

Fibrin glue prevents complications of septal surgery: Findings in a series of 100 patients.

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Abstract:

Septal surgery is a common type of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, and it is often performed in combination with other procedures. Complications of septal surgery include bleeding, hematoma, infection, abscess formation, and perforation. The most common methods of preventing these complications are the use of nasal packing, septal splints, and quilting sutures as a means of approximating the septal flaps. In this article, we describe our study of an alternate method: fibrin glue. We used fibrin glue as the sole method of approximating flaps on 100 consecutive septal surgery patients. Our results indicate that the use of fibrin glue is effective, rapid, comfortable, and inexpensive.