



**DERMATOLOGICAL SURGERY** 

## EASING THE EXCISION OF EAR LOBE KELOIDS, FILLET FLAPS WITH INNOVATIVE MODIFICATIONS AN EXPERIENCE OF 50 CASES

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Introduction: Ear lobe keloids are commonly encountered in this era where ear piercing is routine in various traditions. Various medical and surgical methods have been tried for its management. Surgically, fillet flap surgery has better acceptability worldwide.

Objective: To reduce the difficulties and ease the excisions of ear lobe keloid and To reduce the recurrence rate of ear lobe keloids post excision.

Materials and methods: Various difficulties are faced during keloid excision and we hereby describe few innovative modifications (use of needle, hydro-dissection, pressure dressing, bolster button) using cost effective and simple materials (needles, dynaplast, buttons) to ease the excision of keloids, an experience of 50 cases

Results: More than 90% of cases had least recurrence cases were followed up over 6 months, overall surgery time reduced to half and cosmetic outcomes were satisfactory in all cases

Conclusion: These have easy adaptability and also reduces recurrence rate of ear lobe keloids

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