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Foot Deformities in Children

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Foot deformities in children require the explicit attention of healthcare workers. Foot deformities do not only require specialized attention in syndromatic patients, but also have an impact on the well-being of typically developed children. Fortunately, this is reflected in the rising amount of publications on this topic in peer-reviewed journals from 2005 to 2022, increasing from 3758 to 6379. Awareness around foot deformities plays an important role in the functioning of children with this condition. Gait assessments in typically developed children as well as children with, for example, cerebral palsy, have accentuated the importance of a well-functioning foot. However, there are still battles to win. Exact definitions with regard to foot deformities still remain a matter of debate. An international consensus regarding this would improve the field enormously. In addition, working together in conservative management and surgical management would improve the care of patients with foot deformities tremendously. The role of surgical correction is becoming increasingly defined, and should be taken into account when conservative management fails.



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