Introduction to Suturing



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World's oldest occupation...



Surgeon-Barber

In a traditional barber's shop there are three types of towels:

- 1. White
- 2. Blue
- 3. Red

What do these colors stan for?



Objectives of Suturing

- 1. Alignment of wound edges
- 2. Gapping of tissue losses
- 3. Strength & Support
- 4. Hemostasis
- 5. Preventing Infection

Instruments grip – Needle Holder

PalmingDuring suture passing



Fingers 1+4 (Standard Grip)

During needle loading



Instruments grip – Needle Holder

Backhand move



Forehand move



Forehand Vs. Backhand



Right sided people move hands from **right to left**



Right sided people move hands from **left to right**

Instruments grip – Tissue Forceps

Correct way: Chopsticks grip



Incorrect way:

Tweezers like grip



1st Rule: Use of Both Hands



2nd Rule: Traction & Countertraction



3rd Rule: Economy of Movements

