**Indications**

**Deep digital flexor tenotomy** is indicated primarily in the correction of phalangeal rotation in three ways:

* It is implemented in the correction of progressive rotation of the distal phalanx despite other measures taken to stabilize it. This is even worse in cases where the rotation is severe enough to cause penetration into the sole.
* It is also indicated for horses showing severe persistent discomfort, along with limited growth of the sole and hoof wall, despite the physical appearance of stability of the distal phalanx. Consequent to deep digital flexor tenotomy, there is marked increase in the growth rate of the sole and decrease in pain.
* The tenotomy is done in order to correct flexural deformities that occur during the later stages of treatment of chronic treatment. Though considered a salvage procedure, the racehorses are often at a reduced level of performance.