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Surgical Technique
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**Access**

Make a dorsomedial skin incision and a straight capsular incision. Carry out subperiostal dissection of the soft tissues in a dorsal, lateral and plantar direction.

- Spare the insertions of the short flexor muscle of the great toe in order to avoid malalignment postoperatively.
- Expose the sesamoid bones and resect all adhesions between sesamoid bones and metatarsal with the proximal phalanx in maximum plantar flexion.

1. Remove all osteophytes from the metatarsal head medially, dorsally and laterally. Using the saw, resect 1 – 2 mm of the proximal phalanx. Take care to preserve the attachment of the flexor tendon. Use an elevator to improve access to the phalanx and protect soft tissues.

2. Use a gauge to select the best trial prosthesis. Take care to avoid soft tissue impingement due to oversizing of the implant. Through the hole in the gauge insert the 2.8 mm K-wire centrally and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the phalanx. The wire should be inserted to the last laser mark.

3. Resect 2 – 3 mm from the proximal phalanx with the cannulated AnaToemic Reamer over the 2.8 mm guidewire. This will decompress the joint and allow for greater range of motion postoperatively. A reamer that is slightly smaller than the phalanx may help to preserve a plantar cortex for the attachment of the flexor tendon. Reaming depth can be measured using the laser marks on the guidewire. Each line is 2 mm.

4. Implant the trial prosthesis until it is flush with the resected surface of the proximal phalanx. With manual traction on the 1st toe, a gap of 5 – 7 mm between the metatarsal head and trial prosthesis should be present. Take the joint through a trial range of motion. The aim is to achieve 80 – 90º dorsiflexion. If the range of motion is limited or the gap is too small, perform a cheilectomy—in which at least 20% of the joint surface must be resected—and/or resect more from the phalanx.

**Indication**

Hallux limitus with cartilage damage to the metatarsophalangeal joint of the great toe and hallux rigidus.
Insert the cobalt chrome AnaToemic Prosthesis centrally and parallel to the joint surface. Seat the implant with the AnaToemic Driver until the implant is flush with the bone.

**Implants:**
- AnaToemic Prosthesis, 17 mm AR-9500-170
- AnaToemic Prosthesis, 18.5 mm AR-9500-185
- AnaToemic Prosthesis, 20 mm AR-9500-200
- AnaToemic Prosthesis, 21.5 mm AR-9500-215
- AnaToemic Prosthesis, 23 mm AR-9500-230

**AnaToemic Instrument Set (AR-9500S) includes:**
- AnaToemic Saw Blade AR-9500B
- AnaToemic Case AR-9500C
- AnaToemic Driver AR-9500D
- AnaToemic Phalangeal Prosthesis Gauge, 17 – 18.5 mm AR-9500G-S
- AnaToemic Phalangeal Prosthesis Gauge, 20 – 21.5 mm AR-9500G-M
- AnaToemic Phalangeal Prosthesis Gauge, 23 mm AR-9500G-L
- AnaToemic Reamer, 17 mm AR-9500R-170
- AnaToemic Reamer, 18.5 mm AR-9500R-185
- AnaToemic Reamer, 20 mm AR-9500R-200
- AnaToemic Reamer, 21.5 mm AR-9500R-215
- AnaToemic Reamer, 23 mm AR-9500R-230
- AnaToemic Trial, 17 mm AR-9500T-170
- AnaToemic Trial, 18.5 mm AR-9500T-185
- AnaToemic Trial, 20 mm AR-9500T-200
- AnaToemic Trial, 21.5 mm AR-9500T-215
- AnaToemic Trial, 23 mm AR-9500T-230
- AnaToemic K-wire, 2.8 mm AR-9528
- AnaToemic Punch AR-9500P

**Postoperative Treatment**

The patient should undergo active and passive exercises from the 2nd postoperative day. A rehabilitation shoe with a stiff sole is recommended during postoperative weeks 1 through 4. From the end of the 2nd postoperative week, intensify the active and passive dorsiflexion exercises, which should be continued until the end of the 4th postoperative month.
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