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**Highlights**

- Scarf osteotomy is a versatile procedure for hallux valgus correction.
- Shortening scarf osteotomy is increasingly being used to correct severe deformity.
- There has been concern that shortening scarf osteotomy may result in transfer metatarsalgia.
- In our series when the metatarsal is shortened, patients did not develop transfer metatarsalgia at a mean follow-up of 25 months
- Shortening scarf osteotomy results in excellent outcome and high patient satisfaction.

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