

Navigating Ankle Instability: Evaluation and Differentiation

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Ankle instability manifests in diverse forms, presenting clinicians with a complex diagnostic landscape. Acute ankle sprains, often the result of sudden trauma, are typically managed through conservative measures, while chronic instability poses challenges due to recurrent sprains and ligament laxity. Understanding the continuum from acute

Distinguishing between mechanical and functional instability is pivotal for guiding treatment strategies and prognostication. While mechanical instability is characterized by objective signs of ligamentous laxity, functional instability manifests as subjective feelings of instability despite minimal objective evidence [5]. Recognizing this distinction informs decisions regarding conservative management, rehabilitation protocols, and surgical intervention when warranted [6, 7].

Ankle sprain classification systems, such as the Karlsson classification or the International Ankle Consortium guidelines, offer valuable frameworks for stratifying injury severity and guiding treatment algorithms [8]. By differentiating between grades of sprain severity, clinicians can tailor interventions to address the extent of ligamentous injury and optimize outcomes for individuals with ankle

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