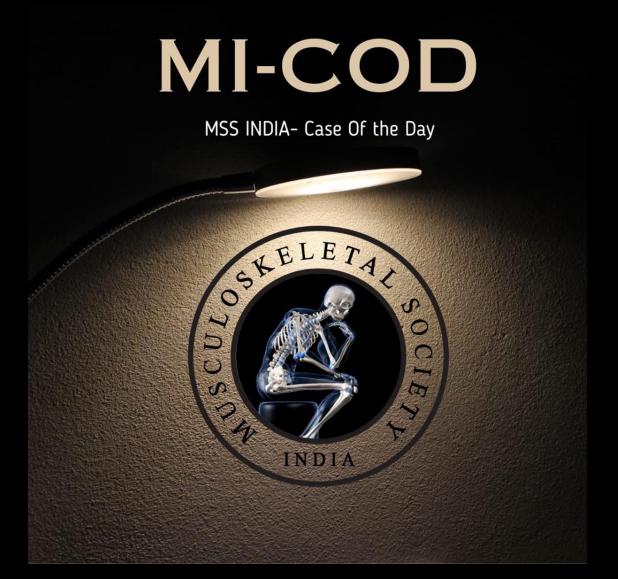
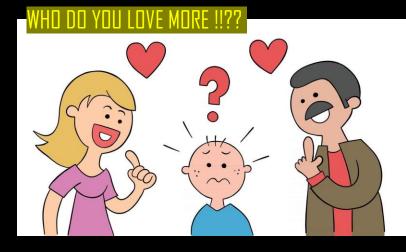
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27-year-old dancer had popliteal fossa pain on performing the following steps (gif), preparing for the wedding performance. It was relieved on rest. What could be the possible etiologies?





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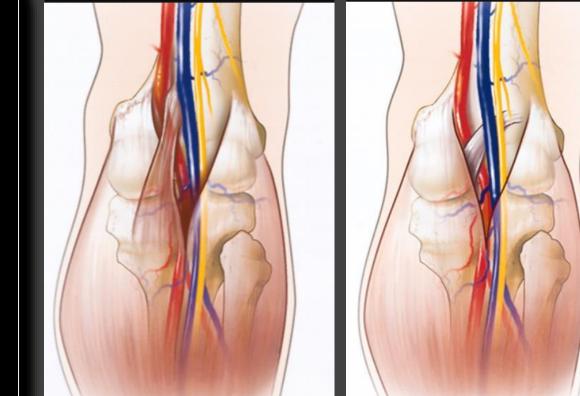


# Popliteal artery entrapment syndrome by third head of gastrocnemius/accessory head

#### https://radsource.us/accessory-muscles-of-the-knee/

- Anomalous origins and accessory slips of the medial or lateral heads of the gastrocnemius may occur
- First described by Kelch in 1813 and further detailed by Frey in 1919
- Estimated frequency of the accessory 3<sup>rd</sup> head of the gastrocnemius is between 2.0% and 5.5%
- Accessory 3<sup>rd</sup> head of the gastrocnemius is best demonstrated on non-fat saturated sequences and can range in size from a thin threadlike muscle or tendon to a bulky muscle
- Important to be aware of these variants because of their relationship and effects on the popliteal vessels
- Rarely, the 3<sup>rd</sup> head of the gastrocnemius can be associated with nerve entrapment

### Anomalous muscle band with abnormal attachment



Fibrous band & popliteal

artery entrapment

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