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| **FLEXOR TENDON RESECTION** |
| ***Purpose:***  After amputation, it is evident that sepsis extends proximally along the deep flexor tendon it should be resected. |
| ***TECHNIQUE***  Make a 3 cm vertical incision on the palmar/plantar surface of the foot. The incision is made parallel, over the affected branch of the deep digital flexor tendons beginning just proximal to the accessory digit (dew claw).  After the skin has been incised, another 3cm incision is made along the path of the first incision to separate the fascia covering the superficial digital flexor tendon.  The superficial flexor tendon forms a tube around the deep digital flexor; therefore an incision is also made through the superficial flexor until the deep flexor tendon has been Identified.  Grasp the deep digital flexor tendon using a bistoury/curve hemostat and pull it through the incision site.  If there is any adhesion of the distal end of the tendon to surrounding tissues at the level of the amputation site, sharp dissection can be done to loosen the tendon.  After retracting the tendon through the incision site it should be transected using a scalpel blade.  A rubber drain is then inserted through the incision site and passed along the original course of the deep flexor to the opening at the amputation site. The drain can be knotted into a loop to prevent accidental removal. |