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Sesamoid Bone

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Any short, irregular bone that is embedded in a tendon, and which functions to alter the direction of muscle pull, diminish friction, and modify pressure; sesamoid bones are found in various locations in the body, the largest of which is the patella.

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