

The Hegenberger Retractor

An innovative vaginal retractor that dramatically improves **visibility** and **access** for **postpartum tears and episiotomies**



Drawing on 20 years of suturing experience, Scandinavian clinician Malene Hegenberger, designed an innovative retractor, **to provide a better alternative to using her fingers during repairs**. Malene designed the Retractor she needed to optimise and revolutionise the suturing process for clinicians.



In 2021 Hegenberger Medical, an award winning UK healthcare company dedicated to improving maternal health and postpartum suturing outcomes, acquired the retractor to ensure that **every new mother deserves optimal postpartum care**.



More than 85% of women having a vaginal birth suffer some degree of perineal trauma (a tear or episiotomy).^{1,2}



It is estimated that at least 70% of women in the UK and US require perineal suturing following a vaginal birth.^{1,2}



Currently, fingers are the most common practice when retracting a wound during perineal suturing. This requires a second clinician if you wish to suture with both hands free.

BENEFITS OF THE HEGENBERGER RETRACTOR



Women's Health

- Boosts confidence by addressing expectant mothers' greatest fears i.e the life long consequences of a poor perineal tear, including incontinence, painful intercourse, depression and low self-esteem.



Clinicians

- No need for a second pair of hands to retract the wound, therefore **frees up staff resources** to focus on patients.
- **2 hands free** to suture and train junior clinicians more effectively.
- Dramatically **improves visibility**, ensuring safer work environment and allowing clinicians to give gold standard care.



Maternity Departments

- Helps mitigate the risk of legal action for perineal repair negligence.
- Facilitates better service by freeing up staff resources.

"The Retractor dramatically speeds the whole procedure up"

- Dr John Rogers, NHS Lead
Obsterician -

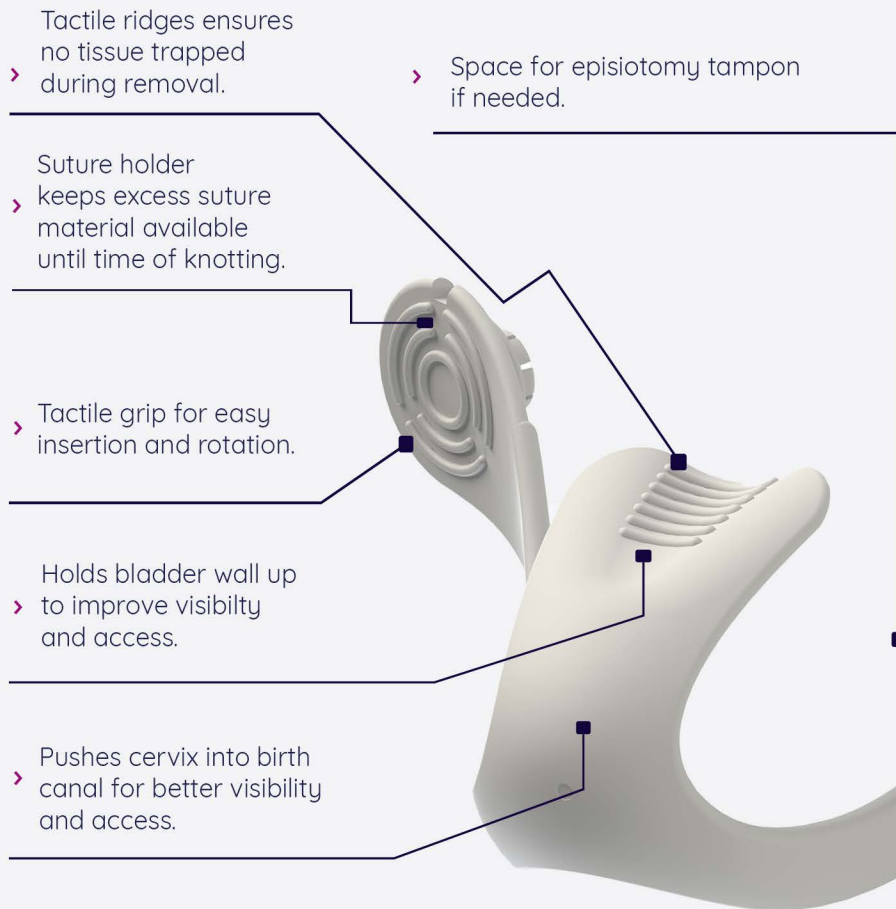
"Better suturing care would've avoided so much pain, frustration and time away from my baby"

- Patient feedback -

"Now my first choice in both the labour and operating room."

- Peter Egede Jensen, Head Physician
Randers Regional Hospital, Denmark -

Enables two free hands for suturing



Class 1 FDA Medical Device Classification.

CE marked for use across Europe.

Helping 1000s of patients across, the world.

Single use plastic device.

Made from smooth plastic instead of metal. It is flexible, soft and anatomically fitted.



100% of clinicians found the device allowed clear visibility of trauma during trials.³



91% of clinicians using the device for the first time said it was well accepted by patients.³



94% of clinicians believe that the Retractor will minimize the risk of needlesick injury.⁴



94% of clinicians feel the Retractor allowed them to suture in a more timely manner.⁴

Hegenberger Retractor: Instructions For Use.

The Hegenberger Retractor is intended for use after a vaginal delivery. Only to be used by clinically educated professionals after training.

Scan the below QR code for full instructional videos, digital IFU and a certificate of achievement on completion of competency assessment.



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