

# Achilles Reconstruction Solutions with Optional FHL Augmentation

Insertional Achilles Reconstruction is one of the most common procedures in foot and ankle surgery. This technique features CONMED's TruShot<sup>®</sup> with Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> which simplifies anchor placement in foot and ankle procedures through its all-in-one technology. The CrossFT<sup>®</sup> Knotless anchors are designed to optimize tendon compression through controlled tensioning technology. Finally, the versatile TenoLok<sup>®</sup> anchor for FHL Augmentation allows for strong tendon-to-bone fixation while reducing tendon damage and tendon wrap.



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## Insertional Achilles Reconstruction

Using TruShot<sup>®</sup> with Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> and CrossFT<sup>®</sup> Knotless, Optional Augmentation using TenoLok.<sup>®</sup>

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Insertional Achilles Reconstruction is one of the most common procedures in foot and ankle surgery. This technique outlines the key steps that will allow patients to participate in an accelerated rehabilitation protocol.

There are many techniques to address insertional tendinopathy, but the key factors include removing the Haglund's deformity, debriding the damaged tendon, and using suture anchors to reattach the tendon to bone for a strong repair.

Utilizing a four-anchor construct provides the best opportunity for healing because of the greater area of compression to bone and the elimination of knot stacks in this area that can be especially sensitive to irritation. In some instances, the repair can be augmented with a flexor hallucis longus (FHL) transfer. This can provide additional strength to the repair if the tendon quality is severely compromised to create additional biologic and biomechanical augmentation.

The proximal row fixation consists of the TruShot<sup>®</sup> with Y-Knot<sup>®</sup>, which features a strong all-suture anchor and an all-in-one delivery system. For the distal row, the CrossFT<sup>®</sup> Knotless anchors are ideal and offer many benefits including controlled tension to optimize tendon compression.

CROSSFT<sup>®</sup> KNOTLESS

ANCHOR

For FHL augmentation, the TenoLok<sup>®</sup> tenodesis anchor offers a fast and efficient way to fixate the FHL, providing strong tendon-to-bone fixation while eliminating the potential of damage from tendon wrap.

TRUSHOT® WITH Y-KNOT® ALL-IN-ONE SOFT TISSUE FIXATION SYSTEM FOR SMALL JOINT

**TENOLOK®** DUAL-EXPANDING TENODESIS ANCHOR





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The following technique involves the TruShot<sup>®</sup> with Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> and CrossFT<sup>®</sup> Knotless, but a variety of products are available to best suit your surgical needs.

## Insertional Achilles Reconstruction Using TruShot<sup>®</sup> with Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> and CrossFT<sup>®</sup> Knotless

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## **INCISION AND SITE PREPARATION**



**Cut a posterior midline incision** down to the calcaneus with the patient in prone position.

Provision is taken to protect the peritoneum and to retract the medial and lateral skin.



Make another longitudinal incision splitting the Achilles tendon to reflect medially and laterally.



Use the MicroFree® Cordless Small Bone Power Drill with Sagittal Saw to resect and remove the Haglund's deformity completely from the calcaneus.

Rongeur to resect the retrocalcaneal bursa.



**MICROFREE®** 

CORDLESS SMALL BONE POWER DRILL At this point in the procedure, a tendon transfer incorporating the FHL is an option. For steps showcasing this part of the procedure, reference page 8. If an augmentation is unnecessary, continue on through the technique.



## **INSERTIONAL ACHILLES RECONSTRUCTION: PROXIMAL ROW**



**Identify and mark** the proximal row insertion points on the calcaneus.



**Insert and deploy** the first and second TruShot<sup>®</sup> with Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> 1.8 anchors into the proximal insertional point of the calcaneus.



**Pass the suture** through the distal end of the Achilles Tendon.

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## **INSERTIONAL ACHILLES RECONSTRUCTION: DISTAL ROW**

## Insertional Achilles Reconstruction

Using TruShot® with Y-Knot® and CrossFT® Knotless



Using a CrossFT® Knotless 4.75 Drill Bit and Y-DGRCN Guide, drill a pilot hole into the desired proximal and medial distal insertion points.



**Insert the CrossFT® Knotless** 4.75 Tap into each pilot hole to create thread patterns.



Load 2-3cm of two TruShot® with Y-Knot® suture limbs from each proximal anchor into the nitinol loop on the threader tab of the first CrossFT® Knotless Anchor.





## **INSERTIONAL ACHILLES RECONSTRUCTION: DISTAL ROW**



**Place the nose of the anchor body** into the first hole and pull the suture limbs until desired tension is achieved.

Cleat the suture limbs onto the gray telescoping cleats on the device.



**Deploy the CrossFT® Knotless Anchor** Deploy the CrossFT® Knotless Anchor by holding the black knob stationary while turning the blue knob clockwise until the anchor is inserted to the laser line.



#### **COMPLETING THE REPAIR:**

**Repeat steps 9-11** with a second CrossFT<sup>®</sup> Knotless Anchor to complete the distal row construct, and cut the remaining suture limbs.

<sup>44</sup> TruShot<sup>®</sup> confers a major advantage over what is available in the market today. Most anchors are not designed for small joints and require a large hole or implant size that is impractical for fixation in small joints."

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## **AUGMENTED ACHILLES REPAIR: FHL TRANSFER**

- **1.** Identify and retract the FHL tendon. Then release the FHL tendon as far distally as possible.
- 2. In preparation for TenoLok,<sup>®</sup> tag and shape the tendon with free suture.
- **3.** Using a Beath pin with an eyelit, drill mediolaterally through the posterior calcaneal cortex until the pin is exposed on the plantar side of the foot.
- 4. Using a cannulated reamer, drill the appropriate diameter tunnel into the calcaneus to the recommended 19mm depth. The tunnel diameter can vary upon tendon size and anchor size between the 5mm and 6mm TenoLok<sup>®</sup> implant.

**NOTE:** The TenoLok<sup>®</sup> driver shaft has a visible laser line on the distal end indicating 19mm.

- 5. Thread the suture limbs from the whipstitched tip of the FHL through the eyelit of the Beath pin, and advance the pin until it is drilled completely through the calcaneus.
- 6. Pull the exposed suture limbs to advance the FHL into the tunnel, tensioning the tendon with the foot plantar flexed to approximately 40°.
- 7. Insert the TenoLok<sup>®</sup> Anchor into the bone tunnel at the same trajectory and angle as the tunnel was drilled. Gently mallet the device until the 20mm laser line is flush with the bone cortex.
- Deploy the anchor by holding the TenoLok<sup>®</sup> white delivery handle stationary and turning the black deployment knob clockwise, until a loud audible "pop" is heard.

**NOTE:** The black deployment knob will increase in resistance to turn when approaching deployment of the anchor.

**9.** Disengage the TenoLok<sup>®</sup> Driver from the deployed implant by pulling back.





## Proximal Row Anchor Offerings



## Y-KNOT® PRO RC OPTIONS YPRC02 | DOUBLE LOADED WITH TWO #2 HI-FI® SUTURES

- The Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> PRO combines our Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> anchor with a cleatless suture release technology.
- The Y-Knot<sup>®</sup> PRO eliminates the need for uncleating sutures after implanting the anchor by providing a more efficient delivery system.



## YRC02N | DOUBLE LOADED WITH TWO #2 HI-FI® SUTURES

- Ideal for open procedures.
- Needles attached.

## Proximal Row Anchor Offerings (Cont'd)



### YPRCTW | LOADED WITH 2MM HI-FI® TAPE (WHITE/BLACK)

- Hi-Fi® Tape
  - is 69% less abrasive than the leading competitor when measuring tendon tear-through.<sup>1</sup>
  - has broader compression than #2 suture for increased tendonto-bone interface.
  - is more than twice as strong as #2 suture.<sup>2</sup>
  - simplifies double-row repairs by eliminating need for medial knot tying the anchor by providing a more efficient delivery system.

#### YPRC02R | LOADED WITH TWO RIBBONS

- Hi-Fi<sup>®</sup> Ribbon is a 1.3mm wide, flat, tie-able tape.
- Ribbon is:
  - 2X wider than #2 suture for broader compression and increased tendon-to-bone interface.
  - 14% stronger than high-strength USP #2 suture.<sup>3</sup>
  - Smaller knot stacks than USP #2 suture.<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Data on File TR16-787. Compared with FiberTape. TR16-787-1, <sup>2</sup> Data on file TR16-219, <sup>3</sup> Data on file: TR18-00183-1 and TR12-441, <sup>4</sup> Data on file: TR17-01219



## **Distal Row Anchor Offerings**

### CROSSFT® KNOTLESS DT CFK-475SDT | 4.75MM KNOTLESS DT SUTURE ANCHOR WITH #2 HI-FI® SUTURE

- Controlled tension designed to optimize tendon compression.
- Strong: New deep thread pattern allows for cancellous bone fixation.
- Bone marrow vent channel designed to provide healing properties of bone marrow.
- Also available in 4.0mm for a smaller footprint and less bone removal.

## **CROSSFT® KNOTLESS**

#### CFK-475S | 4.75MM KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHOR

- Controlled tension designed to optimize tendon compression.
- Strong: Dual-thread pattern for cortical and cancellous bone fixation.
- Bone marrow vent channel designed to provide healing properties of bone marrow.
- Also available in 4.0mm for a smaller footprint and less bone removal.
- Available in PEEK and Biocomposite.

### POPLOK<sup>®</sup> CFP-4502 | 4.50MM SUTURE ANCHOR WITH TWO #2 HI-FI<sup>®</sup> SUTURES

 The unique suture locking mechanism traps suture within the anchor, resulting in dependable fixation. The PopLok<sup>®</sup> Knotless Suture Anchor also has the ability to tension the suture after the anchor is seated in the pilot hole. When the anchor is "popped," the wings are deployed subcortically to provide secure fixation in the bone. Also able to be manually loaded with ribbon or tape

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## FHL Tendon Transfer Product Offerings

## **TENOLOK®**

#### DUAL-EXPANDING TENODESIS ANCHOR

It is designed to provide strong tendon-to-bone fixation, reduced tendon damage and tendon wrap as well as a fast, efficient technique.

- T50S65 | 5.0mm TenoLok® Anchor with one #2 Hi-Fi® Suture, Guide Pin, and 6.50mm Badger® Drill Bit
- T60S7 | 6.0mm TenoLok® Anchor with one #2 Hi-Fi® Suture, Guide Pin, and 7.5mm Badger® Drill Bit



### **GENESYS<sup>™</sup> MATRYX<sup>®</sup>**

**INTERFERENCE SCREW** 

Provide an optimal combination of biologic healing\* and mechanical integrity. These interference screws deliver strong initial fixation during the critical healing period and provide a scaffold to enable bone in-growth during the subsequent resorption period.

- 235015m5 | GENESYS™ Matryx® 5 X 15mm Interference Screw
- 235020m5 | GENESYS™ Matryx® 5 X 20mm Interference Screw
- 236015m5 | GENESYS™ Matryx® 6 X 15mm Interference Screw
- 236020m5 | GENESYS<sup>™</sup> Matryx<sup>®</sup> 6 X 20mm Interference Screw



\*Biologic Healing is defined by CONMED as the body's natural healing process







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#### **CROSSFT®** KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHOR

CrossFT <sup>®</sup> Knotless Anchor, 4.75mm	CFK-475S
CrossFT <sup>®</sup> Knotless Drill Bit, 4.75mm	CFKD475D
CrossFT <sup>®</sup> Knotless Tap, 4.75mm	CFK-T475

#### **CROSSFT®** KNOTLESS DT SUTURE ANCHOR

CrossFT <sup>®</sup> Knotless DT Suture Anchor
4.75mm with #2 Hi-Fi <sup>®</sup> Suture CFK-475SDT
CrossFT <sup>®</sup> Knotless DT Suture Anchor
4.75mm Drill Bit, Disposable, Sterile CFK-475D
CrossFT <sup>®</sup> Knotless DT Suture Anchor
4.75mm DT Tap, Reusable, Non-Sterile CFK-T475DT

#### **GENESYS<sup>™</sup> MATRYX<sup>®</sup>** IMPLANT AND INSTRUMENTATION

#### INTERFERENCE SCREW

GENESYS <sup>™</sup> Matryx <sup>®</sup> Interference Screw 5mm x 15mm	235015M5
GENESYS <sup>™</sup> Matryx <sup>®</sup> Interference Screw 5mm x 20mm	235020M5
GENESYS <sup>™</sup> Matryx <sup>®</sup> Interference Screw 5mm x 25mm	235025M5
GENESYS <sup>™</sup> Matryx <sup>®</sup> Interference Screw 5mm x 30mm	235030M5

#### **CONSTANT DIAMETER REAMERS**

Constant Diameter Reamer, 5mm x 178mm	CD050
Constant Diameter Reamer, 6mm x 178mm	CD060

#### HALL® MICROFREE® CORDLESS SMALL BONE POWER SYSTEM

Hall® MicroFree® Sagittal Saw		PRO8200SB
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#### **POPLOK®** KNOTLESS SUTURE ANCHORS

PopLok <sup>®</sup> Suture Anchor	
with Two #2 Hi-Fi <sup>®</sup> Sutures, 4.5mm	CKP-4502
PopLok <sup>®</sup> Punch, 4.50mm	PKL-45M

#### For more information visit www.CONMED.com

#### **TENOLOK®** DUAL EXPANDING TENODESIS ANCHOR

TenoLok® Dual-Expanding Tenodesis Anchor 5.0mm, Fixation Kit	65
TenoLok <sup>®</sup> Anchor, 5.0mm – loaded with one #2 Hi-Fi <sup>®</sup> Suture	
1 Guide Pin	
1 Drill Bit, 7mm	
TenoLok <sup>®</sup> Dual-Expanding Tenodesis Anchor 6.0mm, Fixation Kit	75
TenoLok <sup>®</sup> Anchor, 6.0mm – loaded with one #2 Hi-Fi <sup>®</sup> Suture	
1 Guide Pin	
1 Drill Bit 7 5mm	

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#### Y-KNOT® ALL-SUTURE ANCHOR

Y-Knot <sup>®</sup> Pro RC Anchor with two #2 Hi-Fi <sup>®</sup>	YPRC02
Y-Knot $^{\otimes}$ RC with Needles with two #2 Hi-Fi $^{\otimes}$ Sutures $\ldots$	. YRC02N
Y-Knot <sup>®</sup> Pro RC Anchor	
with 2mm Hi-Fi <sup>®</sup> Tape (White/Black)	. YPRCTW
V-Knot <sup>®</sup> Pro RC Anchor with two Ribbons	VPRC02R

#### ACCESSORIES

Y-Knot <sup>®</sup> RC Disposable Drill Bit, 2.8mm	Y28D
Y-Knot® RC Slotted Drill Guide	GRCN



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