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# LEVATOR RESECTIONS BASICS TIPS AND TRICKS

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- Lid Surgery is like Peeling an Onion,  
You have to Peel Away One Layer to  
Reveal Another



# Steps Of Levator Resection

- **Marking** : skin crease , traction sutures
- Inject **L.A**
- Place a 4-0 silk **Traction suture**
- Make a **skin incision**
- Open the orbicularis muscle
- **Dissect the orbicularis** off the orbital septum
- Open the **Septum**
- Dissect the septum off the preaponeurotic fat
- Dissect the **Preaponeurotic Fat** off the aponeurosis
- **Disinsert the Levator** aponeurosis from the anterior surface of the tarsus
- **Dissect The Aponeurosis** free from Müller's muscle & conjunctiva
- Pass a **Double-armed 5-0 (vicryl, Eithbpd ) Suture** into the tarsus in a **LAMELLAR FASHION**
- Pass the arms of the suture through the **Aponeurosis**
- Pull the aponeurosis inferiorly against the tarsus as you tie a temporary knot
  - **Aim** for a 1 mm overcorrection **or ??**
- Alter the horizontal **position of the suture** in the **Tarsus** to change the **Contour**
- Alter the vertical **position of the suture** in the **Aponeurosis** to change the lid **Height**
- **Tie** the knot permanently when satisfied with the height and contour
- **Reform** the skin crease (optional)
- Use a running or Interrupted **Suture** to close the skin





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# How much Levator resection?

- No Universal role
- Different methods
- At the end you will develop your Own Algorithm

## Levator function technique (based on Berke, 1959)

| Levator function         | Intraoperative lid height |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2–3 mm (poor function)   | At upper limbus           |
| 4–5 mm (poor function)   | 1–2 mm overlap            |
| 6–7 mm (fair function)   | 2 mm overlap              |
| 8–9 mm (good function)   | 3–4 mm overlap            |
| 10–11 mm (good function) | 5 mm overlap              |

## Beard method, 1981 for Congenital Ptosis

| Degree of ptosis           | Levator Function     | Resection                                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mild</b> ( $< 2$ mm )   | $> 10$ mm            | <b>Small</b> ( 10 – 13 mm )                                |
| <b>Moderate</b> 3 mm       | $< 8$ mm<br>$< 8$ mm | <b>Moderate</b> ( 14 – 17 mm )<br><b>Large</b> ( 18 – 22 ) |
| <b>Severe</b> ( $> 4$ mm ) | $< 5$ mm             | <b>Maximum</b> ( $> 23$ mm )                               |

**Thank You**



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