

Fibrin glue in the surgical treatment of ranulas.

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Abstract:

The essential treatment of a ranula is meticulous dissection of the thin wall of the cyst in continuity with the sublingual gland of origin. We have used a technique of fibrin glue injection into the cystic space of the ranula after it had been evacuated by aspiration. The fibrin glue within the cystic cavity prevents collapse of the wall of the cyst during surgery and facilitates and simplifies the surgical procedure by clearly outlining the involved area and by sharply delineating its thin wall.