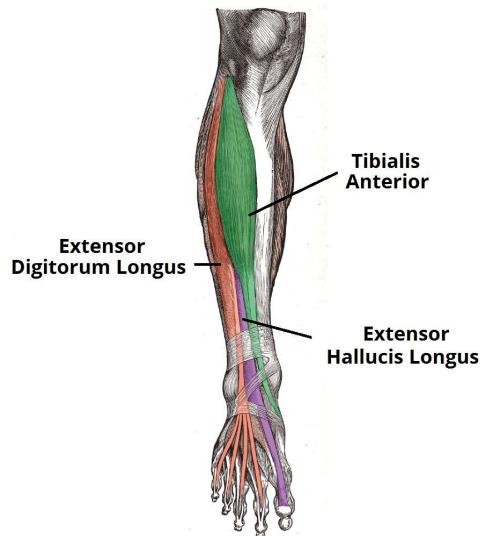
**Action:** **Dorsiflexion (extension)** of the ankle joint & **Extension** of the toes & **Inversion** (tibialis anterior & extensor hallucis longus only).



Anterior comp. of leg	Origin	Insertion	Action	BLOOD & NERVE SUPPLY
TIBIALIS ANTERIOR	Lateral surface of shaft of tibia & interosseous membrane	Medial cuneiform & Base of first metatarsal bone	Extends foot/dorsiflexion Inverts foot at subtalar & transverse tarsal joints & Holds up medial longitudinal arch of foot	
EXTENSOR DIGITORUM LONGUS	Anterior surface of shaft of fibula	Extensor expansion of lateral four toes	Extends toes Extends foot/dorsiflexion	ANTERIOR TIBIAL & DEEP PERONEAL
PERONEUS TERTIUS <small>peroneus=fibularis</small>	Anterior surface of shaft of fibula	Base of 5 <sup>th</sup> metatarsal bone	Extends foot/dorsiflexion Everts foot at subtalar & transverse tarsal joints (The only evertor in the anterior compartment)	
EXTENSOR HALLUCIS LONGUS <small>hallucis=big toe</small>	Anterior surface of shaft of fibula	Base of distal phalanx of great toe	Extends big toe Extends foot/dorsiflexion Inverts foot at subtalar & transverse tarsal joints	

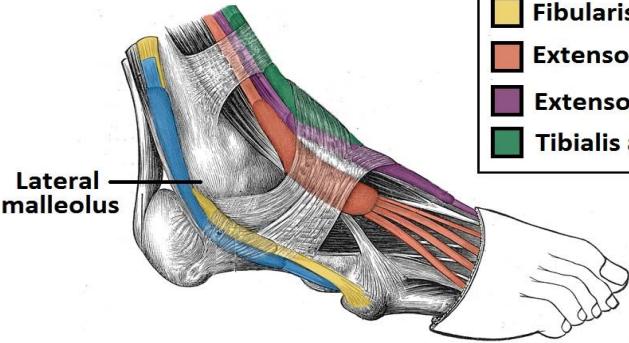
# Anterior Compartment:

Visuals to help understanding:



medial (inner) arch

Tibialis anterior attachment to inferior surface of cuneiform and metatarsal



- █ Fibularis longus
- █ Fibularis brevis
- █ Extensor digitorum longus
- █ Extensor hallucis longus
- █ Tibialis anterior

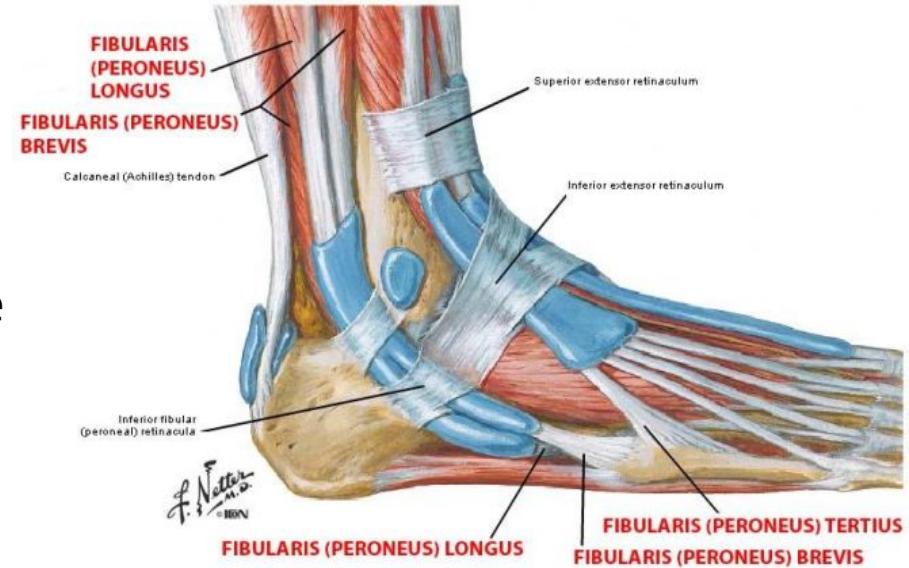


# Extensor Retinacula

- A thickening of deep fascia that keeps the long tendons around the ankle joint in position.

## Superior extensor retinaculum:

- Attached to anterior borders of tibia and fibula above ankle.  
(above lateral and medial malleolus)



## Inferior extensor retinaculum:

- Y-shaped band located inferior to ankle.  
(its base is attached to the calcaneum)

# Structures passing deep to extensor retinacula

From medial to lateral :

1-Tom: **Tibialis** Anterior

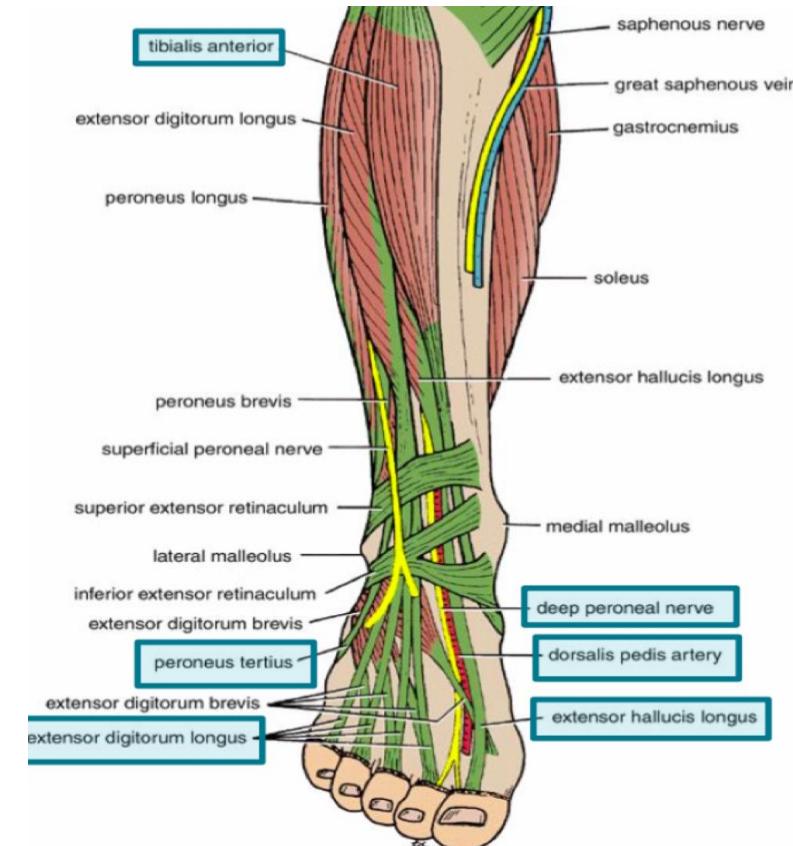
2-Has: Extensor **hallucis** longus tendon

3-Very: Anterior tibial **vessels**

4-Nice: Deep peroneal **nerve**

5-Dog: Extensor **digitorum** longus tendon  
&

6-Pigeon: **Peroneus** tertius tendon



These structures pass both superior & inferior retinacula

# Lateral Compartment of the Leg:

\*Peroneus brevis only supports lateral longitudinal arch while Peroneus longus supports it + transverse arch

Muscles	Origin	Insertion	Action	Blood & Nerve Supply
Peroneus Longus	Lateral surface of shaft of fibula	Base of first metatarsal + medial cuneiform* (same as Tibialis Anterior)	Plantar flexes foot at ankle joint; Everts foot at subtalar and transverse tarsal joints;	Peroneal Artery & Superficial Peroneal Nerve
Peroneus Brevis		Base of fifth metatarsal (same as Peroneus Tertius)	Supports Lateral longitudinal & transverse* arches	

# Peroneal Retinacula

## Superior peroneal retinaculum

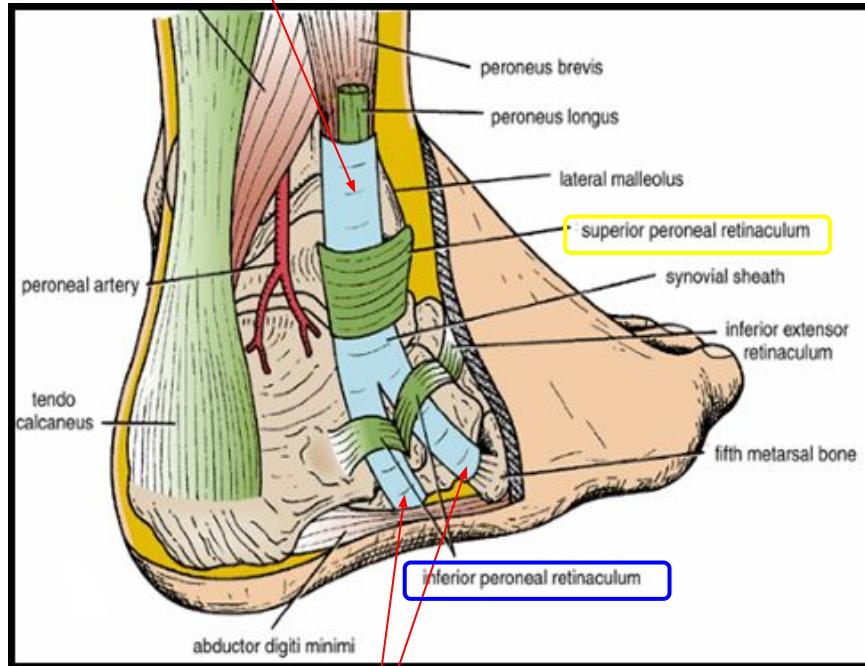
Connects the lateral malleolus to calcaneum & holds the tendons of peroneus longus & brevis

## Inferior peroneal retinaculum

## Synovial Sheaths of Peroneal Longus & Brevis:

Above the superior peroneal retinaculum tendons of peronei are surrounded by a single common tubular synovial sheath.  
Below the superior peroneal retinaculum, they have separate sheaths.

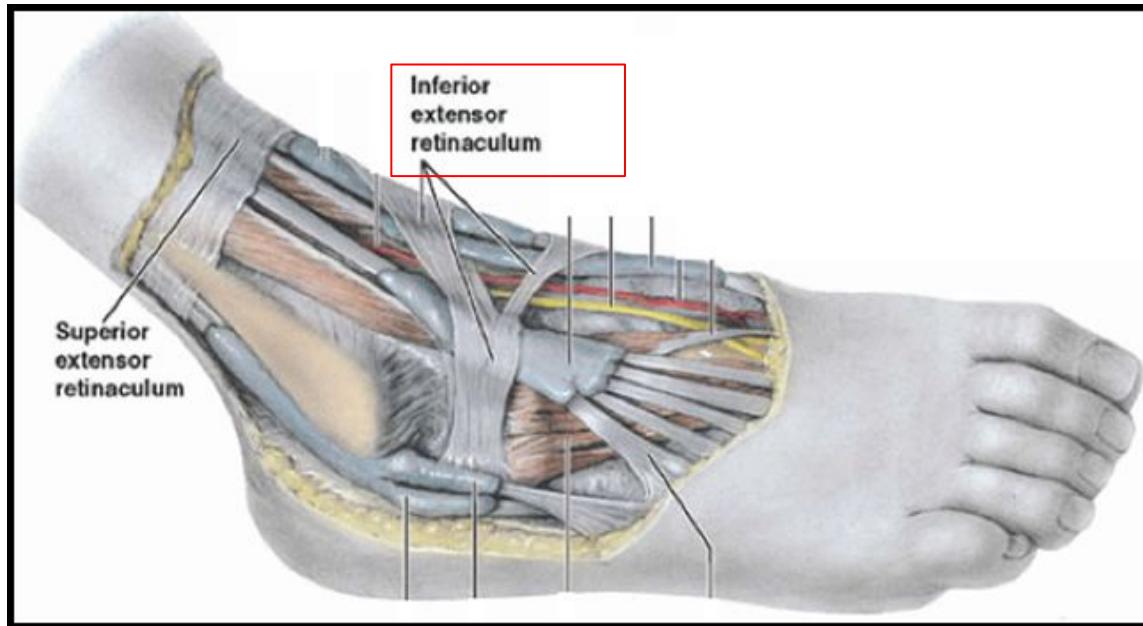
One single sheath



Each tendon has its own

# Deep Fascia of Dorsum of Foot

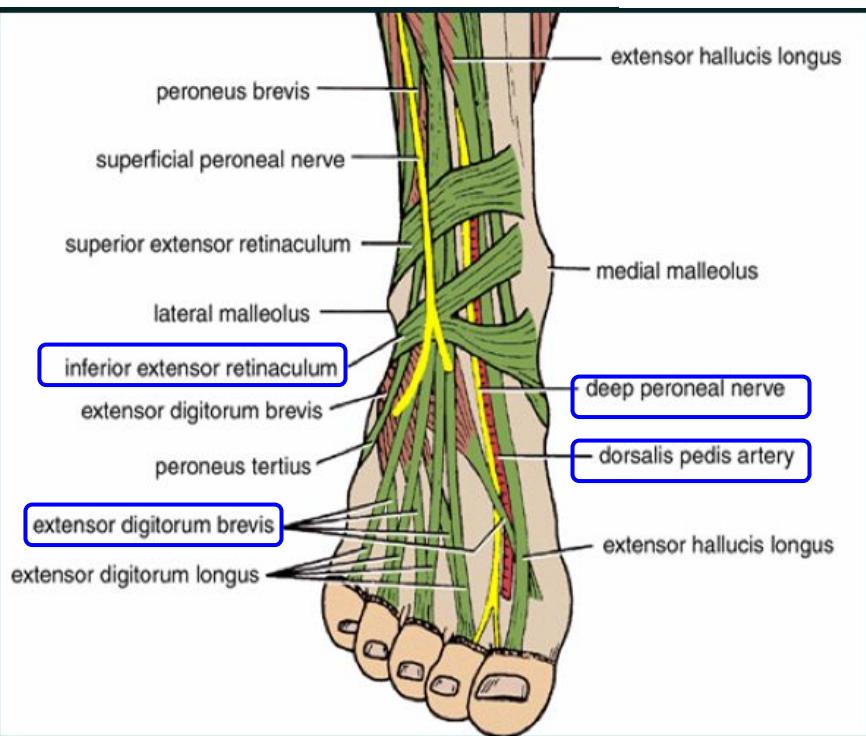
It is very thin, but just distal to the ankle joint, it is thickened to form the **Inferior extensor retinaculum**



# Dorsum of Foot



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MUSCLE	BLOOD VESSEL	NERVE
Extensor Digitorum Brevis	Dorsalis Pedis <b>Continuation of anterior tibial artery</b>	<u>DEEP &amp;</u> Superficial Peroneal

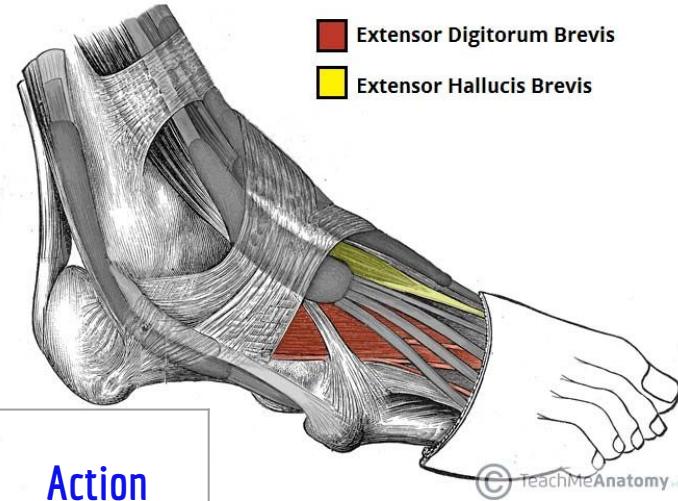


█ Superficial fibular

█ Deep fibular

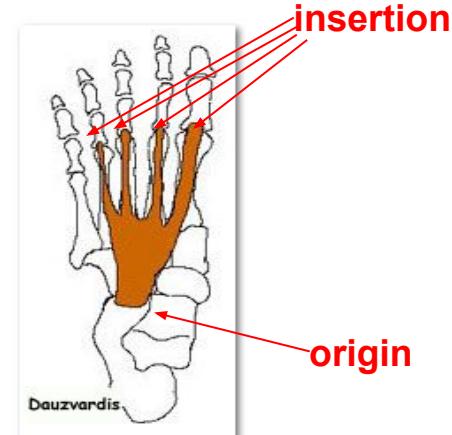
Fibular = peroneal

# Extensor Digitorum Brevis



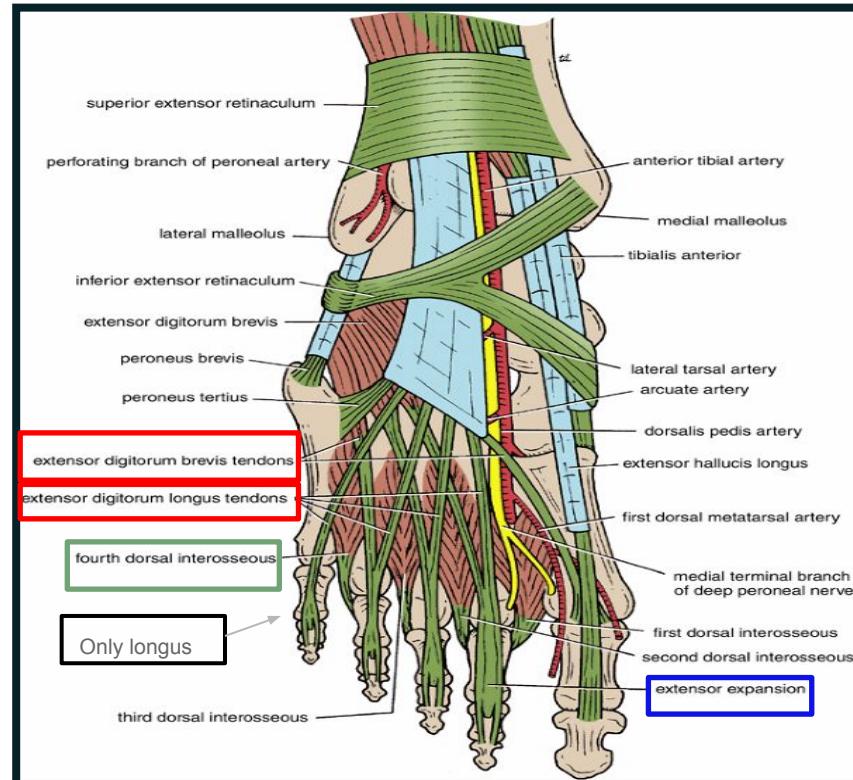
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Muscle	Blood & Nerve Supply	Origin	Insertion	Action
Extensor Digitorum Brevis	Dorsalis pedis & Deep & superficial Peroneal	Anterior part of upper surface of the Calcaneum & from the Inferior extensor retinaculum	four tendons into the proximal phalanx of big toe (ex hall brevis) and second, third, and fourth toes	Extend toes



# Insertion of Long Extensor Tendons (Extensor Expansion)

- The tendons of Extensor digitorum longus pass **to the lateral four toes**.
  - Each tendon to the **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** toes is joined on its lateral side by a tendon of Extensor digitorum brevis.
  - The **extensor digitorum** tendons form:  
a Fascial Expansion (**Extensor Expansion**) on the dorsum of each toe.
  - The expansion divides into **(3) parts**:
- 1-Central part:** inserted into the **Base of Middle phalange**
- 2-Two Lateral parts:** inserted into the **Base of Distal phalange**
- The Extensor Expansion **receives insertion of**:
  - Interossei & Lumbrical** muscles.(from the sole)



# Synovial Sheaths of Extensor Tendons on the Dorsum of Foot

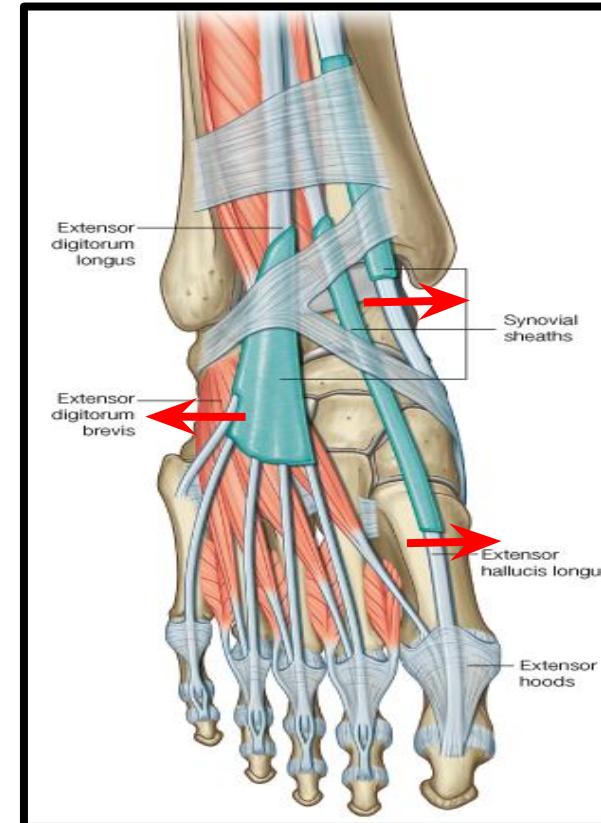
They surround tendons of anterior compartment muscles

1-Tibialis anterior

2-Extensor hallucis longus

(Both have their own synovial sheath)

3-Extensor digitorum longus & peroneus tertius : have a common sheath, it extends to the level of Base of 5<sup>th</sup> Metatarsal bone.(and the insertion of peroneus tertius)



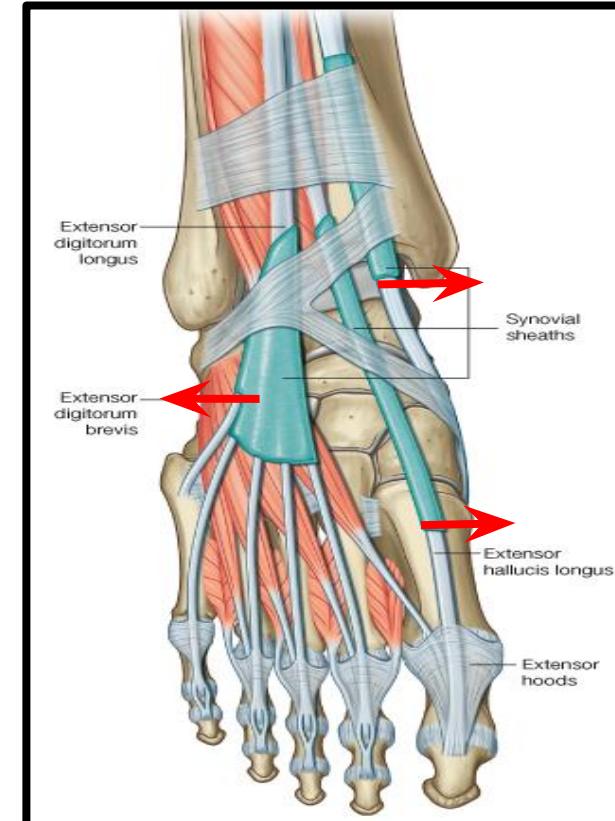
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## MUSCLE GALLERY

TABLE 10.17 Summary of Major Actions of Muscles Acting on the Thigh, Leg, and Foot (Figure 10.25) (continued)

Part II: Muscles Acting on the Ankle and Toes	ACTIONS AT THE ANKLE JOINT				ACTIONS AT THE TOES	
	Plantar Flexion	Dorsiflexion	Inversion	Eversion	Flexion	Extension
Anterior Compartment						
Tibialis anterior		×	(PM)	×		
Extensor digitorum longus		×				(PM)
Fibularis tertius		×		×		
Extensor hallucis longus		×		× (weak)		(great toe)
Lateral Compartment						
Fibularis longus and brevis	×				×	
Posterior Compartment						
Gastrocnemius		×	(PM)			
Soleus		×	(PM)			
Plantaris	×					
Flexor digitorum longus	×			×		(PM)
Flexor hallucis longus	×			×		(great toe)
Tibialis posterior	×			× (PM)		

# Questions

1. Which of the following isn't a muscle of the anterior compartment of the leg?

- A- Extensor Digitorum Longus    B- Extensor Hallucis Longus
- C- Peroneus Tertius               D- Peroneus Longus

2. All of the following are attached to the fibula except?

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

3. The insertion of the peroneus tertius is into:

- A- Extensor Expansion    B- Base of Distal Phalanx of big toe
- C- 5th Metatarsal    D- 1st Metatarsal & Medial Cuneiform

4. Which of the following is medial to the vessels in the extensor retinaculum?

- A- Deep Peroneal Nerve    B-Extensor Hallucis Longus Tendon
- C-Extensor Digitorum Longus Tendon    D-Peroneus Tertius Tendon

5. The nerve supplying lateral compartment of the leg is:

- A- Anterior Tibial               B- Deep Peroneal
- C- Superficial Peroneal       D- Lateral Fibular

6. Which nerve supplies the anterior compartment of the leg ?

- A- Anterior Tibial               B-Deep Peroneal
- C-Superficial Peroneal       D-Lateral Fibular

7. Insertion of Extensor digitorum longus Tendons:

- A- the lateral four toes    B- talus
- C- 5th metatarsal               D- 1st metatarsal

8. Blood supply for Extensor Digitorum Brevis:

- A- anterior tibial artery    B-dorsalis pedis
- C- peroneal artery               D- femoral artery

9. Which is the origin of the peroneus longus?

- A-Lateral surface of shaft of fibula    B- anterior surface of tibia
- C- medial surface of fibula    D-medial surface of tibia

10. How many Intermuscular Septa pass from deep fascia to attach to fibula?

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

1-D 2-A 3-C 4-B 5-C 6-B 7-A 8-B 9-A 10-B

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Noura Mohammed Alothaim

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