

PermaLip Procedure Description:

After the local anesthesia has been administered, the patient's perioral region is prepped.

A 3-5mm incision is made in each commissure using a curved iris scissors or a scalpel. The incision stays in the mucosa – not on the skin – and will give access to create a tunnel in both upper and lower lips.

Using the curved iris scissors, poke through the sub-mucosal plane about 5mm staying just superficial to the orbicularis oris.

Push and Spread with the curved iris scissors, always using the wet/dry border as your guide. Use your left index finger and thumb to stabilize the lip as you move through the lip. Go to the midline and then repeat from opposite side and connect the two tunnels with the iris scissors.

Dip the Perma Tunneler in Betadine. Insert the tunneler into one of the incisions and advance the tunneler to the midline while stabilizing the lip with your index finger and thumb. Continue to advance the tunneler allowing it to connect to the other tunnel and come out the opposite incision.

It is important that the amount of tissue superficial to the tunneler (and therefore depth of the implant) is consistent along the length of the pocket. If you notice that there is an unequal amount of tissue, re-tunnel that area of the pocket. Excessive tissue on top of the tunneler may indicate that the dissection is too deep (under the muscle).

Dip the implant into Betadine. With the jaws of the tunneler, grasp the implant where the taper meets full thickness. After a good purchase is made, pull the implant through the tunnel slowly while stabilizing the lip as you go to midline. Now secure the distal end of the implant with an Adson Brown as you bring the implant through the proximal incision. Usually, each end of the implant should become visible outside each incision site.

"Floss" the implant back and forth to ensure it will be properly seated. Make sure the same amount of implant is showing on each side before releasing the Perma Tunneler and Adson Brown at the same time. Place both index fingers in the commissures and stretch the lips. Both ends of the implant will disappear into the lip.

Pinch the tapered ends between both your thumb and index finger with both hands... in order to ensure the implant is centered. If you detect the implant is not centered, use your thumb and index finger with both hands to manipulate or pinch the implant over until it is midline.

Repeat for lower lip using the same two incision sites.

Close the incisions with either 4-0 Chromic or 4-0 Caprosyn. Grab some of the deep tissue with the mucosa and put in 2 interrupted sutures or a figure-of-eight and tie with 6-8 knots.

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