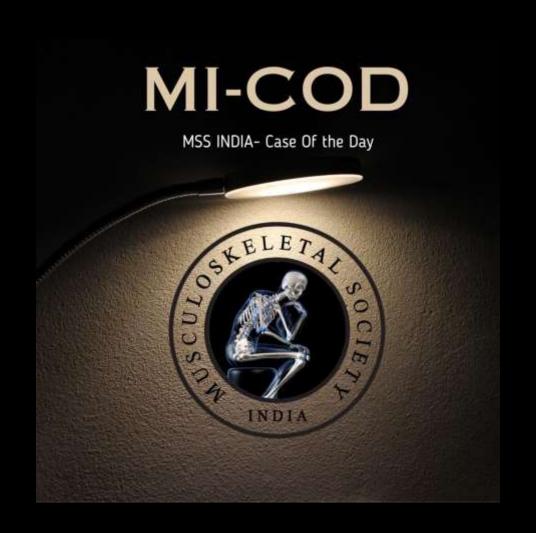
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23 yr/M with restricted flexion of the index finger.

The patient has been operated for a penetrating injury 1 year ago.



Intra-op pictures from the previous surgery (provided by the patient). Surgical notes were not available for correlation.

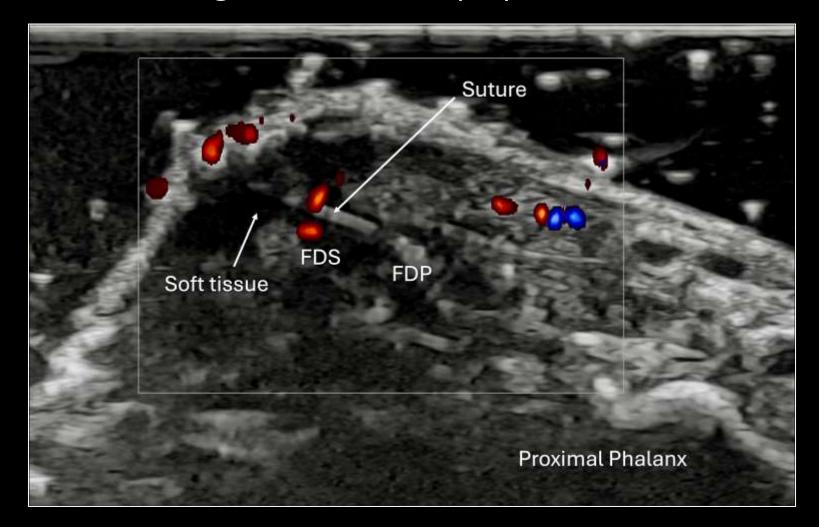


## Indications for ultrasound:

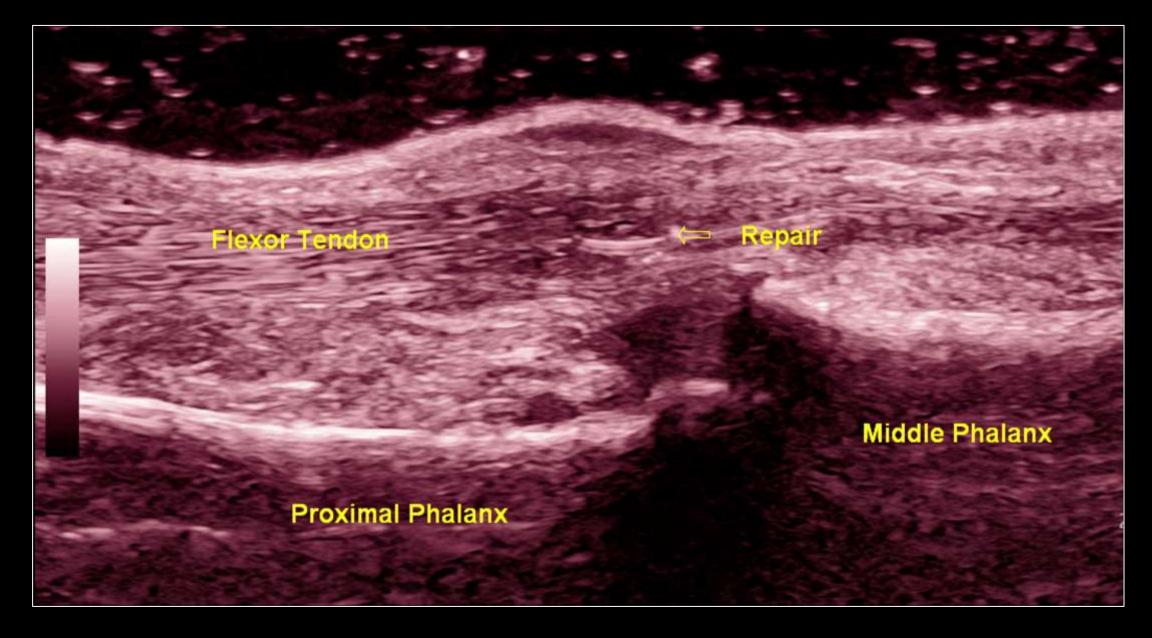
- a) Assess the status of repaired tendons.
- b) Look for peritendinous adhesions.
- c) Determine the possible cause of restricted flexion.



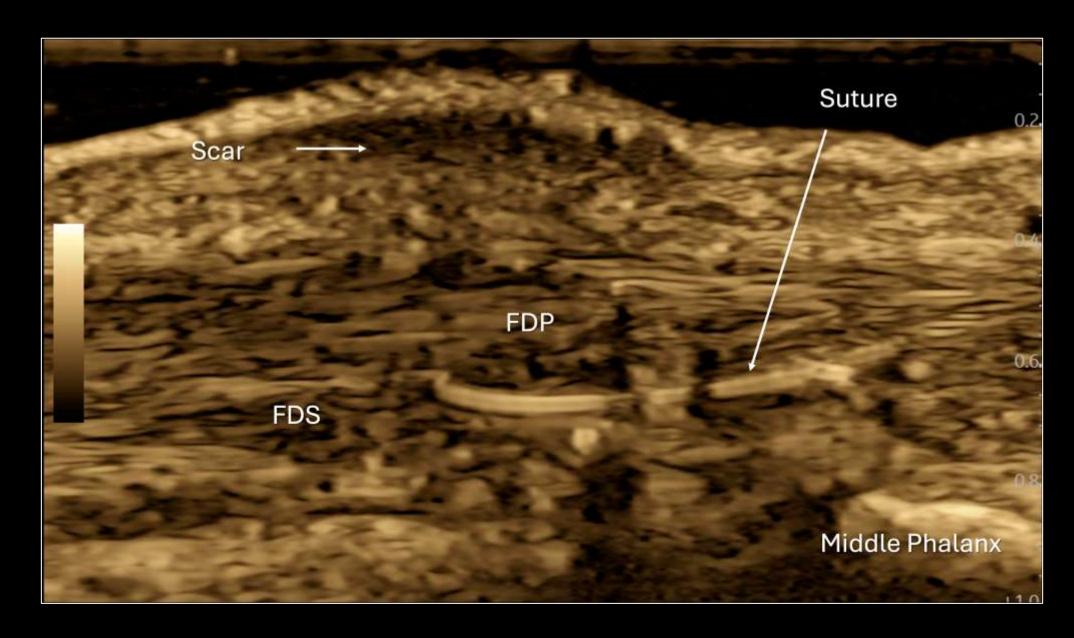
## Axial image at the site of palpable nodule.



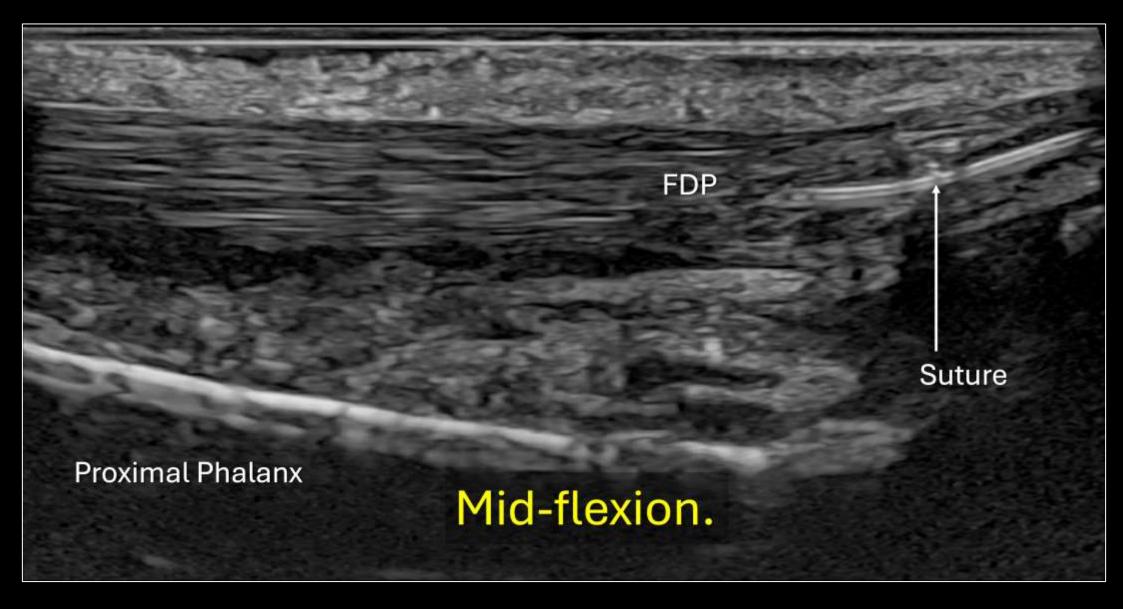
Suture Granuloma



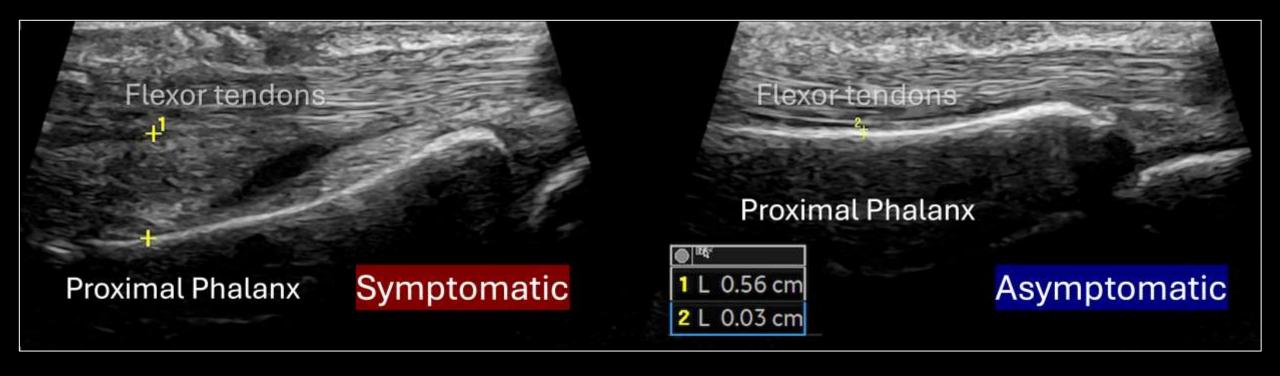
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Elevation of the FDP tendon from the volar cortex of proximal phalanx → ? Bowstringing.

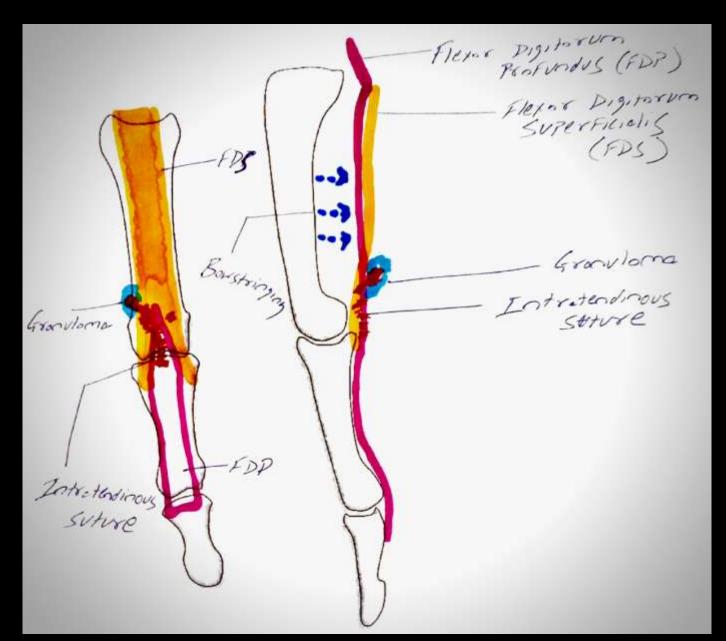


Distance between flexor tendons & volar cortex of proximal phalanx (comparison with asymptomatic side) confirms bowstringing of the flexor tendons.

# What is the most likely cause of restricted flexion?

- A. Peritendinous adhesions.
- B. Flexor tenosynovitis.
- C. A2 pulley injury.
- D. Retear of the flexor digitorum superficialis tendon.

### Trying to put my thoughts together ©



# Answer : C



#### Intra-operative photographs show deficient A2 & A3 pulleys.

The pulleys were completely opened up by the previous surgeon & not repaired at all.

Intact flexor tendons.

