# The Way It Was: Hammer Toe Treatment

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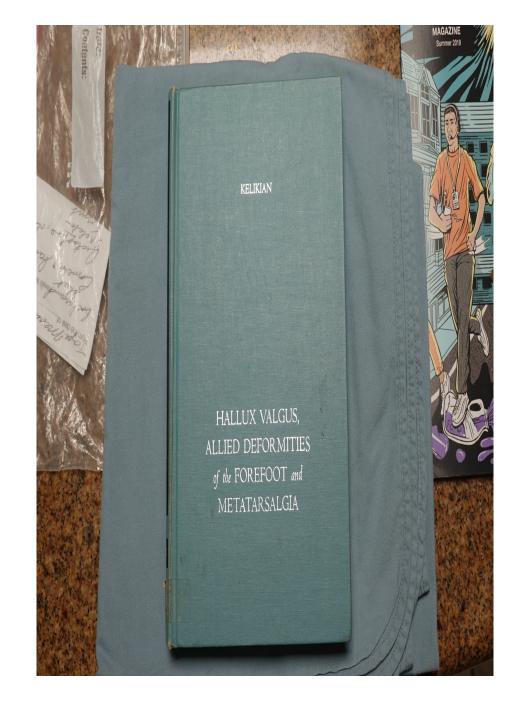
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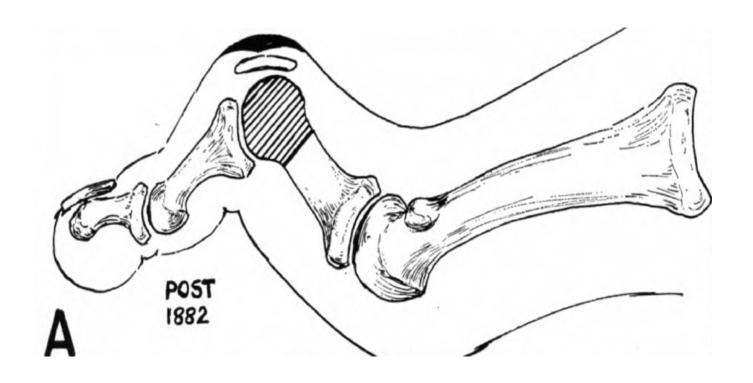
## Slides and Carousels— No PowerPoint



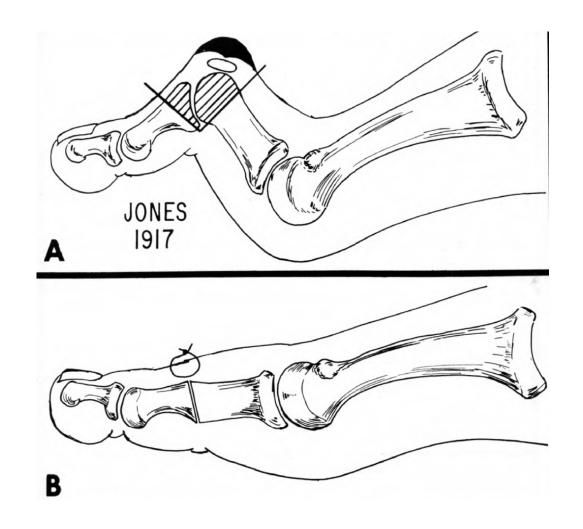
## Hampar Kelikian 1965



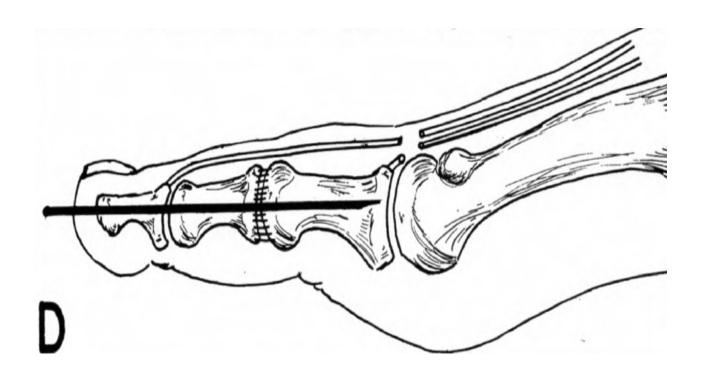
### PIP Resection--Post 1882



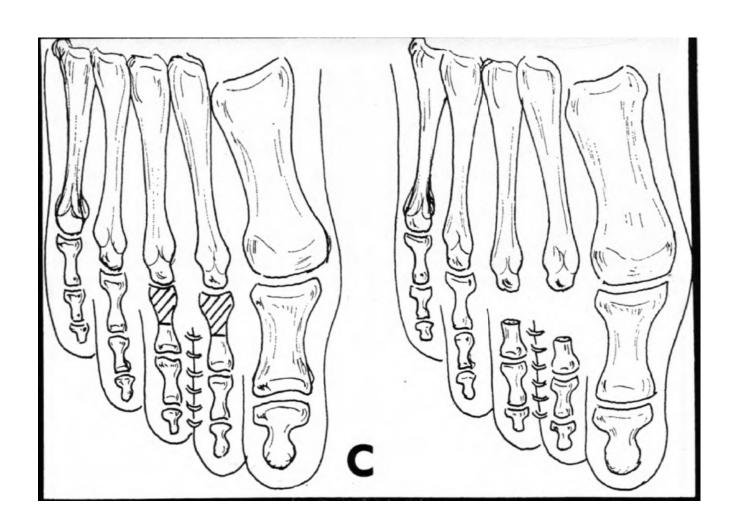
#### PIP Fusion—Jones 1917



## K-Wire Fixation—Taylor 1940

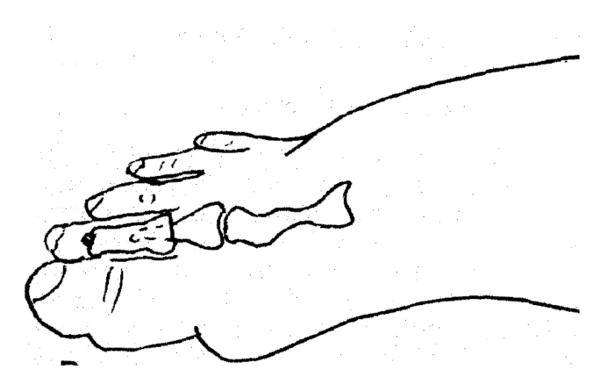


## **Syndactyly with Partial Proximal Phalangectomy**



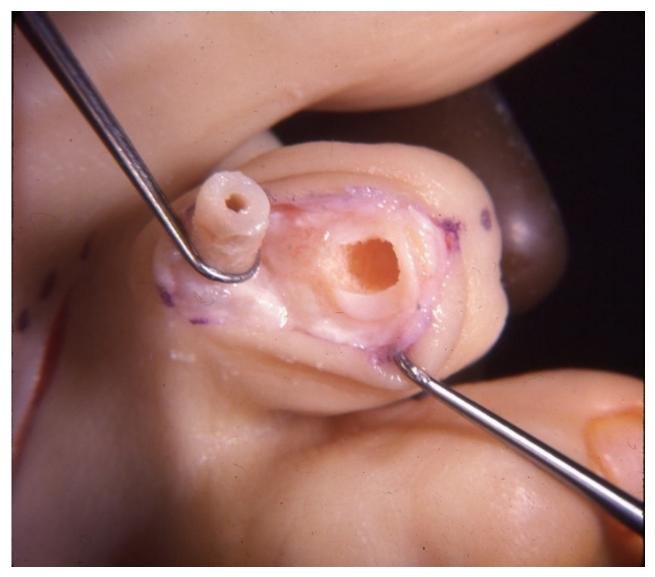
Kelikian 1965

### Peg and Dowel PIP fusion. 73 toes. 97% fusion



Alvine/Garvin, FAI, 1980

## Peg in hole



## Commercially available toe fusion drills





## **Implant Cost--2019**

As low as—

\$2.25 per pin

#### FAI, 1995

0198-0211/95/1609-0535\$03.00/0
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## Treatment of Symptomatic Hammertoe with a Proximal Interphalangeal Joint Arthrodesis

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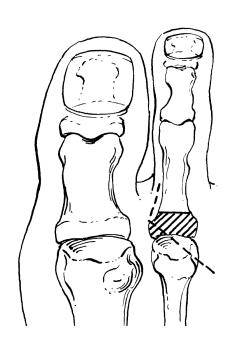
100 Feet95% Radiographic Fusion15% Dissatisfaction

#### FAI, 1994

## Treatment of the Atypical Lesser Toe Deformity with Basal Hemiphalangectomy

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86 Toes29% DissatisfactionAdd PIP fusion



## **Thoughts on Continuing Quality Improvement**

Requires incremental changes

Incremental changes from research

Best research changes how we do things.

#### **Overview**

The way it WAS for hammer toe (1976-2012): resections and fusions

The way it IS and the future: Sandra Klein, M.D.