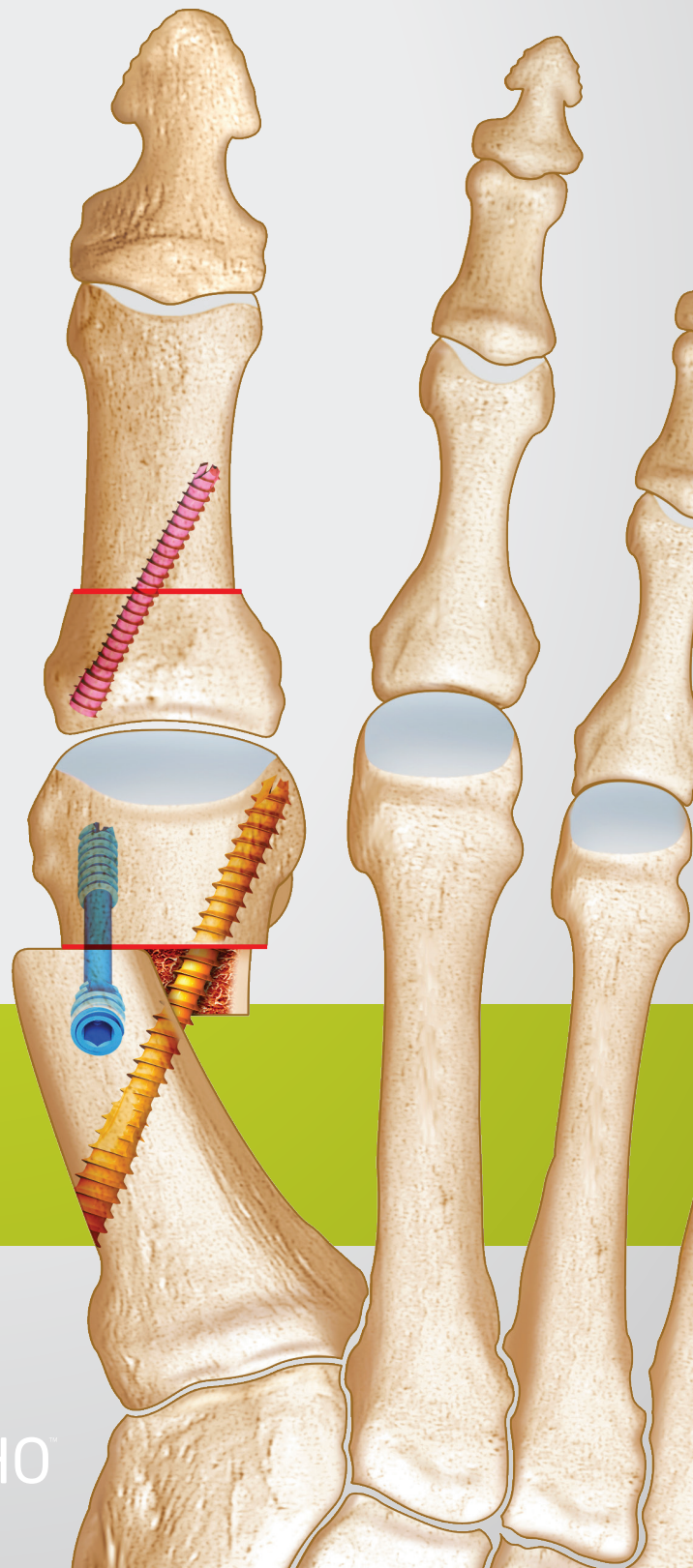


# 45b screw

## Surgical technique



PERCUTANEOUS CHEVRON OSTEOTOMY OF THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> METATARSAL OR MODIFIED PERCUTANEOUS  
EXTRA-ARTICULAR REVERSE-L CHEVRON  
**(P.E.R.C.)**

## INDICATION

Hallux valgus.

## EQUIPMENT

### Unspecific:

Beaver-type scalpel, 3 mm blade, elevator, rasps, motor with speed control, mini-fluoroscope.

### Specific:

Osteotomy bone lever that can be used, during a percutaneous approach, to push laterally on the head of the 1st metatarsal. Its shape allows it to fit into the medullary canal and maintain the correction while osteosynthesis is performed (fig. 1).

### Burrs:

A 20 mm long burr is used to perform cuts more easily, a 2x20 burr is used to create the two lines, a 3x20 burr is used to shorten the superior line more easily, but must be replaced by a long 2x12 Shannon burr or a 2x20 chevron burr for the plantar line (fig. 2).

### Screws:

3A screw (3 mm diam.), 3 mm self-drilling bevelled screw, Percutaneous or 3A screw (diameter 2.5).

## PATIENT POSITIONING

No pneumatic tourniquet.

In dorsal decubitus, position the patient so that the foot being operated on hangs over the edge of the table and rests on the image intensifier. The contralateral lower limb is flexed to 90°. Throughout the procedure, surgical acts are monitored by fluoroscopy and manually by feeling the bony contours through the integuments.

## PHASE ONE : METATARSAL OSTEOTOMY (1ST LINE)

Perform the first medial incision behind the head of the first metatarsal (M1) at the junction of 1/3 superior – 2/3 inferior, in an extra-articular position (fig. 3). The choice of the initial burr depends on the metatarsal index, whether or not shortening is needed, and how the surgeon has chosen to perform it.

### If the surgeon wants to shorten the first metatarsal (plus or plus minus index):

- The use of a 3x20 mm burr oriented perpendicular to the axis of the first metatarsal results in an automatic shortening of 3 mm or more, by increasing the width of the line in the proximal part of M1.
- An obliquely oriented 2x20 mm chevron burr can also be used in the horizontal plane from medial distal to lateral proximal. The obliqueness of the line will result in shortening of the metatarsal during translation of the metatarsal head.

### If the surgeon does not want a shortening effect (minus index):

- The use of a 2x20 mm chevron burr is preferable. The cutaneous incision can be offset 2 or 3 mm more proximally in order to incline the burr about ten degree from medial proximal to lateral distal in the horizontal plane to cancel out the shortening induced by cutting (fig. 4).

In all scenarios, once the cutaneous incision has been performed, the blade of the Beaver scalpel will come in contact with the bone without performing detachment. In direct alignment with the

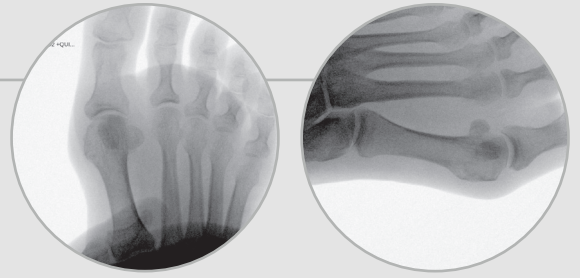


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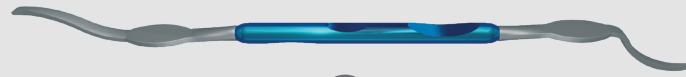


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fig. 3

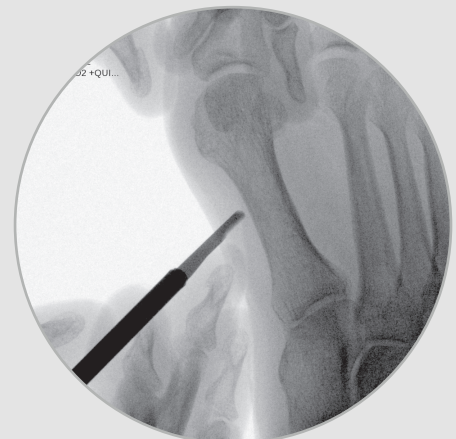


fig. 4

incision that has been performed, use a chevron burr to create a bicortical tunnel at the junction between the dorsal third and the plantar two-thirds of the diaphysis (fig. 5a). In the frontal plane, the burr remains parallel to the inferior cortex of M1 just as a saw blade would be in an open technique. While remaining perpendicular to the diaphysis and turning the handle upward, first make the upper line of the chevron starting from the initial bicortical tunnel (fig. 5b). Depending on the needed amount of correction of the DMAA, the resection of the medial edge can be accentuated in order to obtain a DM2AA equal to 0.

## PHASE TWO : METATARSal OSTEOTOMY (2ND LINE)

Make the plantar line by changing to a Shannon burr (2x12 or 2x20) or a 2x20 mm chevron burr if a 3 mm burr was used before, or by keeping the same burr if a 2x20 mm burr was used.

Reposition the burr in the starting tunnel in order to retain the same centre of rotation. Make the oblique plantar line from below and proximally by turning the handle in the horizontal plane while remaining parallel to the sole of the foot (fig. 6).

Once the osteotomy has been performed, the head is translated by introducing the specific instrument into the diaphysis so that the flattened portion pushes against the medial face of the head (fig. 7a).

The head of M1 must be solidly impacted against the diaphysis, without flexing it (fig. 7b) and its orientation must be monitored with fluoroscopy (DMAA correction). For this reason, arthrolysis must not be performed because it destabilises the joint and makes it difficult to mobilise the head.

## PHASE THREE : 3 MM DORSAL SCREW FIXATION

Once the desired movement has been performed and maintained, make the second approach using the Beaver scalpel, between the lateral edge of the long tendon and the lateral edge of the short extensor of the hallux (fig. 8), 2 cm proximal of the osteotomy.

Carefully split the subcutaneous area as far as the periosteum, which is exposed in the zone of screw penetration.

Introduce the pin (1 mm diam.) from proximal to distal and from lateral to medial so that the compression of the screw assists in achieving the desired lateral movement (fig. 9a-b). In the worst case scenario, it must be axial to neutralise the movement. Use a compressive screw that is 3 mm in diameter (fig. 10).



fig. 5a



fig. 5b



fig. 6



fig. 7a



fig. 7b

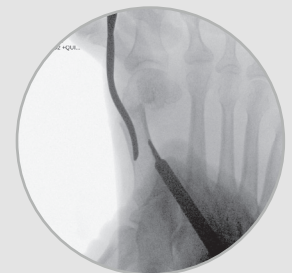


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fig. 9a

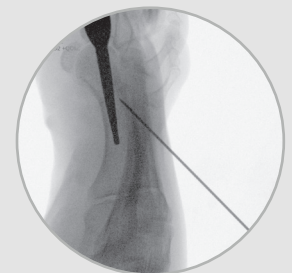


fig. 9b

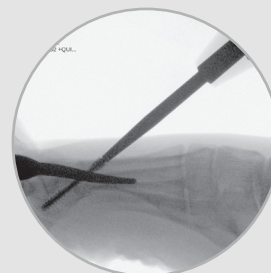


fig. 10

## PHASE FOUR : 3MM LATERAL BEVELLED SCREW FIXATION

If movement is >50% or if the assembly needs to be more stable, stabilisation can be supplemented with a 2nd bevelled transversal screw having 3 fixation points; Remove the translator in order to position a 2nd pin (1 mm diam.) from medial to lateral and from proximal to distal crossing under the screw in place. Its point of entry must be at least at mid-diaphysis (fig. 11a-b). It must pass through the two cortices of M1 and arrive in the head.

Although the screw is self-drilling, in case of hard bone, it is recommended to use a drill up to the lateral cortex (fig. 12). Introduce the measured bevelled screw with an electric screwdriver (fig. 13a-b).

## PHASE FIVE : LATERAL ARTHROLYSIS (OPTIONAL)

Once fixation of the metatarsal osteotomy has been completed, make sure that there are no residual joint incongruences linked to a retraction of the lateral ligament plane, which is usually the case for old and evolved deformities.

In this case, perform a 3rd dorsolateral incision directly below the joint. The 1mm Beaver blade severs the suspensory ligament of the sesamoid on the lateral surface of the head of M1. Then, if necessary, this is expanded for the base of the phalange of the transverse adductor of the hallux.

## PHASE SIX : OSTEOTOMY OF THE PROXIMAL PHALANGE (OPTIONAL)

Depending on the shape of the forefoot, the presence or absence of a lateral arch or a residual hallux pronation, an Akin-type percutaneous osteotomy (fig. 14a-b-c) may complete the procedure (fig. 15a-b).

## EXOSTECTOMY (EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES)

Superior and medial bony protrusions from the head of the metatarsal are not systemically resected. It depends on the ability of the induced movement to make the protrusion disappear without a surgical act that would cause intraarticular stiffness. It can be destabilising to perform it after osteosynthesis and it is better to plan for it before the chevron procedure, if it must be done. It is performed using the Wedge 4.1 burr.



fig. 11a

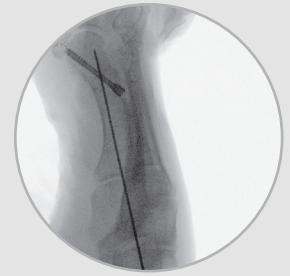


fig. 11b



fig. 12



fig. 13a



fig. 13b

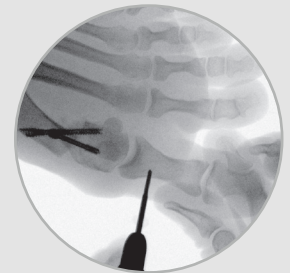


fig. 14a



fig. 14b



fig. 14c

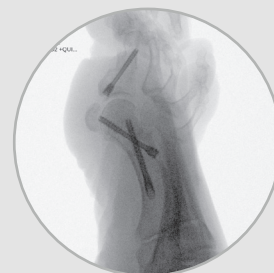


fig. 15a



fig. 15b

## POSTOPERATIVE FOLLOW-UP

Immediate loadbearing is authorised on the condition that the patient wears flat post-operative shoe for 3 to 4 weeks after the surgery, which will facilitate walking while at the same time protecting the fixation assembly.

Prophylactic antithrombotic and anticoagulant treatment with LMWH is not necessary unless a particular risk factor has been assessed by the anaesthesiologist or the surgeon (in which case, it lasts several days).

The first dressing should be changed after 15 days.

In the event of non-fixation of the osteotomy of the proximal phalange, a customised orthoplasty is performed on the day of the first dressing to maintain the correction 8 to 15 days longer. It may be replaced by strips of support tape, particularly in the case of a more global forefoot surgery.

Physical therapy is generally prescribed, according to a pre-established protocol, starting after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

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## INSTRUMENTATION



267 807 - Motor screwdriver



267 808 - Manual screwdriver



267 809 - Drill



267 811 - Measurer

254 920 - K-wire D1 L130

269 057 - K-wire D1,5 L150

## INSTRUMENTATION MIS 2 - OPTIONAL



258 163 - Percut osteotomy lever MIS II



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