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- Complex Ankle Ligament Injuries



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- Complex Limb Salvage
- Complex Foot, Ankle and Leg Fracture Surgery
- Total Ankle Replacements
- Running Injuries



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- Complex Ankle Ligament Injuries
- Total Ankle Replacements
- Foot, Ankle and Leg Fracture Surgery

## INSURANCE

**MOST INSURANCES, PPO's AND MEDICARE ACCEPTED**  
*Preferred Providers Below*

### ADULT

Aetna (HMO, PPO, POS, EPO)  
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 Humana (PPO, POS, EPO)  
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 Memorial (PPO)  
 Micosukee  
 Multiplan  
 Network Blue (HMO/PPO)  
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 Tricare  
 United Health Care (HMO, PPO, POS)

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 Medicaid  
 Molina  
 Staywell  
 Sunshine State  
 United Healthcare Healthy Kids  
 Wellcare

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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### LOCATIONS

#### WESTON

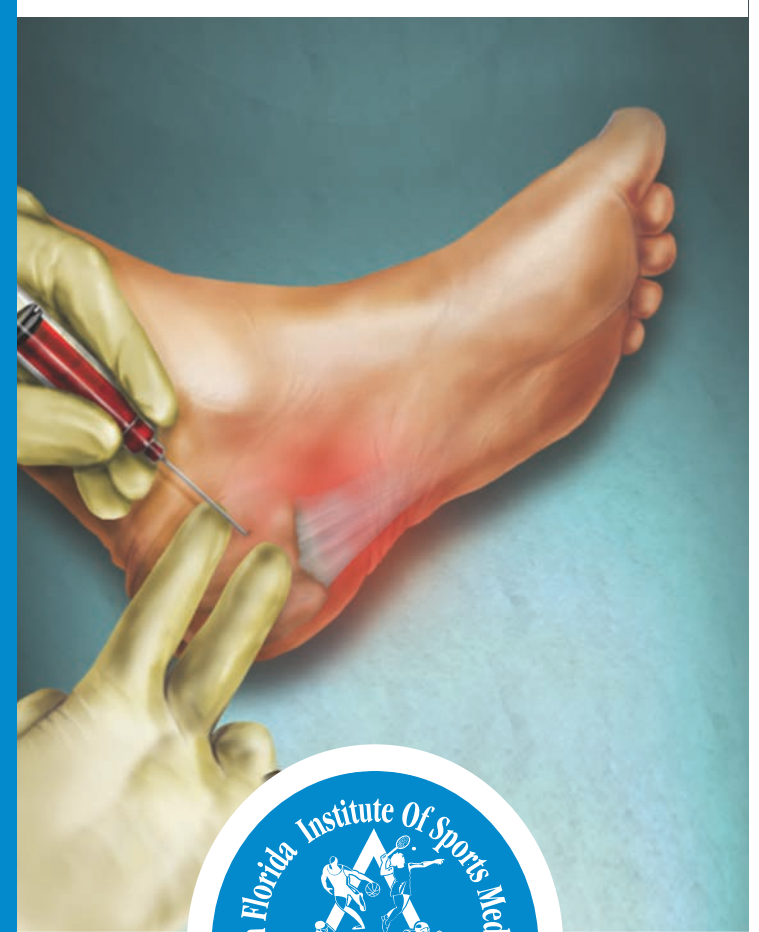
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# PLATELET RICH PLASMA (PRP)



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**A Patient's Guide To**  
**NATURAL**  
**HEALING**

# GET BACK TO DOING THE THINGS YOU ENJOY!

## Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)

**Healing** after an injury involves a well-orchestrated and complex series of events where proteins in the blood act as messengers to regulate the entire process. Many proteins involved in the healing process are derived from small cell fragments in the blood called platelets.

Platelets are small, colorless, cell fragments present in the blood. They are formed in the bone marrow and are freely passing through the bloodstream in a resting state. However, when an injury occurs, the platelets become activated and start to gather at the injury site to release beneficial proteins called growth factors. This is the beginning of the healing process.

For many years, blood components derived from the patient and then delivered to the site of injury have created growing interest for use in orthopaedic procedures. New research and technology has expanded the application of this therapy for use in orthopaedic procedures.

### What is Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)?

Platelet Rich Plasma is a concentration of platelets and growth factors created from a small amount of your own blood. Increased levels of growth factors have the potential to improve signaling and recruitment of cells.

### What conditions can it treat?

- Arthritis (Foot or Ankle)
- Ligament Injuries (Acute or Chronic)
- Joint Pain
- Chronic Inflammatory Conditions
- Achilles Tendonitis
- Plantar Fasciitis
- Chronic Nerve Irritation (Neuritis)
- Shin Splints
- Heel Spurs

### How does the PRP process work?

Our doctors will recover a small amount of blood from your arm using a small needle and a specially designed syringe. The blood then goes through a rapid spinning process that separates and concentrates the platelets and other beneficial growth factors from the blood. The entire PRP production process is usually done in less than 20 minutes.

### What happens after that?

The injected area will be anesthetized with a local anesthetic (Lidocaine). The blood with its PRP will be injected into the area directly or with the aid of ultrasound or x-ray.

### Am I a candidate for treatment with PRP?

Speak with our specialists and ask if PRP is right for you. Your physician will perform an examination to make a determination if the use of PRP will benefit you. If you are on anti-inflammatory medications or blood thinners, your physician may temporarily discontinue the use of these until your treatment has taken place.

### What are the risks associated with this treatment?

PRP uses your body's own natural properties to treat your injury. Side effects utilizing PRP systems are very uncommon.

### Will my insurance cover this procedure?

While PRP treatments have been around for many years, insurance companies still consider this treatment experimental and deny coverage, despite its use on high school, college, and professional athletes in all sports. The cost for this treatment is \$525

