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# An anatomical deformity of the hallux (big toe) resulting in the appearance of a bump

Hallux Valgus (HV) is a condition where the metatarsal bone angles inwards (away from the foot), causing the hallux to angle outwards (toward the other toes). Although there is no additional tissue growth, this angle change creates the appearance of a bump at the joint. This bone movement over time is primarily due to genetics but can be made worse by wearing pointed-toed shoes. HV is more common in females with flat feet. HV is not painful, but wearing tight shoes that press on the bulging point can create pain, skin irritations and synovitis (joint inflammation). Having untreated HV for many years increases the risk of developing osteoarthritis of the joint.



To treat this condition the arch needs to be supported to prevent the foot from pronating (flattening) further onto the bunion and shoes need to be modified with a simple stretch to prevent pressure.

#### Further treatment modalities include:

Orthotics

Orthotic Adjustments

Orthopaedic footwear (Wide, Rocker Soled)

Shoe Spot-Stretching to Accommodate the Bunion

Gel Bunion Guards

Anti-Inflammatories (Oral and Topical)

Injections: Steroid (Depo-Medrol, Kenalog, Decadron)

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Blood (PRP - Platelet Rich Plasma)

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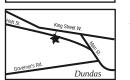
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