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- Achilles tendon and plantar fascia stretch
- First thing is the morning, loop a towel, a piece of elastic or a tube grip around the ball of your foot and keeping your knee straight, pull your toes towards your nose, holding for 30 seconds. Repeat 3 times for each foot
- Wall Push-ups or stretches for Achilles tendon
- Face the wall, put both hands on the wall at shoulder height, and stagger the feet (one foot in front of the other). The front foot should be approximately 30 cm (12 inches) from the wall. With the front knee bent and the back knee straight, lean into the stretch (i.e. towards the wall) until a tightening is felt in the calf of the back leg, and then ease off. Repeat 10 times.
- Now repeat this exercise but bring the back foot forward a little so that the back knee is slightly bent. Repeat the push-ups 10 times.
- Stair stretches for Achilles tendon and plantar fascia
- Holding the stair-rail for support, with legs slightly apart, position the feet so that both heels are off the end of the step. Lower the heels, keeping the knees straight, until a tightening is felt in the calf. Hold this position for 20-60 seconds and then raise the heels back to neutral. Repeat 6 times, at least twice a day.
- Dynamic stretches for plantar fascia
- Rolling the arch of the foot over a rolling pin, a drinks can or a tennis ball etc, while either standing (holding the back of a chair for support) or sitting.

