

Surgeon Spotlight

Like many otolaryngologists, Wayland Wong, M.D. had been trained in the monopolar cautery technique for tonsillectomy during his residency. He had used this technology throughout his career but was dissatisfied with the results. According to Dr. Wong, the cautery device damaged surrounding tissue, and as a result, his patients experienced intense post-operative pain. This led to prolonged recovery times – up to two weeks in many cases. Seeking a less invasive solution, Dr. Wong tried controlled ablation but it did not meet his needs.

“I tried controlled ablation device thinking that it would cause less damage, enabling my patients to return to their normal lives faster, but found it to be ineffective due to the number of patients who experienced post-operative bleeding,” said Dr. Wong.

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A Safe - Yet Effective – Solution

In the spring of 2010, Dr. Wong met with a representative from Microline Surgical (formerly Starion Instruments) who introduced him to ENTceps®, Microline’s bayonet-style forceps designed specifically for procedures where fine precision, soft tissue fusing and dividing is required, such as tonsillectomy, parotidectomy, thyroidectomy and uvulopalatopharyngoplasty. Unlike conventional devices that use monopolar, bipolar or ultrasonic energy as modes of operation, ENTceps features Microline’s patented Tissue Fusion (also known as Tissue Welding) technology, which employs only direct heat and pressure to quickly and delicately fuse and divide soft tissue, minimizing collateral tissue damage.

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Upon trialing ENTceps, Dr. Wong immediately recognized the benefits and began using the device in his practice. He reports that there is minimal damage, more healthy tissue and less bleeding following tonsil removal compared with the monopolar and controlled ablation devices. According to Dr. Wong, all of these benefits have translated to less traumatic and easier recoveries for his patients. For many patients, recovery time has been cut by more than half – from two weeks down to just a few days.



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