

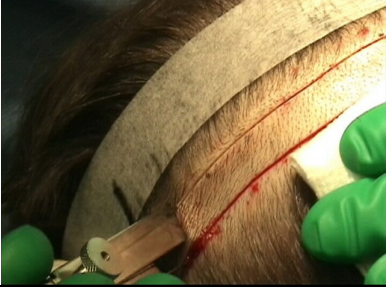




# Instructions for Use of The Haber Spreader™

	<p>The device consists of a set of straight handles connected to a set of curved front arms, and culminating in a set of jaws with four sharp staggered prongs.</p>
	<p>The device is intended to be used to assist in harvesting a donor strip with minimal transection, by separating a superficial incision along a natural tissue dissection plane.</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine the length and width of the donor strip.</li> <li>2. Prepare the donor area in the usual fashion. Hair may be kept long or trimmed short.</li> <li>3. Achieve tumescence. Tumescence of the donor area is recommended, primarily due to the occasional instances in which it is necessary to abandon the instrument and switch to a traditional donor harvest.</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Make scoring incisions. The scoring incisions should be very superficial, with a depth of 1.5 to 2mm in most cases. A double bladed knife with a depth limiter can be used to produce parallel incisions of uniform width. Alternatively, freehand incisions can be made with a scalpel. With practice, the correct depth will become apparent.</li> </ol>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Holding the instrument in the dominant hand, and with the curvature of the instrument toward the scalp, gently insert the prongs fully into one end of the incision. You may find it helpful to insert one set of prongs first, then the other in a rocking motion. <b>While maintaining firm downward pressure</b>, gently squeeze the instrument arms together. The wound edges should separate cleanly.</li> <li>6. For the tips of the donor strip, insert one set of prongs midway along the tapered edge. It is a matter of personal preference when choosing to begin on the right or left side, or the top or bottom incision.</li> <li>7. With the edges separated, excise the donor strip with a blade or scissors, according to personal preference.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Troubleshooting:</b> The wound edges will not separate.</p>	<p>Make the incision a little bit deeper, then try again. If in spite of a fairly deep incision the edges will not separate, the tissue may be too rigid for the Spreader. Perform a traditional donor harvest.</p>
<p>The edges lacerate during separation.</p>	<p>This will occur if you do not <b>maintain firm downward pressure</b> during use, as the prongs may slip out, causing laceration. If lacerations occur while using the instrument properly, perform a traditional donor harvest.</p>
	<p>Still having trouble? E-mail me at <a href="mailto:HaberRS@aol.com">HaberRS@aol.com</a></p>