

Paula Radcliffe Has Foot Surgery

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Marathon world record holder Paula Radcliffe [announced on Twitter](#) that she had surgery on her left foot earlier today.

"Recovering well from successful surgery in Palo Alto, huge thanks to Dr. Saxena and Palo Alto Med Clinic," Radcliffe wrote. Amol Saxena is a leading sport podiatrist, based in Palo Alto, California. Radcliffe reported that she had a bone graft done on an 18-year-old fracture and is on crutches. She also posted [a photo](#) (squeamishness alert!) of the foot, showing a metal frame that, she wrote, keeps the joint apart to hasten recovery.

Radcliffe had been scheduled to run the Olympic Marathon on August 5, but [pulled out a week before](#), citing osteoarthritis in the foot she had surgery on today.

Radcliffe, 38, set her marathon world record of 2:15:23 in 2003. Now a mother of two, Radcliffe finished third in 2:23:46 at last September's Berlin Marathon.