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Vintage Veterinary Instrument #1

Suturator



This instrument was developed and used in the late 1950's at Michigan State University and was still in use in the late 1970's. The inventor was Dr. Roger Brown who was on the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine's surgical staff.

Regular cotton thread was most commonly used with the Suturator. A regular sewing bobbin is contained inside the handle. The button is a "thumb break" to hold the thread as the surgeon ties a one-handed knot. A surgical assistant would cut the tied thread.

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