



ACFAS Position Statement on Cosmetic Surgery

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The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons promotes the highest standards and ethics of foot and ankle surgery. Members of the College have extensive training and experience in surgical procedures performed for relief of pain, restoration of function, and reconstruction of deformities of the foot and ankle.

All surgery carries risks, and these risks are of increased importance when they have the potential to affect the individual's ability to lead an active life, as they do with surgery of the foot and ankle. Patients considering surgery of the foot or ankle and their surgeons must thoroughly discuss and weigh the risks and benefits of the procedure.

Surgery performed solely for cosmetic purposes by altering the appearance or size of the foot or ankle carries risks without medical benefit and therefore should not be undertaken.

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons is a professional society of 7,600 foot and ankle surgeons. Founded in 1942, the College's mission is to promote research and provide continuing education for the foot and ankle surgical specialty, and to educate the general public on foot health and conditions of the foot and ankle through its patient education website, FootHealthFacts.org.