Preface

Current Techniques and Future Direction

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Editor

Arthroscopy of the foot and ankle has evolved from simply a diagnostic tool to a versatile treatment modality for a variety of pathologic abnormalities. With the reputation of prolonged swelling and higher wound complication risks, the benefits of performing these foot and ankle procedures through a minimally invasive approach is evident. In addition, advancements in small joint arthroscopes and instrumentation have provided surgeons the tools to effectively expand their indications. This issue of Foot and Ankle Clinics of North America presents various arthroscopic techniques and their results, reviewing established surgical procedures, while discussing several newer ones.

A diverse, international group of experts has contributed to this issue. These authors discuss current techniques, indications, and outcomes involving ankle, hindfoot, and forefoot arthroscopy, tendoscopy of the peroneals, Achilles and posterior tibial tendons, and endoscopic procedures for various conditions such as Haglund syndrome.

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