

Letter to the Editor

Securing of suction drains in head and neck surgery

Dear Sir,

We have read with interest N. S. Violaris *et al's* description of securing suction drains in head and neck surgery (*Journal of Laryngology and Otology*, September 1989, 103 869). We have been using this method in our department for about 30 years but with small modification.

After a suture is passed through the last drain hole and the skin we fashion a tight knot over a small globular gauze.

In this way we prevent the drain from moving in and out through the skin incision and beneath the skin flap, while with a loose knot such a movement may be possible. The globular gauze also marks the location of the anchoring suture on the skin and enables a convenient removal of the suction drains.

Yours faithfully,

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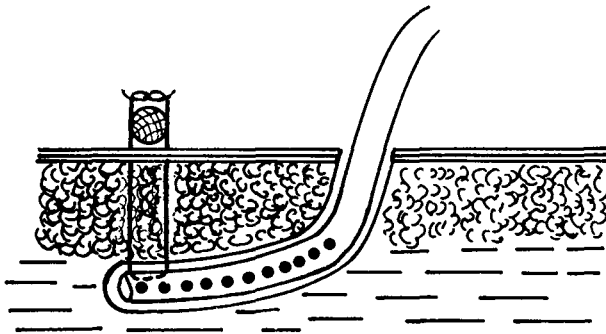


FIG. 1
Suction drain *in situ*.