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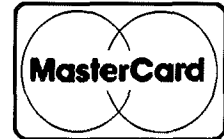
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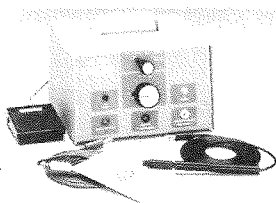
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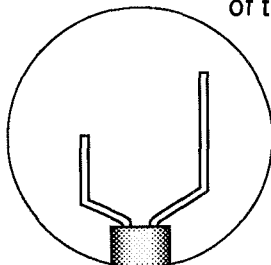
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## More on Dilators

*by Dr. Pierre Pouteaux*

I have started using the 16 guage needle (as Dr. Dow Stough shows in his video film) instead of the dilators, for the micros. It is very fast and easy. But, I noticed that I make some trauma to the roots with my forceps, and I am a bit anxious for the result.

Also, I found that if my assistant inserts the point of fine forceps in the slits, just before I insert the graft, it is much easier to insert the graft and there is less danger of injuring the root. However, in this way you need an assistant and cannot work alone.

## Needles as Dilators

*by Dow B. Stough, M.D.*

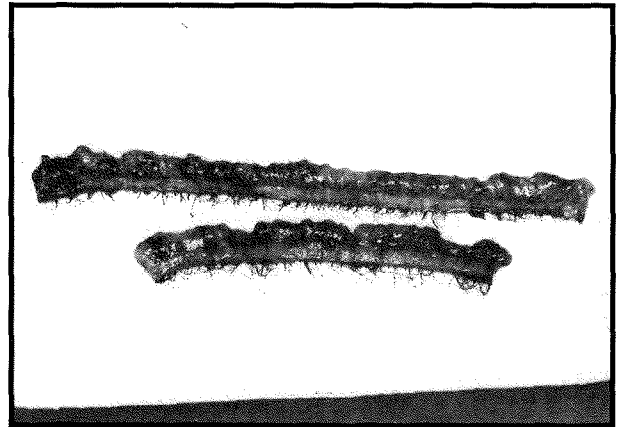
All of our technicians have been pleased with your suggestion that we no longer use dilators for micros, (we never did use them for the mini's). We find the 16 guage needle to be very adequate and can place up to 200 micros in the frontal hairline during one session. The Nokor needle makes it even easier (be sure to twist).

**(I now do not use dilators or needles for micros - Editor)**

## Blacks and the Strip Method of Donor Site Harvesting

*by O'Tar T. Norwood, M.D.*

I have found the double or triple-bladed knife method of harvesting black hair is much superior to the punch method. I am amazed



there are no cut off hairs (See photo). This is probably true of the elliptical method also but I have not tried it. I am wondering if others have had the same experience.

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