

The preparation of divided nerve ends.

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Abstract:

Divided peripheral nerves often require trimming due to the 'mushrooming' of the fascicles. However, in practice, it can be very difficult to perform atraumatically as the nerve tends to behave like 'soggy spaghetti'. A technique is described which helps to stabilise the cut end of the fascicles, thus allowing satisfactory trimming. This involves the use of fibrin glue.