

Surgical Instruments



Grasping and Clamping

Retracting

Cutting and Dissecting

Probing and Dilating

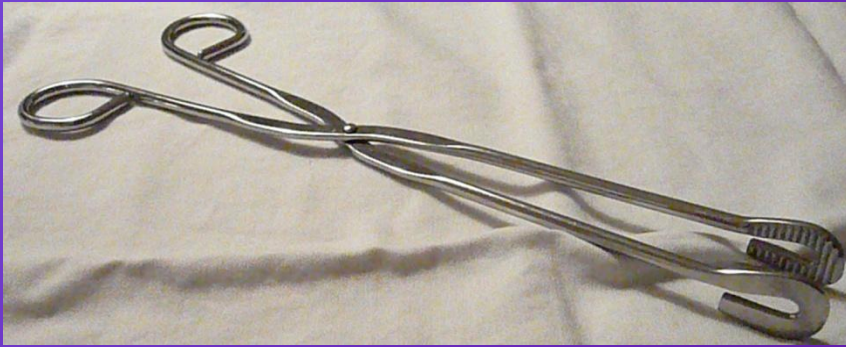
Sponge Forceps



- ❑ Used to hold gauze squares or sponge to “mop up” the surgical site
- ❑ Jaws are serrated



Transfer Forceps



When sterile, transfer forceps;

- arrange items on sterile tray
- transfer items to sterile field

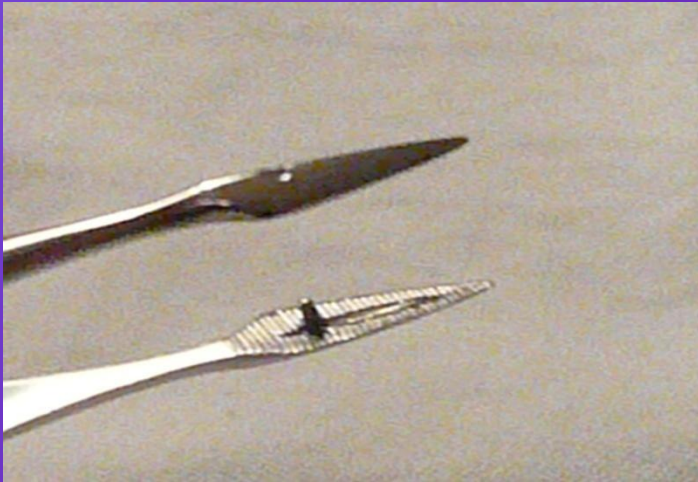


Splinter Forceps

- Fine tip for foreign object retrieval



Walter Splinter Forceps



- Very fine tip
- Spear-head design

1x2 Toothed Tissue Forceps

- Used for grasping and holding tissue, muscle or skin surrounding a wound
- Single toothed on one side; fits between two teeth on the other side
- Available as 1x2 or 2x3 or 3x4



Plain Thumb Forceps



- ❑ Used to hold tissue in place when applying sutures
- ❑ Used to gently move tissues out of the way during exploratory surgery
- ❑ Used to insert packing into or remove objects from deep cavities

Curved Mosquito Hemostat

- ❑ Used to hold delicate tissue
- ❑ Used to compress bleeding vessels
- ❑ Jaws are fully serrated



Kelly Hemostat

- Used to clamp small vessels or hold tissue
- Jaws are partially serrated
- Curved or straight



Needle Holder



- ❑ Used to hold and pass a suturing needle through tissue
- ❑ Has groove to hold needle within jaws

Towel Clamp



- ❑ Adds weight to drapes and towels to ensure they stay in place
- ❑ Allow exposure of the operative site

Skin Hook

- ❑ Flat end is a blunt retractor
- ❑ Three-prong end may be sharp to dull
- ❑ Used to retract small incisions or secure a skin edge for suturing



Iris Suture Scissors

- Used to remove sutures
- Blade has beak or hook to slide under sutures



Scalpel Holder

- Holds scalpel blade
- Acts as a handle



Lister Bandage Scissors



- ❑ Used to remove bandages and dressings
- ❑ Probe tip is blunt; inserted under bandages with relative safety

Sharp/Sharp Scissors

- Used to cut and dissect tissue
- Both blade tips are sharp



Sharp/Blunt Scissors



- ❑ Used to cut and dissect fascia and muscle
- ❑ One blunt tip and one sharp tip

Curved Blunt/Blunt Scissors

- Both blade tips are blunt
- Can be curved or straight



Ear Curette



- Can have sharp or blunt scraper ends
- Used to remove ear wax from ear canal

Nasal Speculum

- Used to spread nostrils during examination



Anoscope with Obturator



- Used to visualize the rectum and lumen of the sigmoid colon
- Used to examine anal canal and distal aspect of the rectum
- Consists of a stylus or removable plug (Obturator) used during the insertion of many tubular instruments (Anoscope).

Vaginal Speculum

- ❑ Used during gynecological exam or procedure
- ❑ Dilates the opening of the vaginal cavity, allowing for inspection of the vagina and cervix
- ❑ Facilitates access for observation and treatment

