The Hegenberger Retractor

Hands-free vaginal retraction enabling two-handed postpartum repair



VISIBILITY

- Ability to visualize location and severity of repair
- Expanded access to repair site provides additional room to maneuver instruments

ERGONOMICS

- Supports healthier clinician ergonomics

EFFICIENCY

- May reduce reliance on additional staff

COMFORT

- Designed to minimize manipulation of sensitive tissue during repair
- Contoured to fit the shape of the birth canal

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- Designed to reduce needlestick injuries
- Supports evidence-based suturing techniques

The Hegenberger Retractor is intended for use after vaginal delivery to support the diagnosis and suturing of perineal and vaginal tears and episiotomies.

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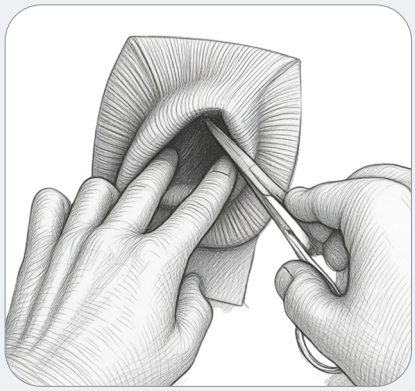
TRADITIONAL METHOD: MANUAL RETRACTION

Until now, the tools for postpartum repair have been archaic and challenging:



- Manual retraction
- Decreased visibility to assess and access the tear
- Needlestick injuries
- Musculoskeletal pain
- Multiple staff needed
- OR transfer
- Patient discomfort
- Skin-to-skin interruption
- Metal retractors can be cold and hard on sensitive tissue



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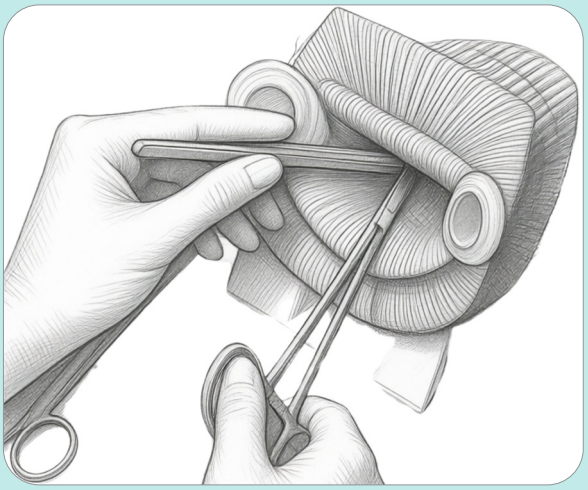
HEGENBERGER RETRACTOR: TWO-HANDED REPAIR



100%

Optimizes visibility

Clinicians found the device allowed for clear visibility of trauma during trials*

87%

Supports healthier ergonomics

Clinicians reported improved ergonomics and reduced musculoskeletal strain*

78%

Frees up staff

Clinicians reported the Retractor allowed them to forgo additional colleague assistance*

91%

Accepted by patients

Clinicians reported that the device was accepted by patients*

Designed by a clinician, for clinicians.
Designed by a woman, for women's bodies.

Please refer to the Hegenberger Medical Instructions for Use for indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions, and other information at hegenbergermedical.com.

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