

Avoiding Lid Contour Abnormalities in Müller's Muscle-Conjunctival Resection: Recognizing the Lateral Shift

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Müller's muscle-conjunctival resection (MMCR) has gained in popularity as a quick, reliable, and predictable surgical approach to carefully selected patients with ptosis.

I have found that surgeons can sometimes get into trouble with contour abnormalities with nasal peaking and central flattening. For this reason, I think it is important that one recognizes a lateral shift in the tarsal plate in many older patients. It is important to center the locking Putterman ptosis clamp over the tarsus and not center the clamp over the pupil. This prevents asymmetric advancement of the overlying levator muscle in cases in which the tarsus has shifted laterally. Figures 193.1 and 193.2 demonstrate centering of the clamp over the tarsus.



Fig. 193.1 Center of lid margin and center of tarsus marked to show lateral shift of the tarsus

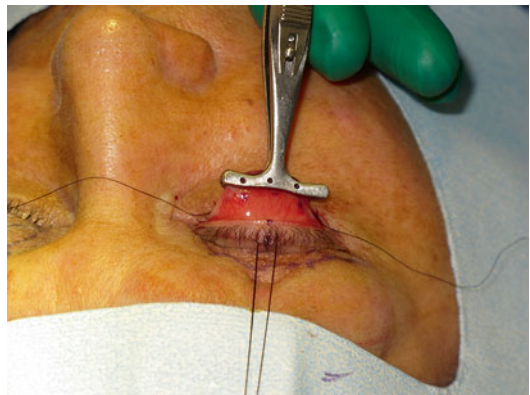


Fig. 193.2 Clamp positioned correctly centered over the tarsus

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