



Approccio multidisciplinare
alle complicanze del diabete:
IL PIEDE DIABETICO ACUTO

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Off-loading prima durante e dopo la fase acuta

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Prevention



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Infection



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Wound healing



Charcot



8

members

Meetings and preparation
InGuide training
Methodology development
Process management
Writing
Peer review of all documents

collective years of full-time work:

2.5

Working Group Members and External Experts



119
63

experts involved

countries

Working Group Members

Meetings and preparation
InGuide training
Literature screening
Data extraction

collective years of full-time work:

5

Chair and Secretary

Meetings and preparation
InGuide training
Process management
Summary of findings tables
Evidence tables
Scientific writing

collective years of full-time work:

2.5

Systematic Reviews

120,477 Titles/abstracts screened
1,052 Full papers assessed
11 Systematic reviews

Guidelines

65 Clinical questions formulated
75 Critical outcomes selected
82 Summary of findings tables
142 Evidence-based recommendations

Together investing:

10

collective years
in voluntary work

If these hours would have been properly financially
compensated, this would have cost at least:

2 million Euros



LINEE GUIDA SULLA PREVENZIONE E GESTIONE DELLA MALATTIA DEL PIEDE CORRELATA AL DIABETE IWGDF 2023: cosa dicono in merito all'off-loading?

- Indicazione per l'utilizzo delle calzature per off-loading in prevenzione primaria
- Indicazione per l'utilizzo delle calzature per off-loading in fase acuta: ulcera neuropatica
- Indicazione per l'utilizzo delle calzature per off-loading in fase acuta: ulcera ischemica e/o infetta
- Indicazione per l'utilizzo delle calzature per off-loading in fase post-chirurgica

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Offloading è uno dei componenti chiave del protocollo di trattamento di tutto lo spettro della malattia del piede correlata al diabete



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RACCOMAN DAZIONE		FORZA DELLA RACCOMANDAZIONE	GRADO DI EVIDENZA
1	SCREENING	FORTE	ALTA
2	ESAMINARE (lesioni pre-ulcerative, complicanze microvascolari, etc...)	FORTE	ALTA
3	EDUCARE a proteggere i piedi	FORTE	BASSA
4	EDUCARE all'igiene dei piedi	FORTE	BASSA
5	EDUCARE al controllo quotidiano	FORTE	BASSA
6	EDUCARE alla prevenzione	FORTE	BASSA
7	EDUCAZIONE & COACHING	FORTE	BASSA
8	CALZATURE ADEGUATE/ SU MISURA/ TERAPEUTICHE	FORTE	BASSA
9	TRATTAMENTO delle lesioni preulcerative	FORTE	MOLTO BASSA
10	CHIRURGIA ORTOPEDICA PREVENTIVA	CONDIZIONATA	MEDIO- BASSA
11	EVITARE decompressione del/dei nervi	CONDIZIONATA	MOLTO BASSA
12	ESERCIZIO FISICO 8-12 settimane	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
13	COMUNICARE circa attività fisica, calzature, monitoraggio	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
14	CURA INTEGRATA DEL PIEDE: esame regolare del piede+ educazione strutturata+cura del piede professionale+ CALZATURE ADEGUATE	FORTE	BASSA

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CATEGORIA DI RISCHIO	GRADO DI RISCHIO	ELEMENTI OBIETTIVI	CARATTERISTICHE CLINICHE	FREQUENZA CONTROLLO
0	MOLTO BASSO	PAD, LOPS	NESSUNO	12 mesi
1	BASSO	PAD, LOPS	1 dei due	6-12 mesi
2	MODERATO	PAD, LOPS, DEFORMITA' DEL PIEDE	ALMENO 2	3-6 mesi
3	ALTO	PAD oppure LOPS + - Storia di ulcere ai piedi - Amputazione minore o maggiore - ESRD	PAD oppure LOPS + almeno 1 dei seguenti	1-3 mesi

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RACCOMANDAZIONE 8			FORZA	QUALITA'
In una persona con DIABETE e PIEDI A RISCHIO DI ULCERAZIONE				
A	Senza deformità ai piedi o deformità lievi Senza lesioni pre-ulcerative Senza storia di ulcerazioni ai piedi IWGDF rischio 1-3	Educare a utilizzare CALZATURE ADATTE alla forma del piede e che calzino in modo corretto	FORTE	BASSA
B	Con deformità del piede che aumentino significativamente le pressioni Con lesioni pre-ulcerative IWGDF rischio 2-3	Prescrivere CALZATURE con profondità extra, su misura, con plantari su misura e/o ortesi per le dita	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
C	Con ulcera plantare guarita IWGDF rischio 3	Prescrivere CALZATURE TERAPEUTICHE (con caratteristiche che forniscano effetti terapeutici, non presenti nelle calzature comuni; su misura o prefabbricate)	FORTE	MODERATA

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CARATTERISTICHE DELLE CALZATUTE DI MORFOLOGIA ADEGUATA ALLA PREVENZIONE DELL'ULCERA:

Nella persona con diabete senza ulcera del piede in atto occorre attuare 5 punti chiave:

3.4 nelle persone con categoria di rischio ≥ 1 incentivare l'utilizzo routinario di calzature appropriate

Lunghezza della calzatura > 1-2 cm rispetto alla lunghezza del piede, non troppo strette né troppo larghe

Di larghezza interna pari alla larghezza del piede a livello delle articolazioni MTTF

Con tomaia alta a sufficienza per alloggiare le dita

Indoors e outdoors

Per tutto il tempo

Se compaiono lesioni nel corso dell'uso di calzature appropriate, prescrivere **calzature terapeutiche (con tomaia più alta e costruite su misura, come pure il plantare)**

E' indicato fornire supporto finanziario per attuare queste indicazioni

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RACCOMANDAZIONE 10 OFF LOADING CHIRURGICO		FORZA	QUALITA'
In una persona con DIABETE e PIEDI A RISCHIO DI ULCERAZIONE IWGDF rischio 1-3			
• Con alluce NON rigido • Con alterazioni dell'unghia, callosità, lesioni pre-ulcerative distali o all'apice dell'alluce			
A	Considerare la tenotomia del flessore digitale quale trattamento terapeutico delle lesioni in atto e prevenzione ex novo o della ricorrenza delle lesioni	CONDIZIONATA	MEDIA
B	Considerare la prescrizione di ortesi tipo devices in silicone o semi-rigidi per l'alluce per ridurre le callosità	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA

Guidelines on the classification of foot ulcers in people with diabetes (IWGDF 2023 update)



Wound, Ischemia, and Foot Infection (WIFI) Classification of Limb Threat



The Wound, Ischemia, and Foot Infection (WIFI) classification system consists of 3 components graded separately from 0 (none) to 3 (severe). One component may be dominant but the specific combination of scores is used to estimate the risk of limb amputation at 1 year and the need for or benefit of revascularization.³

Wound (W)		
Grade	Ulcer	Gangrene
0	None	None
1	Small, shallow	None
2	Deep with exposed bone, joint, or tendon	Limited to digits
3	Extensive, deep, and involving forefoot and/or midfoot with or without calcaneal involvement	Extensive and involving forefoot and/or midfoot Full thickness heel necrosis with or without calcaneal involvement

Ischemia (I)		
Grade	Ankle-brachial index Ankle systolic pressure	Toe pressure or transcutaneous oximetry
0	≥0.80 >100 mm Hg	≥60 mm Hg
1	0.60-0.79 70-100 mm Hg	40-59 mm Hg
2	0.40-0.59 50-69 mm Hg	30-39 mm Hg
3	≤0.39 <50 mm Hg	<30 mm Hg

Foot infection (FI)	
Grade	Clinical manifestation
0	No symptoms or signs of infection
1	Infection indicated by ≥2 of the following: • Local swelling or induration • Erythema 0.5-2.0 cm around ulcer • Local tenderness or pain • Local warmth • Purulent discharge (thick, opaque to white, or sanguineous)
2	Infection as described above with: • Erythema >2 cm around ulcer • Involving structures deeper than skin and subcutaneous tissues (eg, abscess, osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, fasciitis) • No signs of systemic inflammatory response (see below)
3	Infection as described above with ≥2 signs of systemic inflammatory response syndrome: • Temperature >38 °C or <36 °C • Heart rate >90/min • Respiratory rate >20/min or PaCO₂ <32 mm Hg • White blood cell count >12 000/μL or <4000/μL or 10% immature forms

SINBAD system.

Category	Definition	Score
Site	Forefoot	0
	Midfoot and hindfoot	1
Ischaemia	Pedal blood flow intact: at least one palpable pulse	0
	Clinical evidence of reduced pedal flow	1
Neuropathy	Protective sensation intact	0
	Protective sensation lost	1
Bacterial infection	None	0
	Present	1
Area Ulcer	Ulcer <1 cm ²	0
	Ulcer ≥1 cm ²	1
Depth	Ulcer confined to skin and subcutaneous tissue	0
	Ulcer reaching muscle, tendon or deeper	1
Total possible score		0-6

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IDSA/IWGDF system.

Clinical manifestations	Infection severity	PEDIS grade
Wound lacking purulence or any manifestations of inflammation	Uninfected	1
Presence of ≥ 2 manifestations of inflammation (purulence, or erythema, tenderness, warmth, or induration), but any cellulitis/erythema extends ≤ 2 cm around the ulcer, and infection is limited to the skin or superficial subcutaneous tissues; no other local complications or systemic illness	Mild	2
Infection (as above) in a patient who is systemically well and metabolically stable but which has ≥ 1 of the following characteristics: Cellulitis extending > 2 cm, lymphangitic streaking, spread beneath the superficial fascia, deep-tissue abscess, gangrene, and involvement of muscle, tendon, joint or bone	Moderate	3
Infection in a patient with systemic toxicity or metabolic instability (e.g. fever, chills, tachycardia, hypotension, confusion, vomiting, leucocytosis, acidosis, severe hyperglycaemia, or azotaemia)	Severe	4

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	TIPOLOGIA ULCERA	SEDE	CONDIZIONE	RACCOMANDAZIONE	FORZA	QUALITA
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3	NEUROPATICA	Avampiede/ Mediopiede/ retropiede	ULCERA IN ATTO	STOP!!!! Calzature comuni (di serie, senza indicazioni terapeutiche) Calzature terapeutiche standard (pret-a-porter, con indicazioni terapeutiche, ma senza adattamento al piede del paziente)	FORTE	BASSA
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	TIPOLOGIA ULCERA	SEDE PLANTARE	CONDIZIONE	RACCOMANDAZIONE	FORZA	QUALITA
1 a,b	NEUROPATICA	Avampiede/ mediopiede		Ortesi alta al ginocchio – non rimovibile : TCC oppure walker alto al ginocchio, non-rimovibile	FORTE CONDIZIONATA	MEDIA MEDIA

Non-removable Offloading Devices

- Total Contact Cast
- “Non-removable” Controlled Ankle Motion (CAM) boot



Controlled Ankle Motion (CAM) boot

- Rendered irremovable by applying a layer of cast or tie wrap around the device.

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2	NEUROPATICA	Avampiede/mediopiede	Se Ortesi alta al ginocchio – non rimovibile è controindicata o non tollerata	walker alto al ginocchio, rimovibile OPPURE walker alto alla caviglia	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
4	NEUROPATICA	Avampiede/mediopiede	NON disponibilità di offloading devices	CALZATURE ADEGUATE + schiuma di feltro	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA



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	TIPOLOGIA ULCERA	SEDE PLANTARE	CONDIZIONE	RACCOMANDAZIONE	FORZA	QUALITA
5a	NEUROPATICA	MTT	Fallimento dell’offloading non chirurgico	Allungamento del tendine di Achille + offloading devices	CONDIZIONATA	MEDIA
5b		MTT	Fallimento dell’offloading non chirurgico	Resezione delle teste MTT + offloading devices	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
5c		ALLUCE	Fallimento dell’offloading non chirurgico	Artroplastica articolare + offloading devices	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
5d		MTT	Fallimento dell’offloading non chirurgico	Osteotomia MTT + offloading devices	CONDIZIONATA	MOLTO BASSA
6		DIGITALE 2-5 APICALE	Deformità riducibile del dito	Tenotomia del flessore digitale	<u>FORTE</u>	MEDIA

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● Percutaneous Flexor Tenotomy

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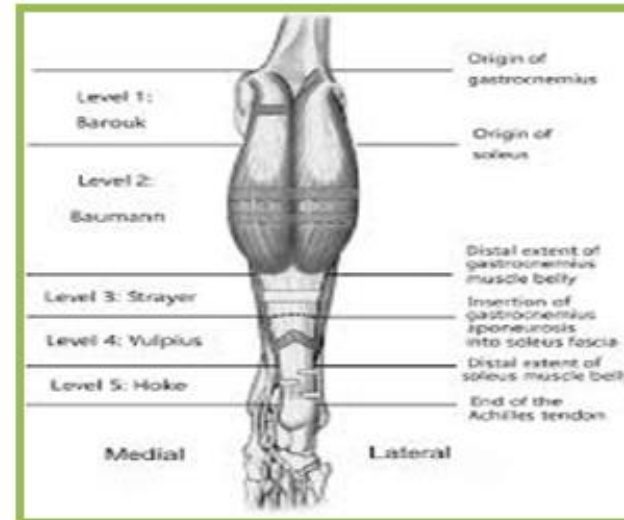


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- **Gastrocnemius recession/Achilles**

- Baumann
- Strayer
- Endoscopic gastroc recession
- Triple hemi-section



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8	NEUROPATICA	Retropiede PLANTARE		Ortesi alta al ginocchio – non rimovibile, PREFERIBILE!	CONDIZIONATA	MOLTO BASSA
9	NEUROPATICA NON- PLANTARE			Offloading device rimovibili Calzature modificate Spaziatori per dita Tenotomia del flessore dorsale	FORTE	MOLTO BASSA
10	ULCERA AL PIEDE in terapia con device di scarico alto al ginocchio			Considerare l’uso di un rialzo per la calzatura controlaterale	CONDIZIONATA	MOLTO BASSA



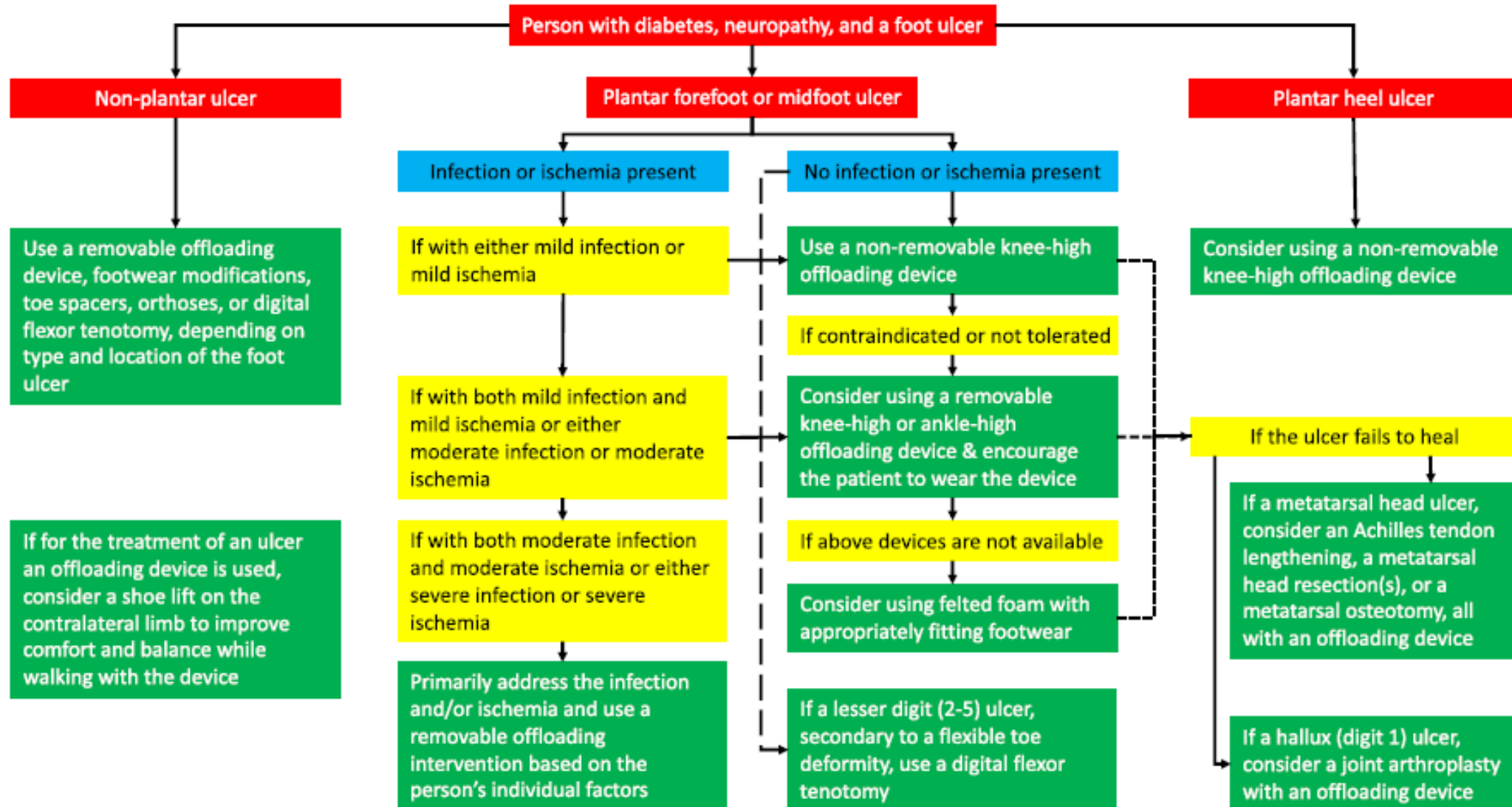
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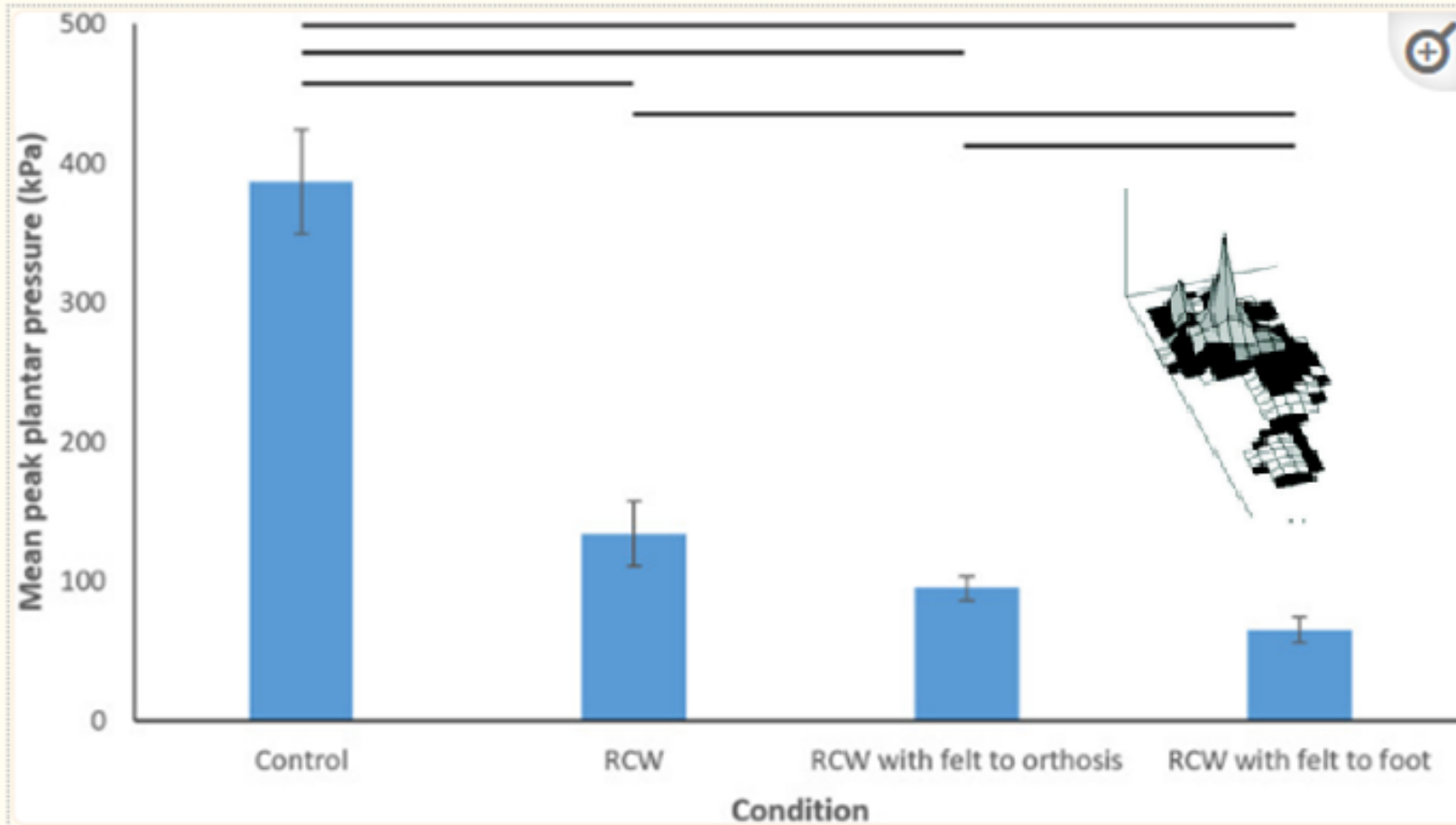
	TIPOLOGIA ULCERA	SEDE PLANTARE	CONDIZIONE	RACCOMANDAZIONE	FORZA	QUALITA
7a	NEUROPATICA	Avampiede/mediopiede	INFEZIONE O ISCHEMIA LIEVI	Ortesi alta al ginocchio – non rimovibile	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
7b	NEUROPATICA	Avampiede/mediopiede	INFEZIONE O ISCHEMIA MODERATE	Ortesi rimovibile	CONDIZIONATA	BASSA
7c	NEUROPATICA	Avampiede/mediopiede	INFEZIONE O ISCHEMIA SEVERE	Ortesi rimovibile	FORTE	MOLTO BASSA



Flow diagram on the recommended offloading treatment for a person with **diabetes and a foot ulcer**



Footwear and insole design features for offloading the diabetic at risk foot— A systematic review and meta-analyses



Comparison of mean peak plantar pressures for the control and three removable cast walkers (RCWs) – error bars are standard errors and horizontal lines at top of graph indicate statistically significant differences between two conditions



New: 2023 Offloading recommendations



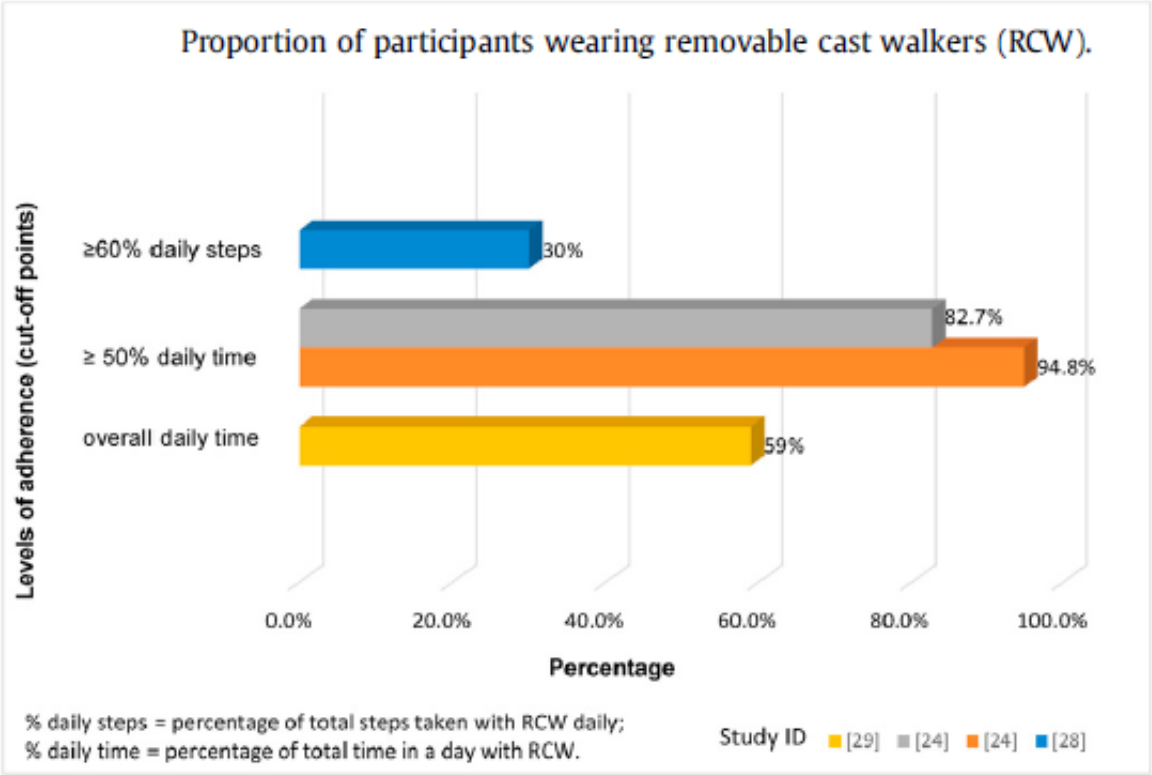
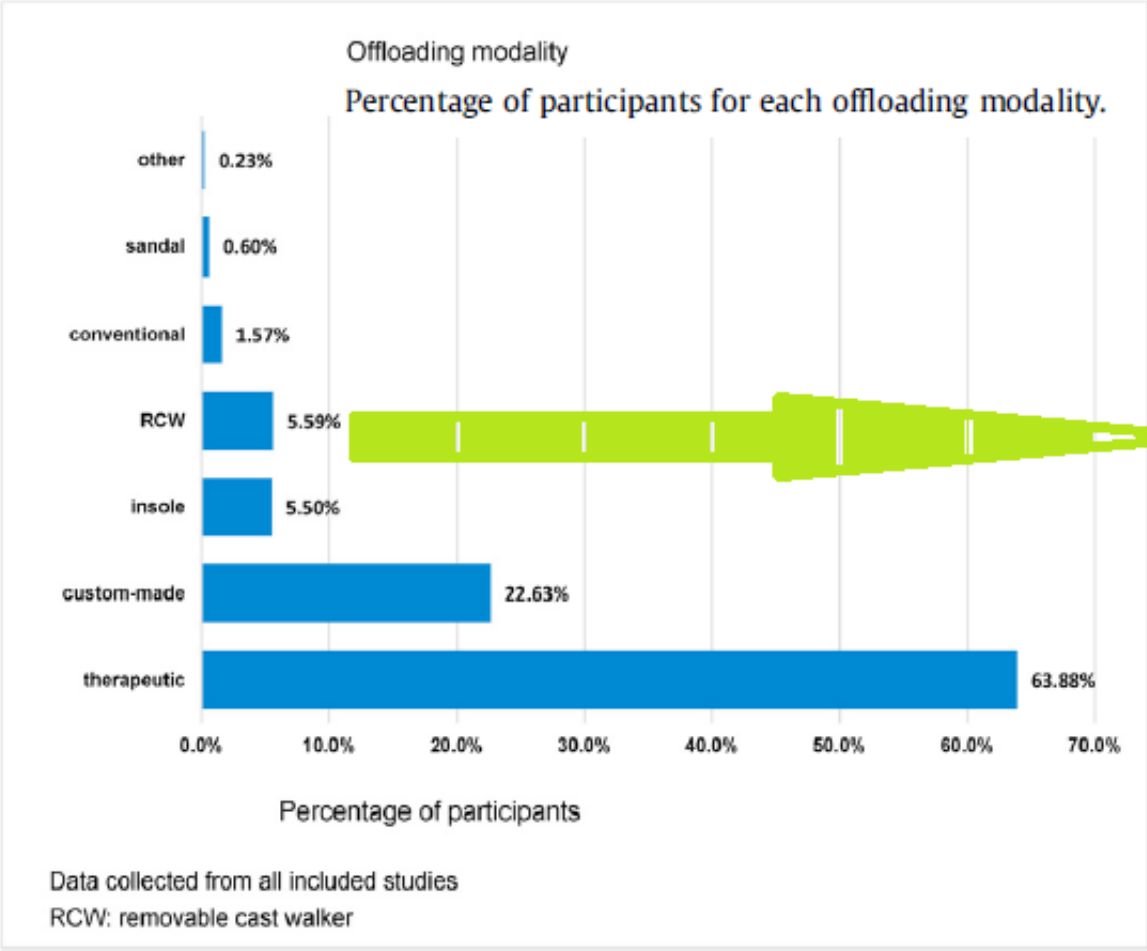


Key considerations

- Robust data are lacking on **whom, how, and when** to screen for ulcer risk
- High quality data on interventions to **prevent a first foot ulcer** are scarce
- **Costs and cost-effectiveness** of intervention needs more research
- **Adherence** to an intervention is crucial in outcomes

Offloading treatment in people with diabetic foot disease: A systematic scoping review on adherence to foot offloading

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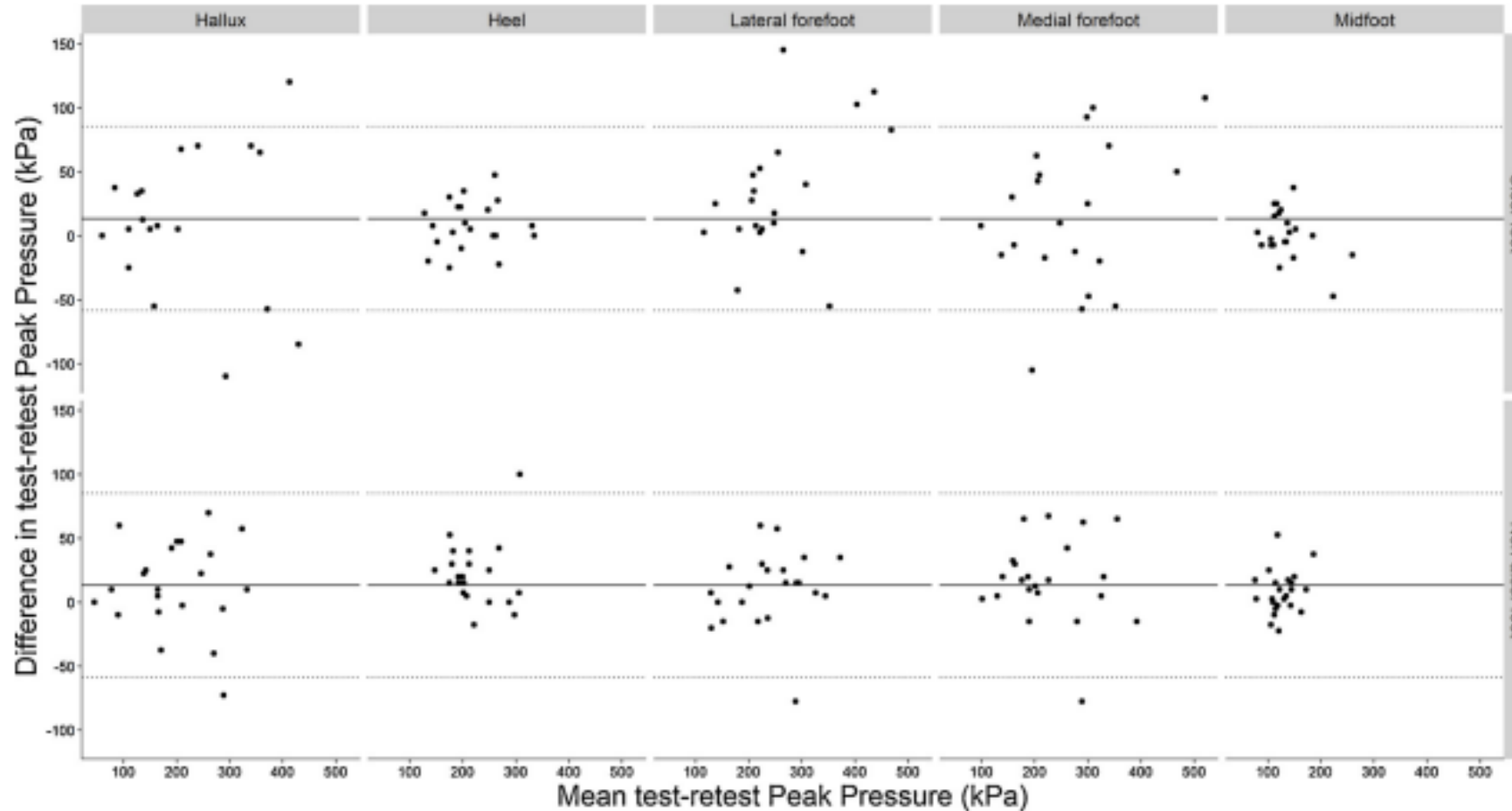
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PRINCIPALI OBIETTIVI DELL'OFFLOADING:

- Ridurre le pressioni plantari di picco
- Ridurre le pressioni plantari medie e il gradiente di pressione nei punti critici (Integrale pressioneTempo, variazione spaziale nella PP intorno al punto PPP)
- Ri-distribuire i carichi pressori
- Aumentare la velocità dei tempi di transizione del passo
- Favorire l'equilibrio durante la fase intermedia del passo
- Ridurre lo shear stress

Reliability of peak foot pressure in patients with previous diabetic foot ulceration



Bland-Altman plot of the difference in test-retest peak pressure (kPa) against the mean of the test-retest peak pressure (kPa) for the different foot regions, grouped by the foot with the primary foot ulcer (Ulcer foot) and the opposite foot (Non-ulcer foot).

Analysis of Plantar Pressure Pattern after Metatarsal Head Resection. Can Plantar Pressure Predict Diabetic Foot Reulceration?



Patients who underwent a minor metatarsal head resection (second–fifth metatarsal heads) showed a **medial transference of pressure**.

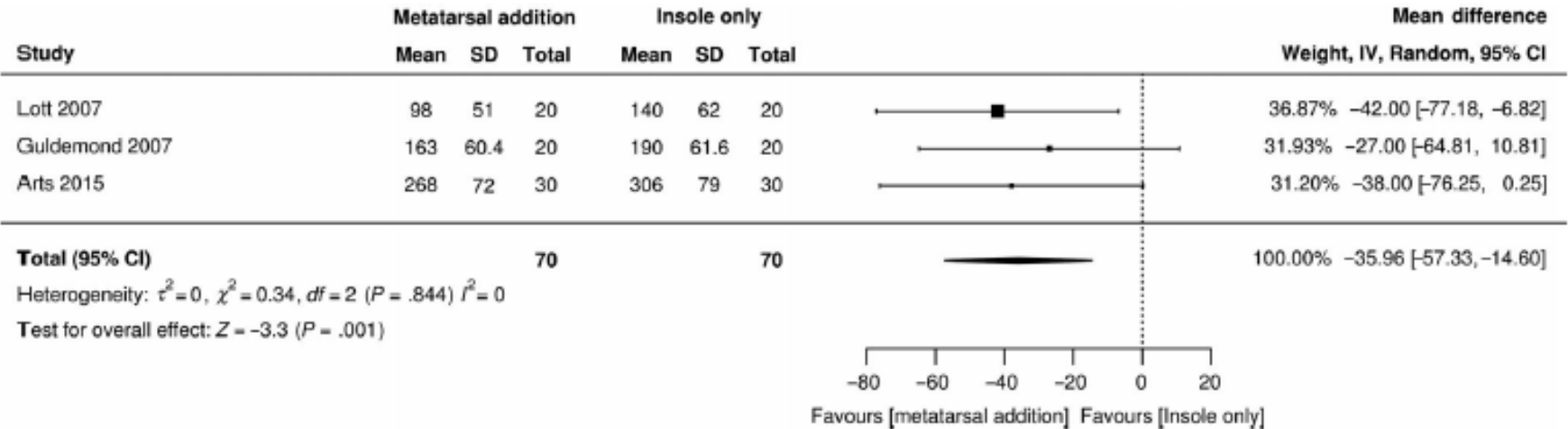
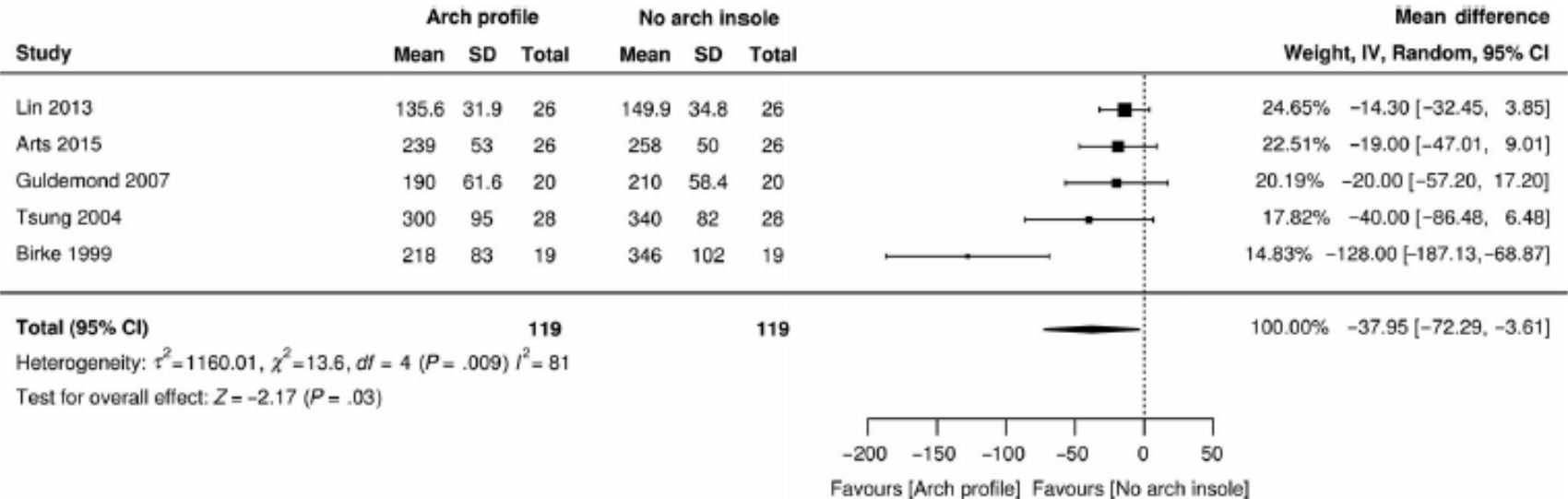
Additionally, following the resection of the first metatarsal head there was a **transference of pressure beneath the 2nd metatarsal head**.

Increase of pressure was found to be a predictor of reulceration in cases of resection of the first and second metatarsal heads.

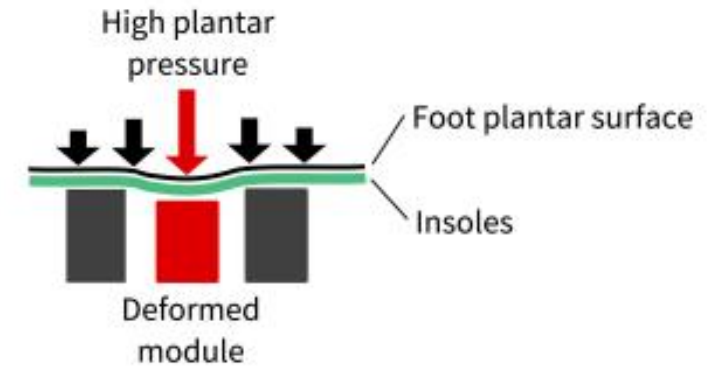
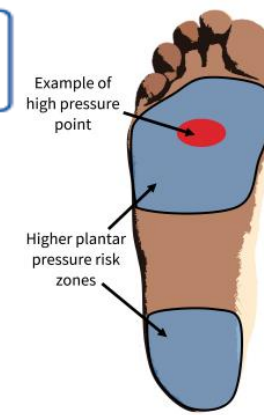
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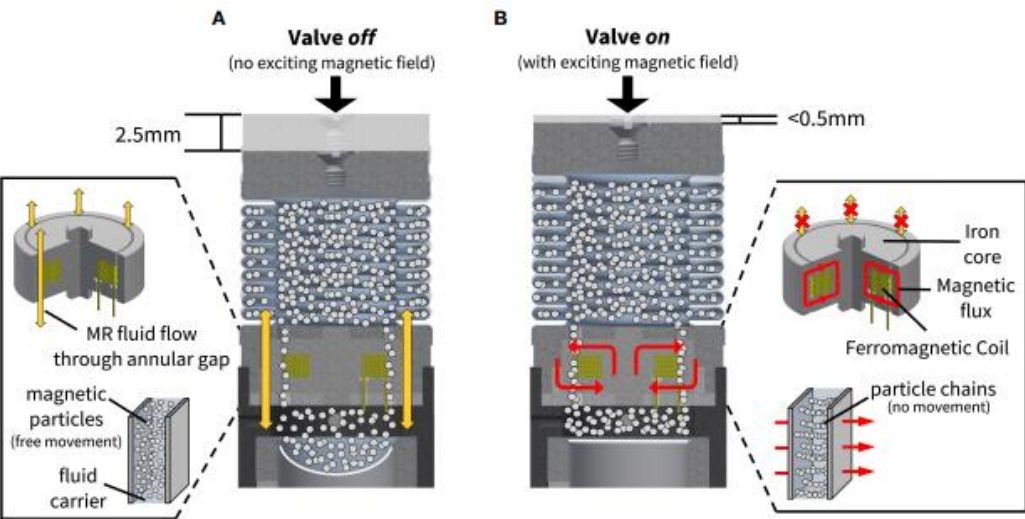
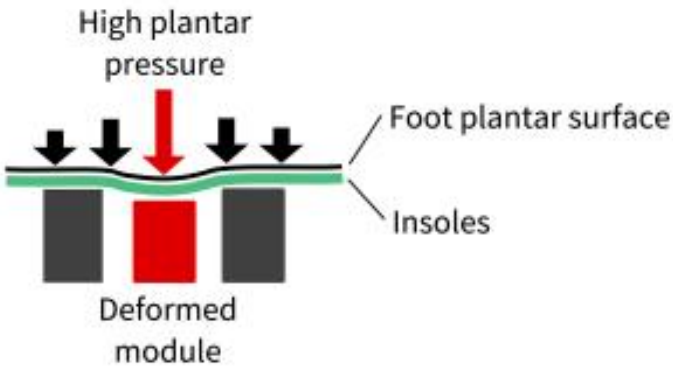
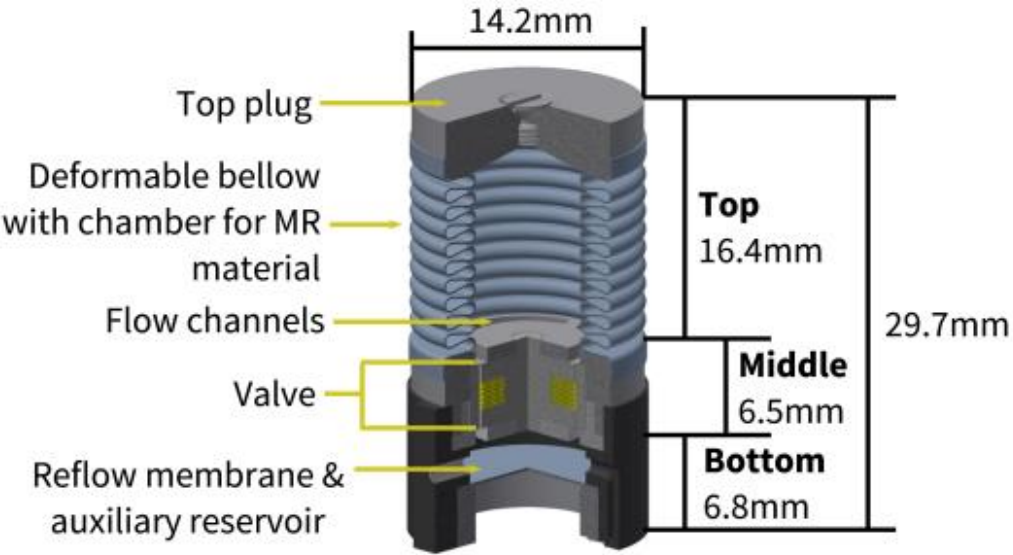
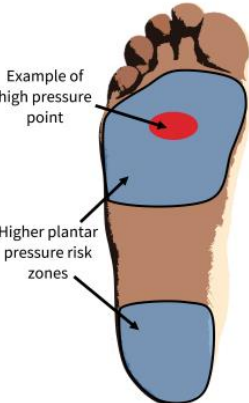
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Intelligent plantar pressure offloading for the prevention of diabetic foot ulcers and amputations



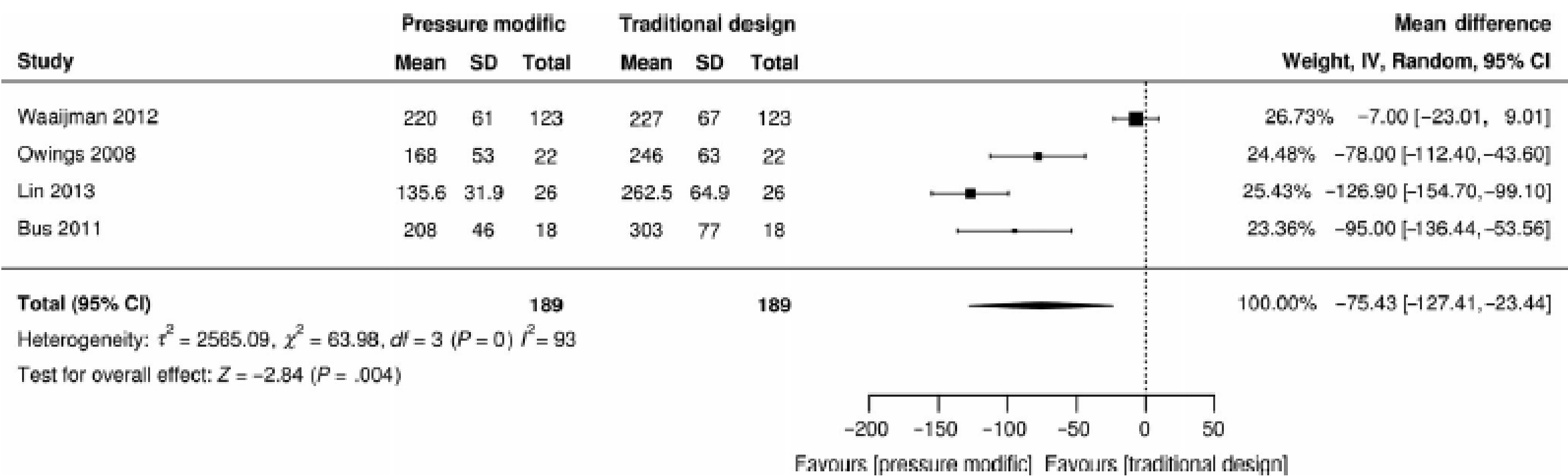
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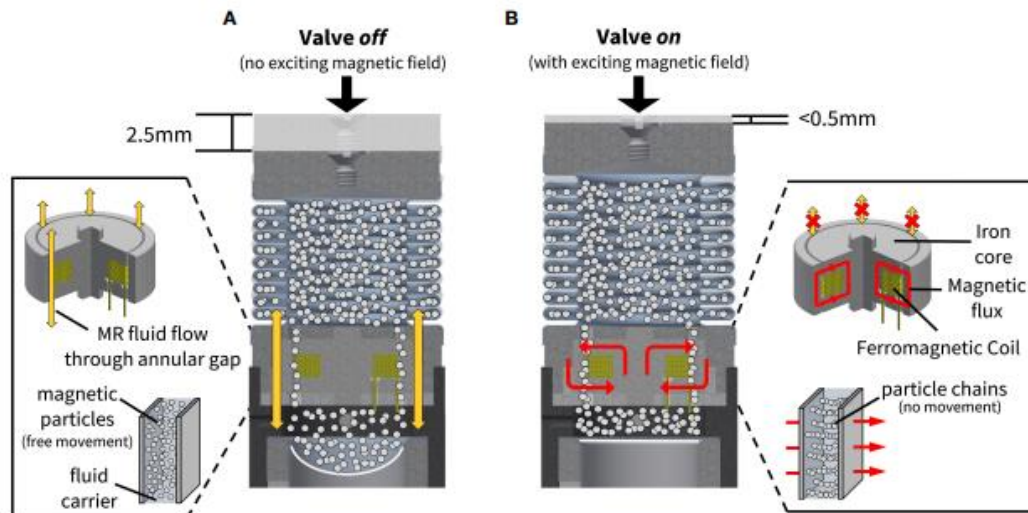
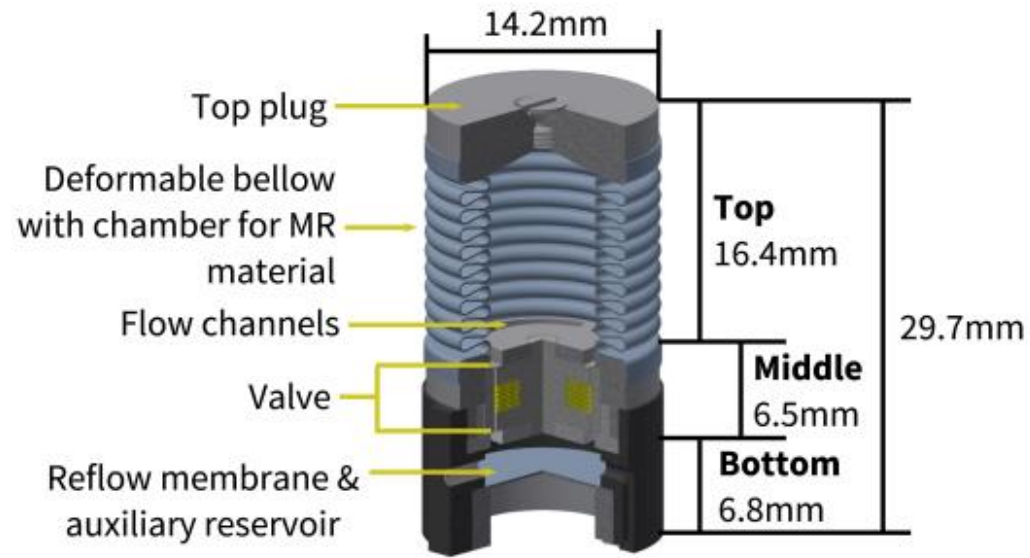
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TECNICHE E MATERIALI DI COSTRUZIONE DI CALZATURE, SUOLE E PLANTARI



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Patient Mobile App



Each event is recorded enabling data driven interaction. Clinicians are notified if the patient is able to comply.

Offloading systems for the treatment of neuropathic foot ulcers
in patients with diabetes mellitus: a meta-analysis of randomized
controlled trials for the development of the Italian guidelines
for the treatment of diabetic foot syndrome



SI RACCOMANDANO:

SUOLA rocker?

PLANTARE ad arco, multistrato, con analisi e modificazione delle pressioni plantari, con aggiunta di devices metatarsali

PROBABILMENTE QUALUNQUE sistema di offloading favorisce la guarigione dell'ulcera neuropatica al piede rispetto all'assenza di offloading o al mancato uso di calzature terapeutiche

