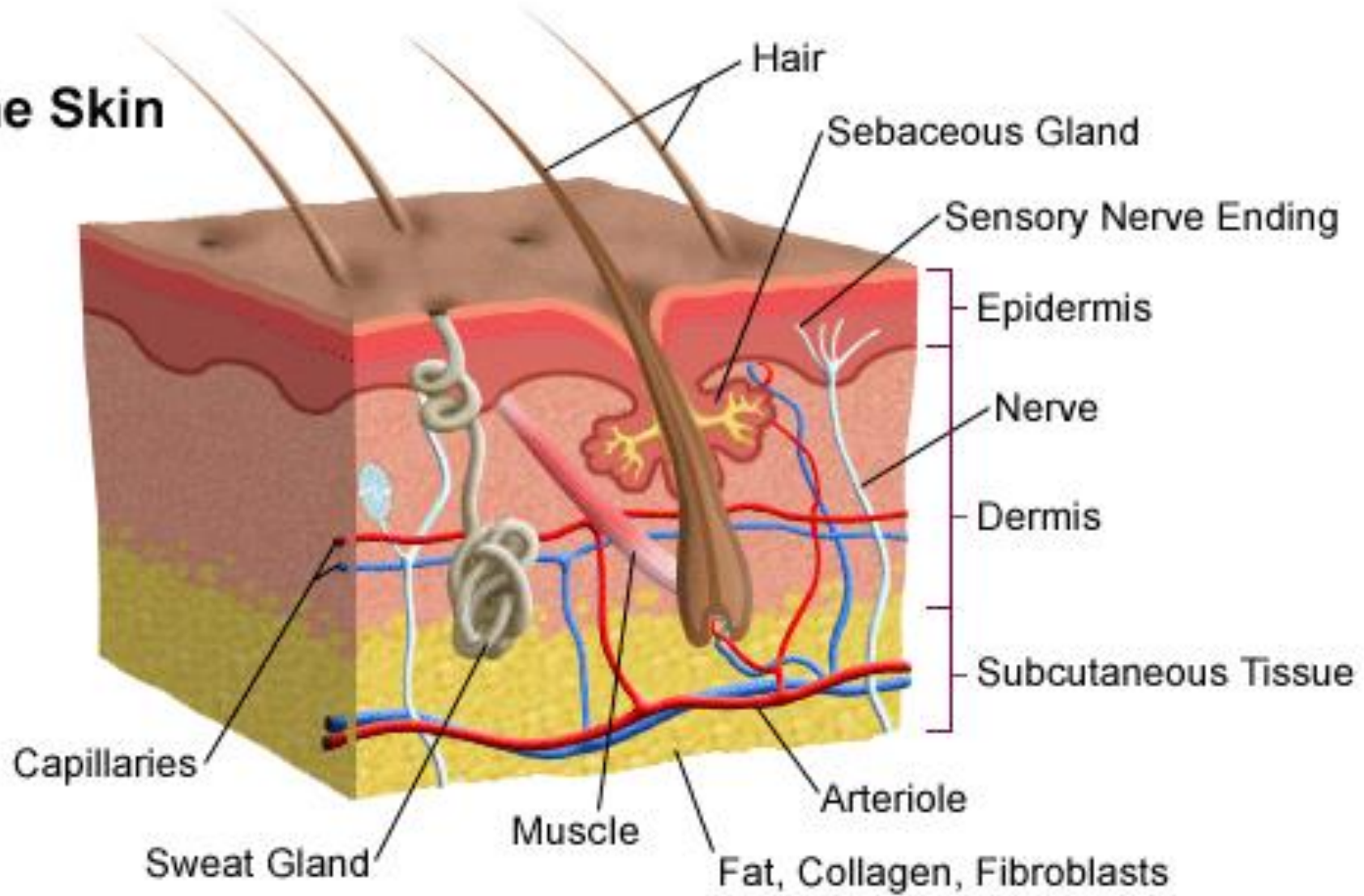


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# The Skin



# First degree burn

- Involves only the epidermis
- Tissue will blanch with pressure
- Tissue is erythematous and often painful
- Involves minimal tissue damage
- Sunburn



# Second degree burn

- Referred to as partial-thickness burns
- Involve the epidermis and portions of the dermis
- Often involve other structures such as sweat glands, hair follicles, etc.
- Blisters and very painful
- Edema and decreased blood flow in tissue can convert to a full-thickness burn



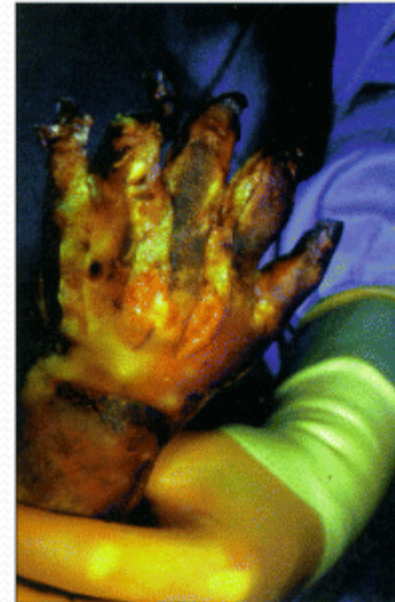
# Third degree burn

- Referred to as full-thickness burns
- Charred skin or translucent white color
- Coagulated vessels visible
- Area insensate – patient still c/o pain from surrounding second degree burn area
- Complete destruction of tissue and structures



# Fourth degree burn

Involves •  
subcutaneous tissue,  
tendons and bone





The skin represents approximately 8% of our total bodyweight, with a surface area of 1.2–2.2 m<sup>2</sup>.

The skin is 0.5–4.0 mm thick and covers the entire external surface of the body,

## Epidermis ●


Skin has a complex three-dimensional structure characterized by two overlapping layers, the epidermis and the dermis ●

Epidermis is the outer or upper layer of skin, which is a thin, semitransparent, water-impermeable tissue, consisting primarily of keratinocytes. These cells form a multilayered keratinized epithelium, similar to a wall of Bricks ●

Also contained within the epidermis are melanocytes, Langerhans cells, Merkel cells, and sensitive nerves. ●

Around 10% of the epidermal cells are represented by melanocytes, which derive from the neural crest ●





The dermis is a tough fibrous layer that provides the mechanical features of the skin. It is composed primarily of collagens, glycosaminoglycans, and elastins. Skin grafts without the dermis result in a closed but often unstable skin

## **Glandular structures**

- Sebaceous glands are small saccular structures residing throughout the dermis, but are more common in thicker areas.
- Hair follicles contain multipotent stem cells that are activated upon the start of a new hair cycle and upon wounding to provide cells for hair follicle and epidermal regeneration.

# Skin grafting

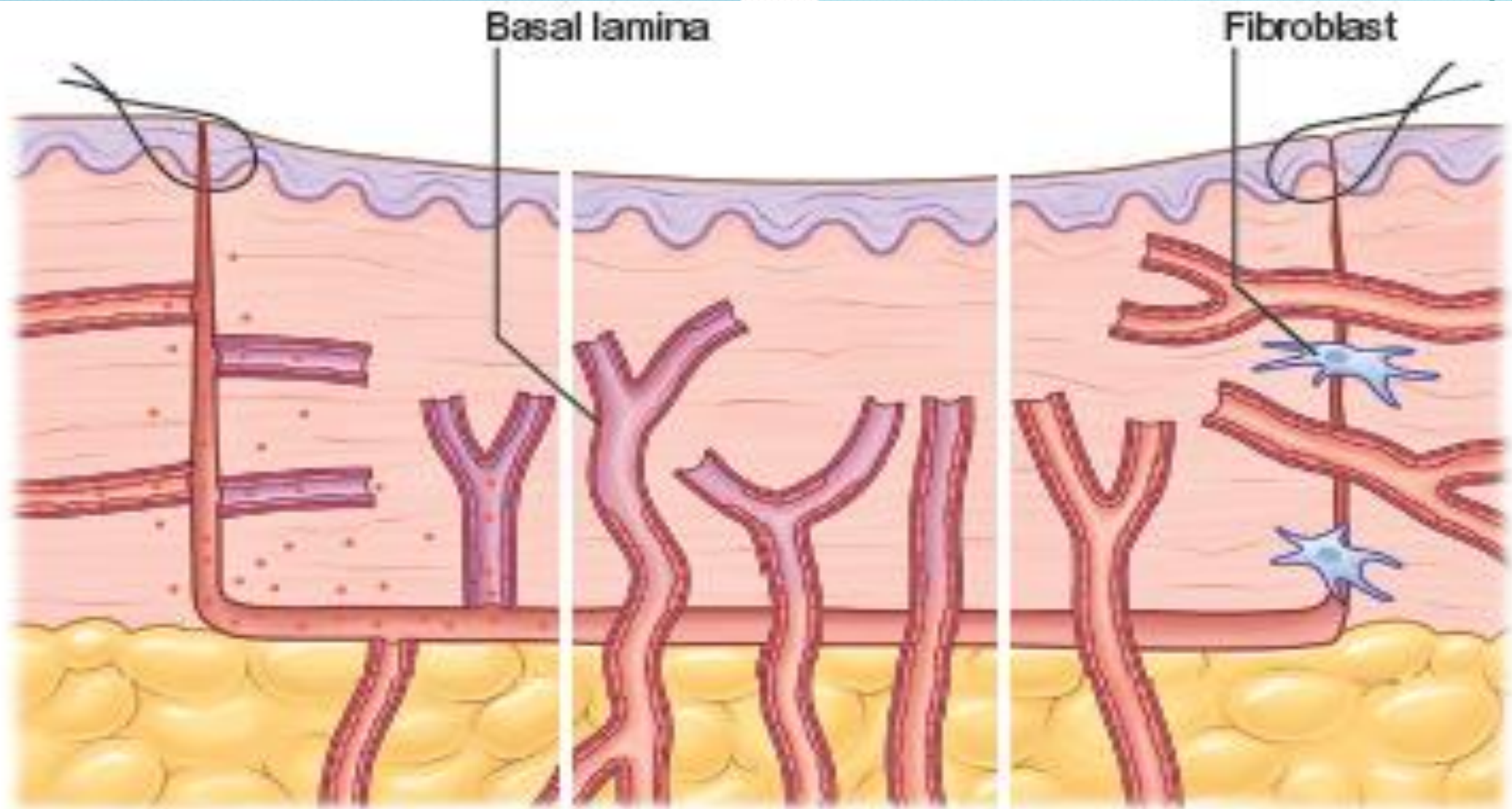
- Skin grafting is the transfer of autologous skin cells left in anatomic order but without an intact blood supply.
- Therefore time and the recipient surrounding conditions limit the vitality

# Three phases of skin graft;

- (1) serum imbibition; ●
- (2) revascularization; ●
- (3) maturation ●

# *Serum imbibition*

- In the first days, before the graft revascularizes, oxygen and nutrients diffusing through the plasma between the graft and the wound bed will nourish the skin graft
- “plasmatic circulation “serum imbibition,”
- as fibrinogen changes into fibrin that fixes the skin graft on to the
- wound bed in the absence of real plasmatic flow.
- that skin grafts gain up to 40% of their initial weight within the first
- 24 hours after grafting
- and then this gain is reduced to 5% at 1 week postgrafting.



1. Plasma imbibition    2. Blood vessel connection    3. Revascularisation

# *Revascularization*

- anastomosis, ●
- neovascularization, ●
- endothelial cell ingrowth ●

Anastomosis is the process of reconnection between the blood vessels in the recipient site wound bed and the graft. ●

Neovascularization is characterized by new vessel ingrowth from the recipient site into the skin graft. ●

The last mechanism describes endothelial cell proliferation and sliding from the recipient site, utilizing pre-existing vascular basal lamina as a structure, while in the graft endothelial cells gradually degenerate. ●

The process of revascularization begins as early as 24–48 hours after grafting ●




that vessel ingrowth appears in the periphery of the graft (following blood vessel regression in the graft) from day 3 until day 21


# Maturation

Once the skin graft is completely integrated, the same graft and surrounding tissues remodel and contract, similar to the last phase of wound healing after re-epithelialization is complete.

Skin grafts take at least 1 year to complete maturation, with the extension of this process continuing for several years in burn victims and children.

Scars from skin grafts can continue to improve for a number of years, often making prolonged conservative therapy worth considering

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- *Skin appendages and functional structures* Hair follicles, sweat glands, and dermal nerves can often be transferred within thick, STSGs and full-thickness skin grafts
  - Thin STSGs will not allow the transfer of hair or other adnexal glands, as the regenerating bulb is not harvested.
  - Hair regrowth can occur in STSGs but, due to the shallow depth of harvest,
  - Full-thickness and composite grafts will show hair regrowth 2–3 months after grafting.

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- patients report abnormal sensation, including hypersensitivity and pain, up to 1 year result is not completely normal.
  - sweat glands will reactivate their function up to 3 months after grafting. For this reason, moisturizing of the skin graft is advised for at least 3 months to avoid dryness.
  - Full-thickness skin grafts include skin appendages that can survive and be functional at the recipient side, while STSGs do not contain the deep structure skin appendages and remain without glandular function or hair growth.

Graft type	Graft origin: donor and recipient of:
Autograft	Same subject
Homograft Isograft	Same species Different subject Same genetic background
Allograft	Different subjects Same species
Hetero- or xenograft	Different subjects but same species
(Revised from Andreassi A, Bilenchi B, Biagioli M, et al. Classification and pathophysiology of skin grafts. Clin Dermatol 2005, 23.)	

# Classified skin grafts,

thin (0.15–0.3 mm, Thiersch–Ollier), ●

intermediate (0.3–0.45 mm, Blair–Brown), ●

thick (0.45–0.6 mm, Padgett). ●

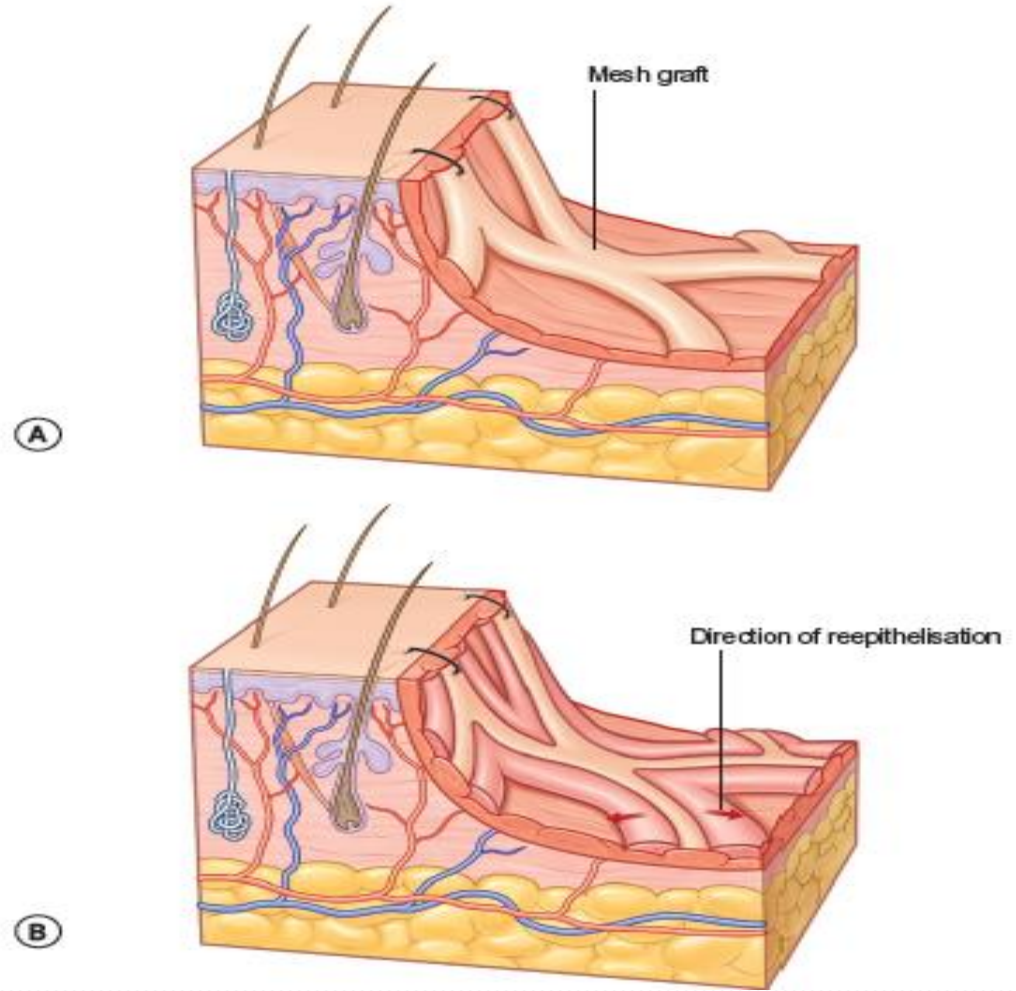
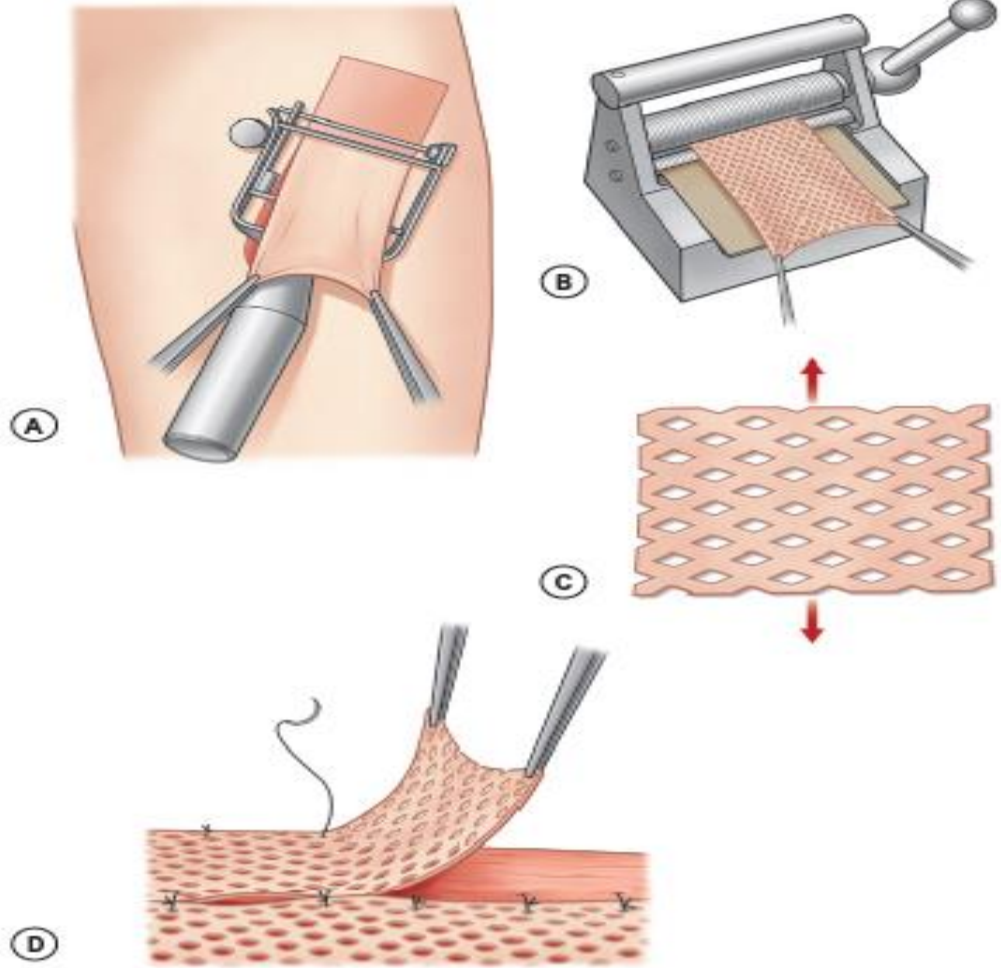
Skin grafts thicker than 0.6 mm usually correspond to full-thickness skin grafts and are called Wolfe–Krause grafts ●

	Indications	Advantages	Disadvantages
Thin STSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debrided burn wounds</li> <li>Chronic wounds with less vascularized wound beds</li> <li>Exposed flap areas</li> <li>Acute well-vascularized wounds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast donor site re-epithelialization</li> <li>Multiple possibilities to reharvest the same area</li> <li>Good graft take</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contraction of the skin graft</li> <li>Graft quality limited because of minimal dermal thickness</li> </ul>
Thick STSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same indications as thin STSG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less secondary graft contraction compared to thin STSG</li> <li>Graft more stable because of thicker dermal layer</li> <li>Good graft take</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slower donor site re-epithelialization</li> </ul>
FTSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconstruction of functional areas such as in the face or hand</li> <li>Noninfected, well-vascularized wound beds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal to no secondary graft contraction</li> <li>Excellent skin quality, stability</li> <li>Hair regrowth and skin appendage function</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited availability</li> <li>Nontake risk is higher in a less vascularized wound bed</li> </ul>

# Meshed skin graft

- STSGs can be enlarged up to six times their original size.
- Enlargement of the graft can vary from just a few manually applied perforations
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# Composite graft

- Composite grafts include a layer of subcutaneous fat
- tissue under the dermal and epidermal layer

# *First dressing change*

- More commonly the dressings are taken off for the
- first time 5–10 days after grafting

Table 17.3 Permanent and temporary dermal and epidermal skin substitutes

Origin	Dermal	Epidermal	Mixed
Permanent			
Autograft	Fibroblast culture	Keratinocyte culture Skin graft	
Allograft	Human cadaver dermis (Alloderm)		
Synthetic	Integra Matriderm		
Temporary			
Mixed	Dermagraft (polyglactin mesh + human fibroblasts)		Apligraf (bovine collagen matrix + neonatal human fibroblasts and keratinocytes)
Temporary			
Xenograft	Xenoderm (porcine-derived acellular dermis) Mediskin (porcine-derived acellular dermis) Strattice (porcine-derived acellular dermis)		

# Integra

dermal substitute is a synthetic skin replacement used to reconstruct wounds

- recoIntegra™ dermal substitute is a two layered commercial product. The dermal layer consists of a regular matrix of bovine (cow) derived collagen fibres (with a very specific pore size) and chondroitin-6-sulphate. A silicone sheet forms the surface layer, acting as a replacement for the skin's “barrier function” during the first weeks after grafting with Integra™ dermal substitute.

# Z-plasty

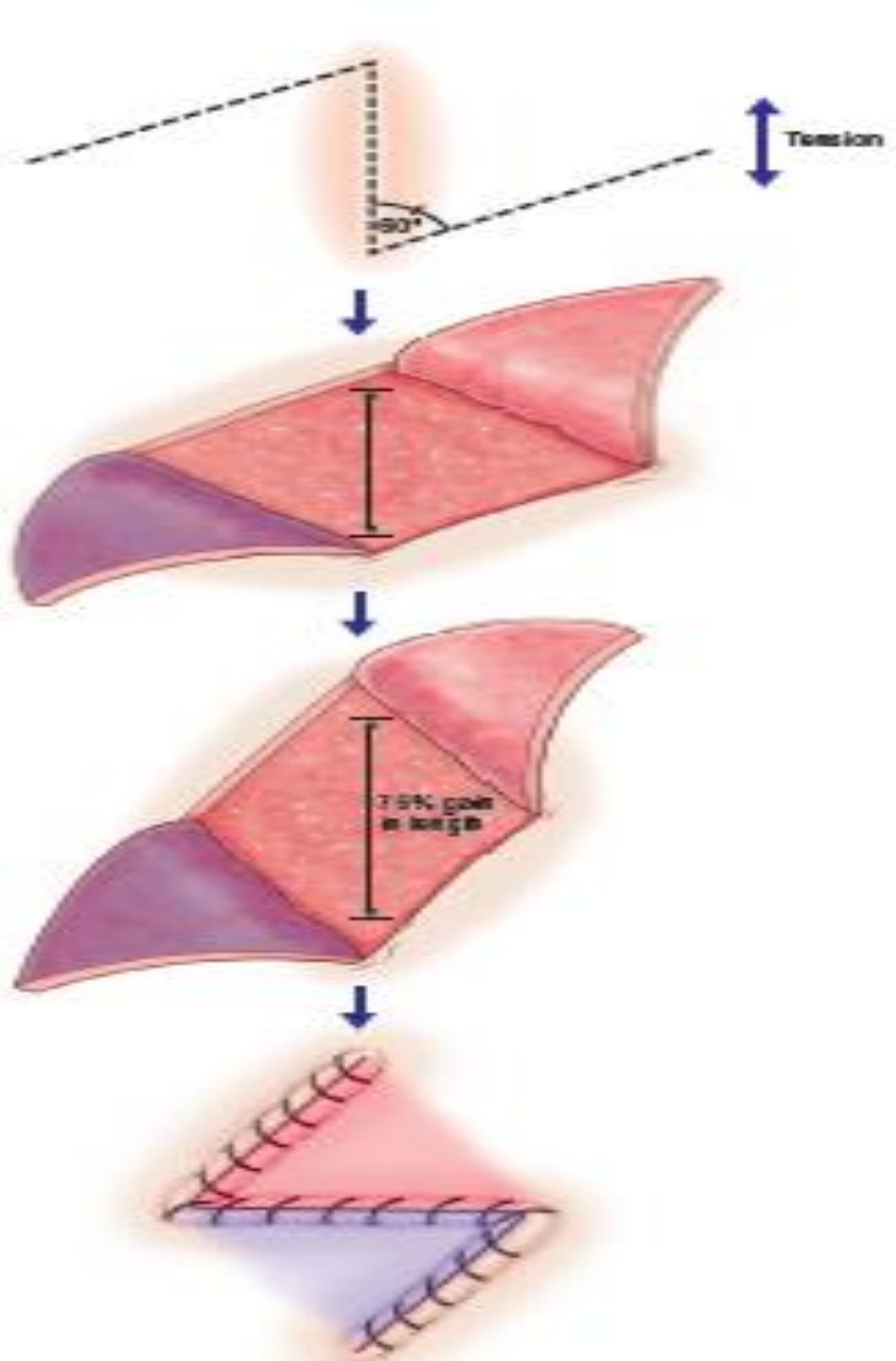
- This technique is the basis of the surgical treatment of burns
- sequelae. Z-plasty is feasible in the presence of surrounding
- healthy tissue

Angle of lateral limb of Z-plasty	Theoretical gain in length of central limb (%)
30	25
45	50
60	75
75	100
90	120

## Box 16.3 The four fundamental functions of Z-plasty

1. To lengthen a scar
2. To break up a straight line
3. To move tissues from one area to another
4. To obliterate or create a web or cleft





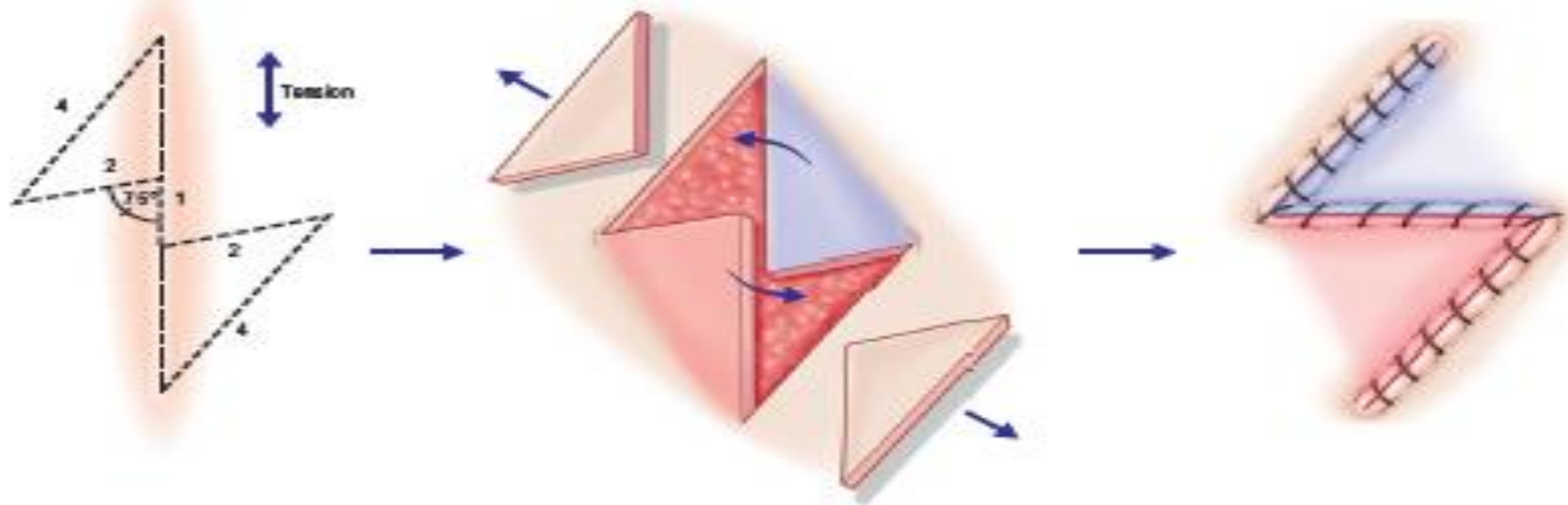


Fig. 16.0 Planimetric Z-plasty.

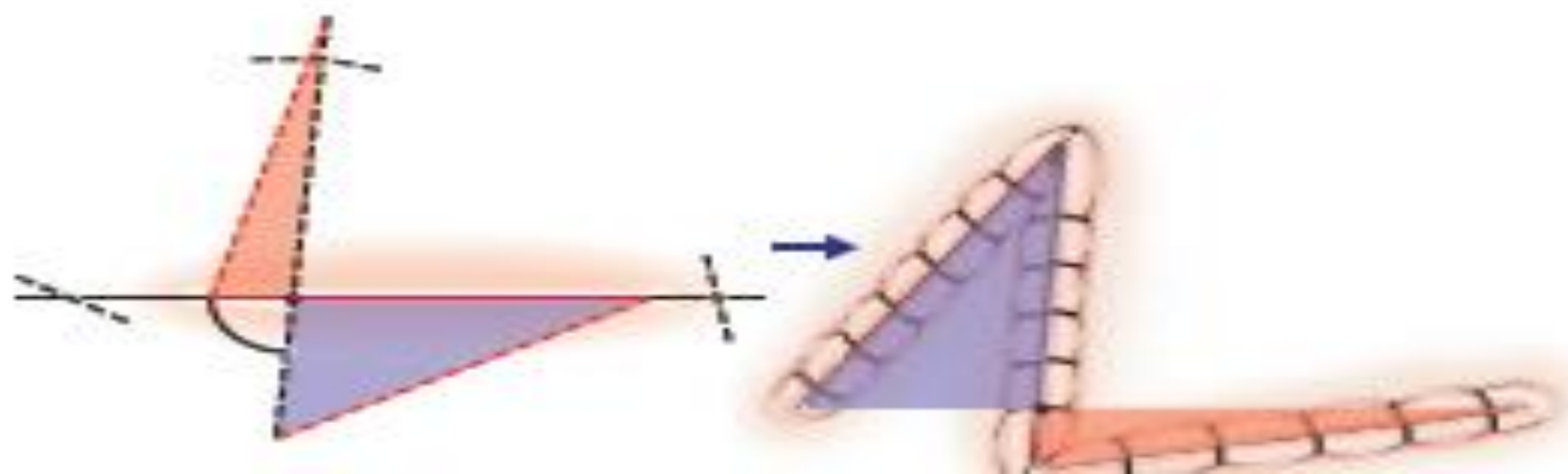
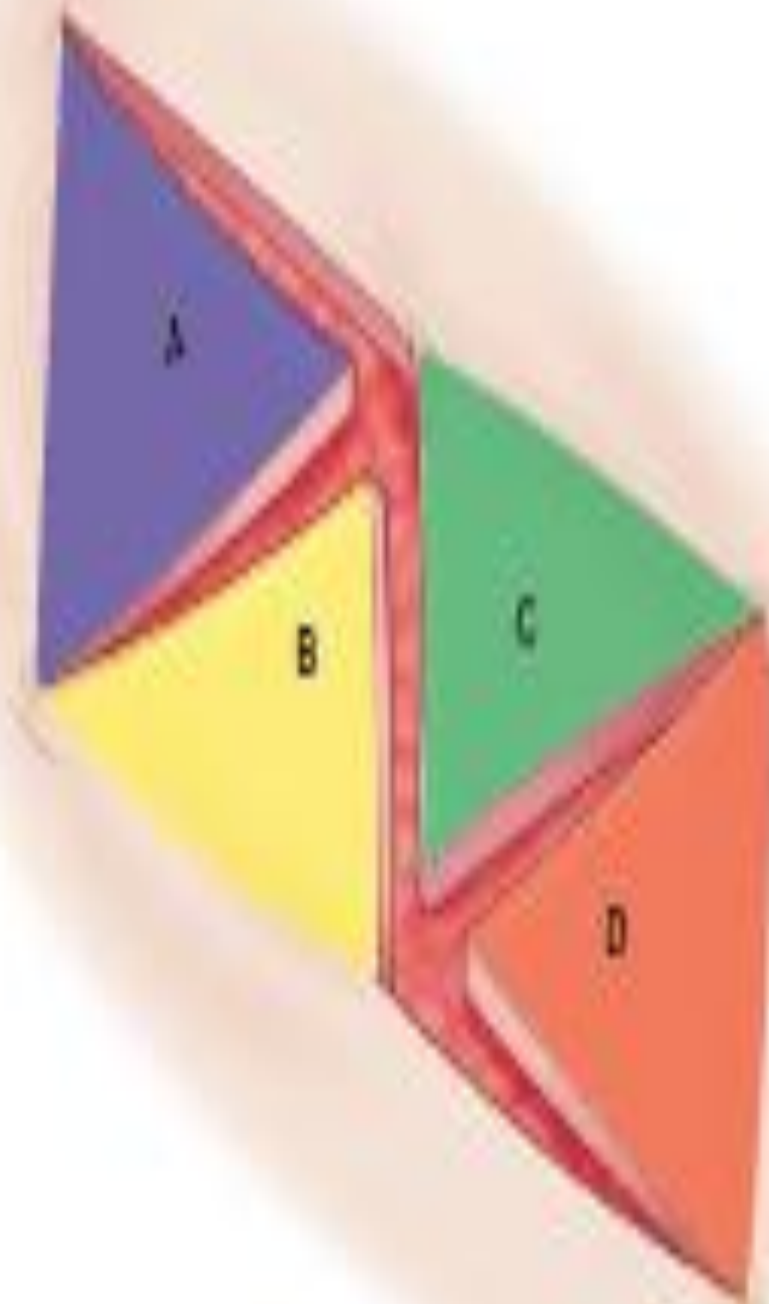
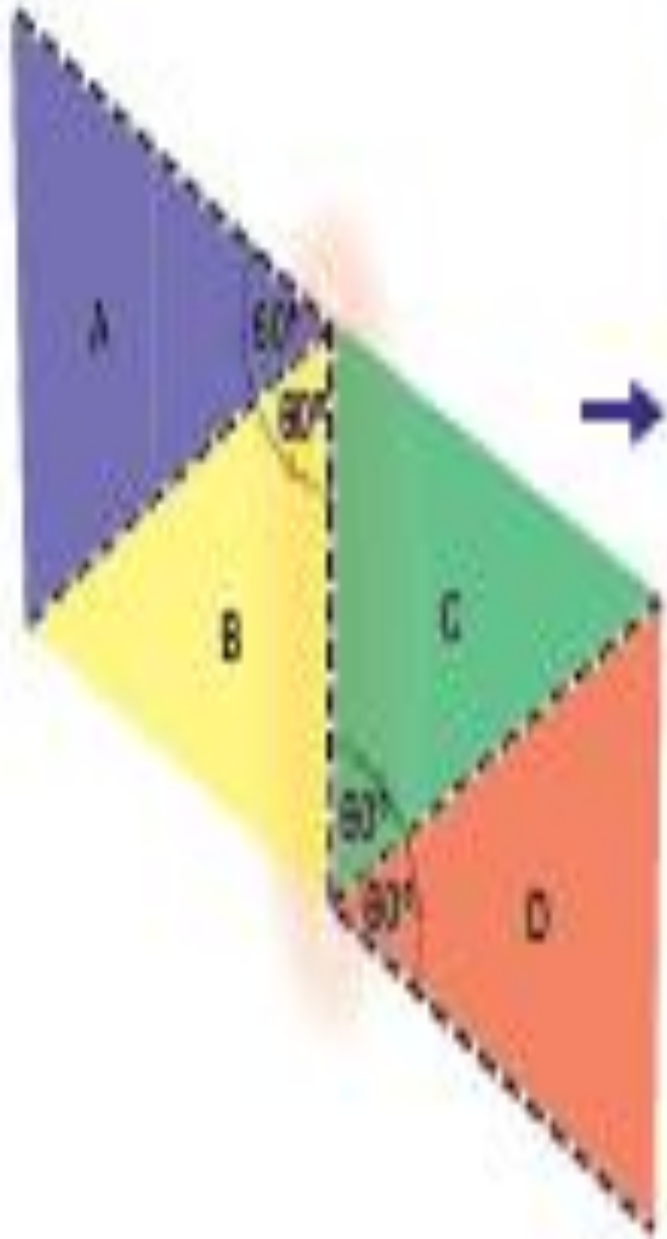


Fig. 15.10 Skin Z-plasty. (Reproduced from Es)



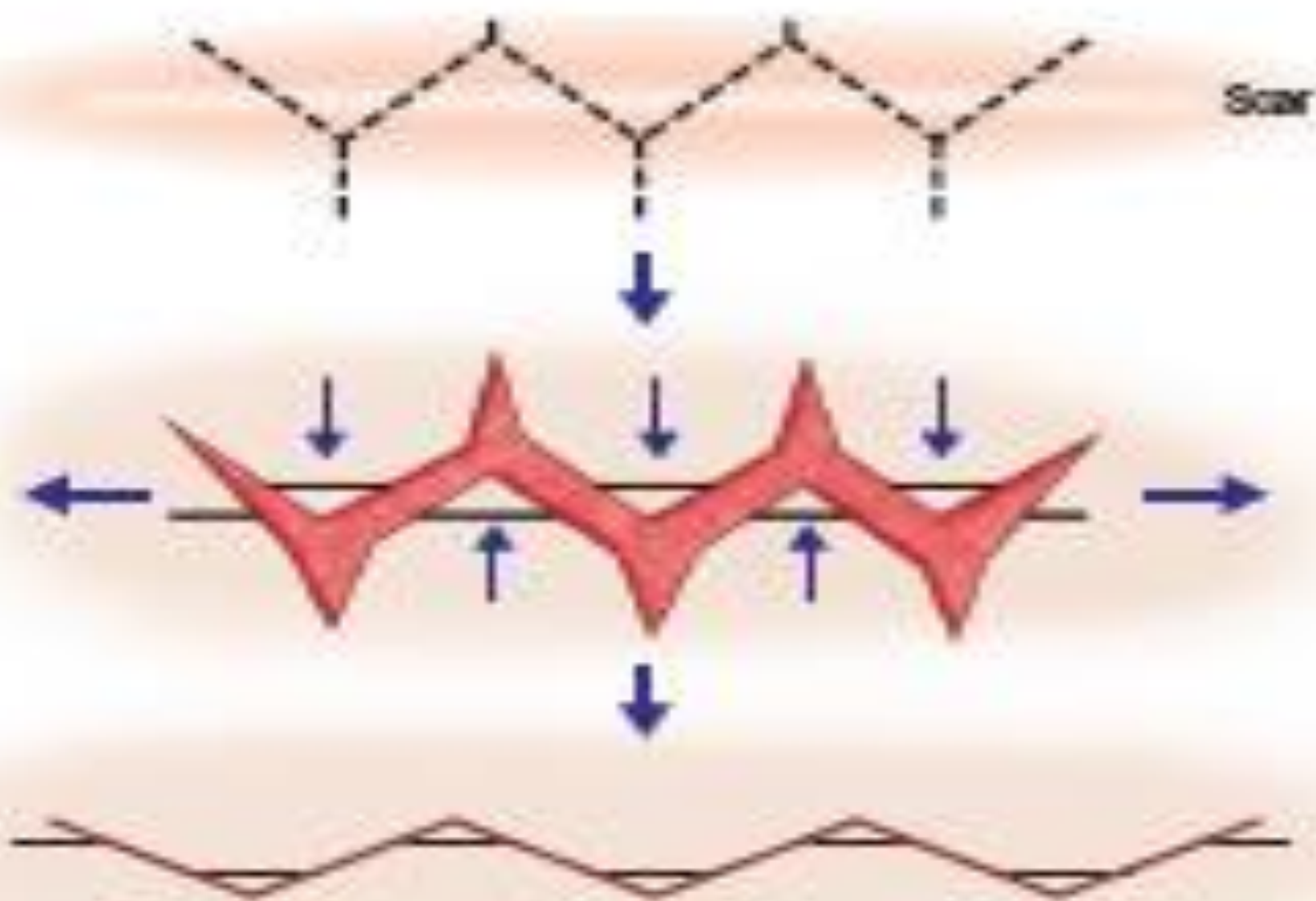






Fig. 45-44. CA. 01 Multiple Trichotias. With permission from Dr. Shelly Mehandi.





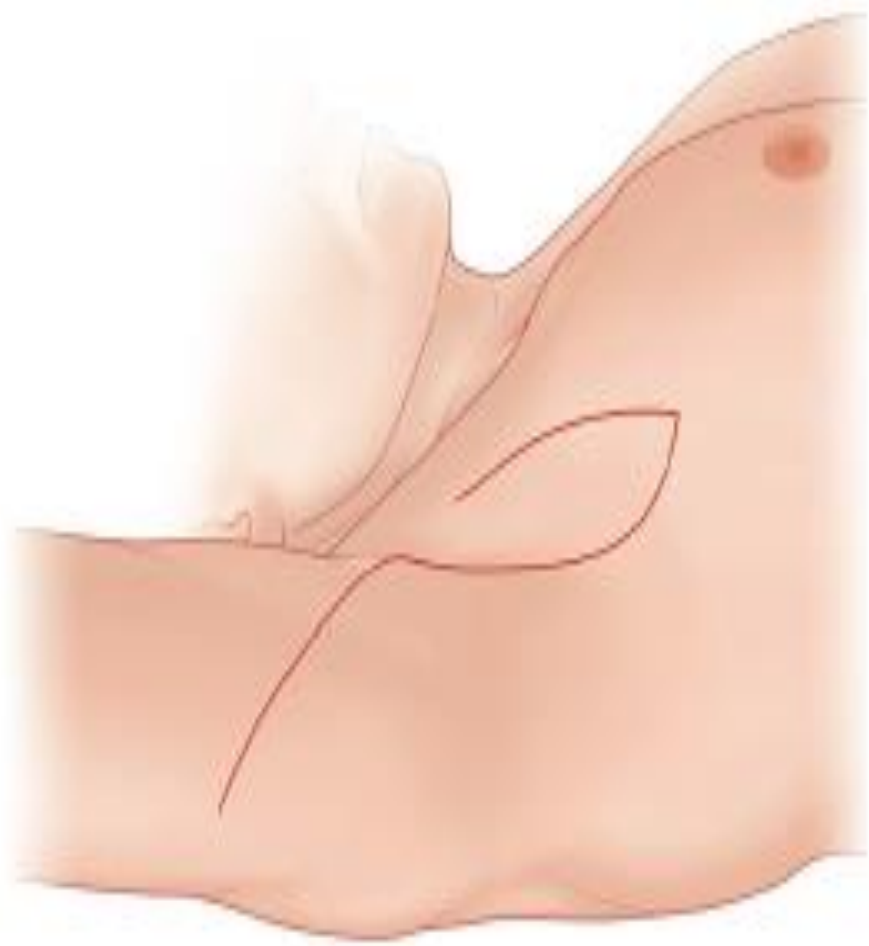


# Dermal substitutes (INTEGRA®) in the surgical treatment of sequelae

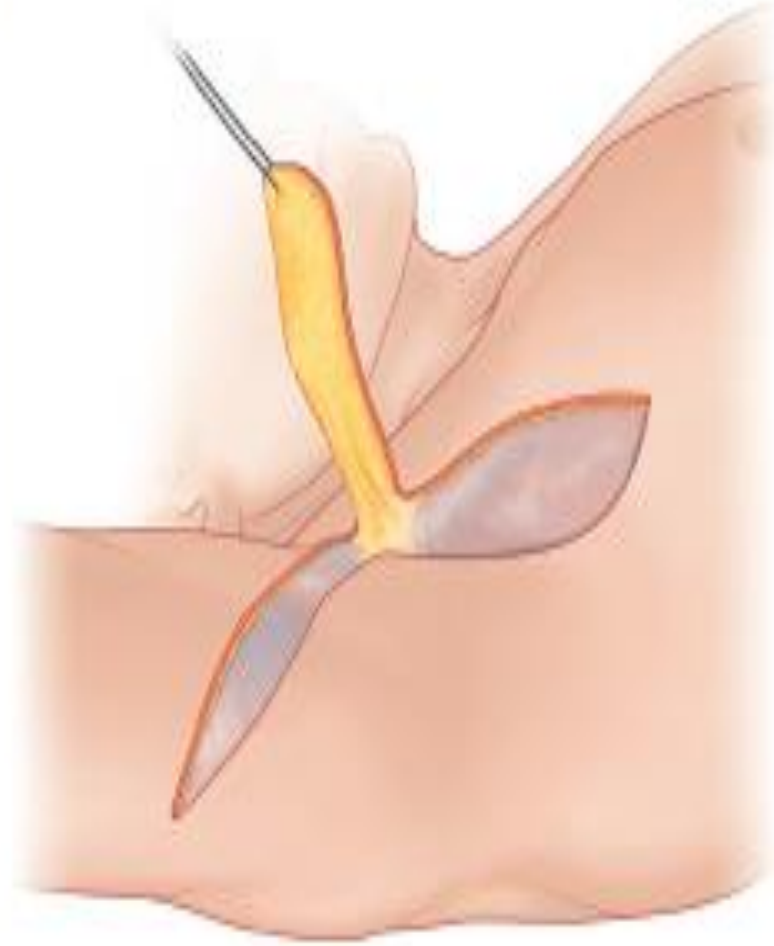
Integra stabilizes after about 21–28 days (it is wrong, in our view, to speak of grafting, since we are considering an acellular matrix). The newly formed tissue is therefore well vascularized and ready to receive a free skin graft (but not full-thickness).

# Flaps

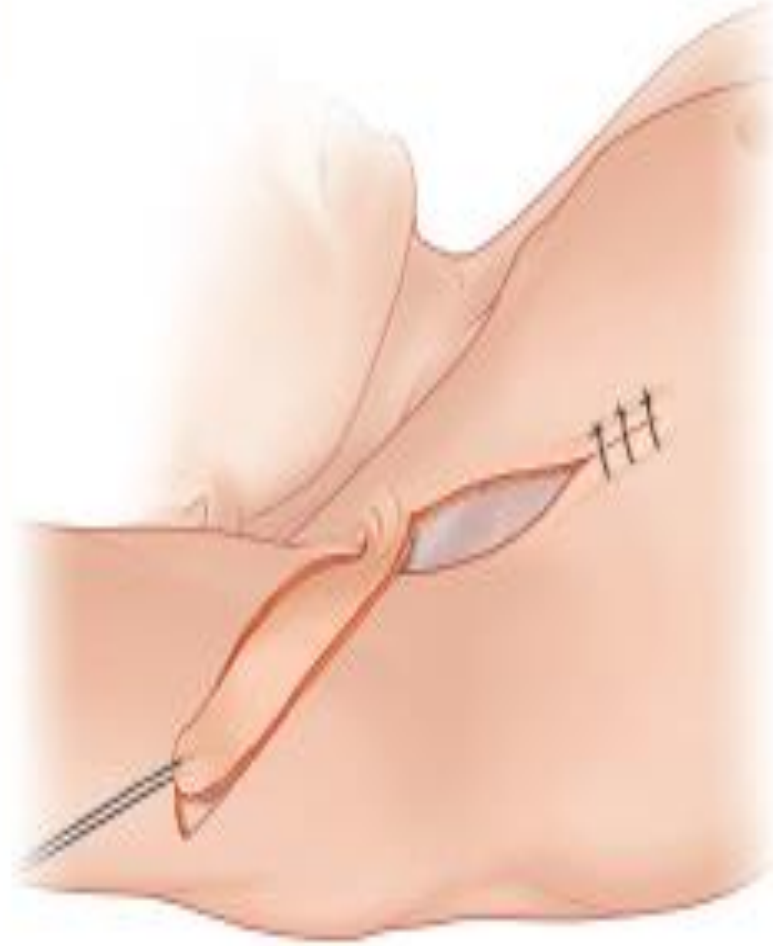
Numerous rotation flaps (*Fig. 19.13*) are described in all treatises •  
on plastic surgery, •



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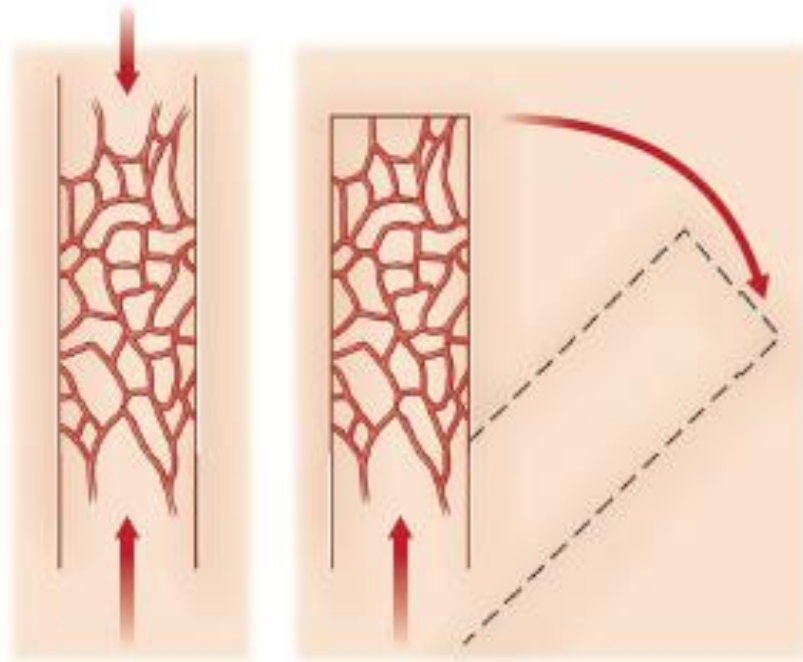


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### Bipedicle flap delay

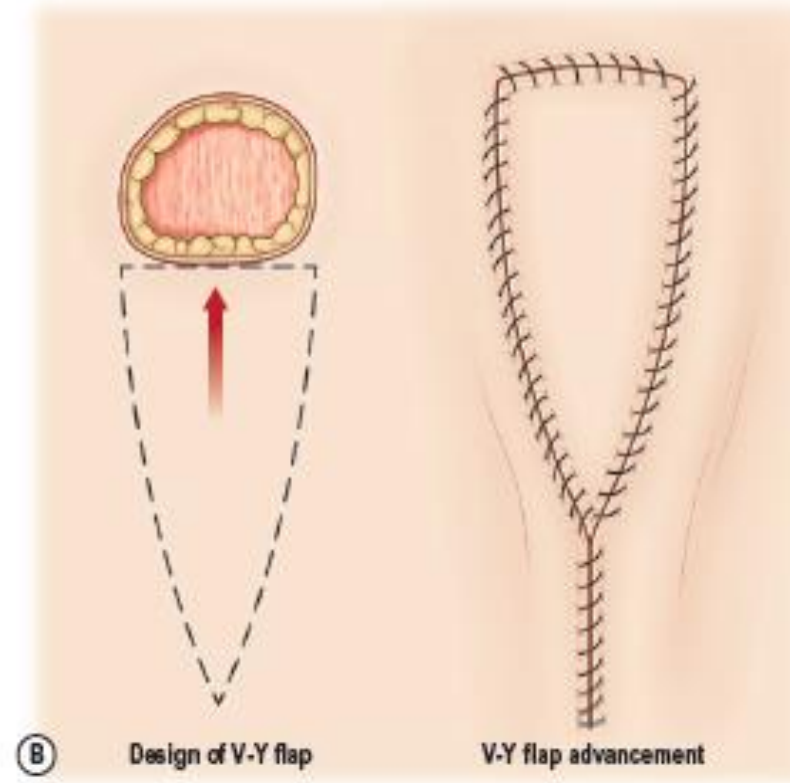


Bipedicle delay completed  
(note outline of distal  
flap division site)

Standard arc of rotation

(A)

### Advancement flap

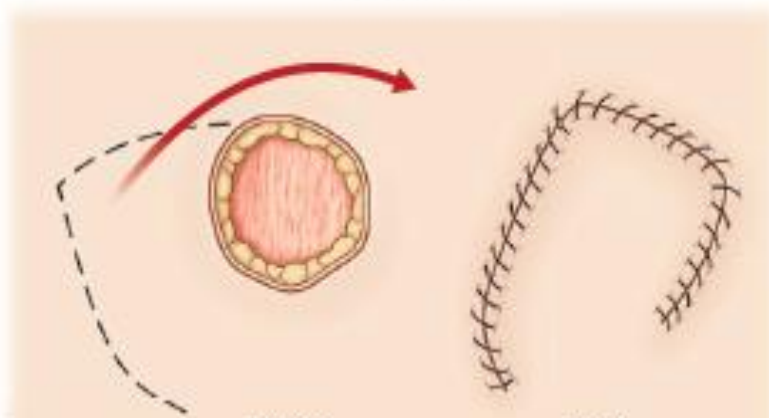


Design of V-Y flap

V-Y flap advancement

(B)

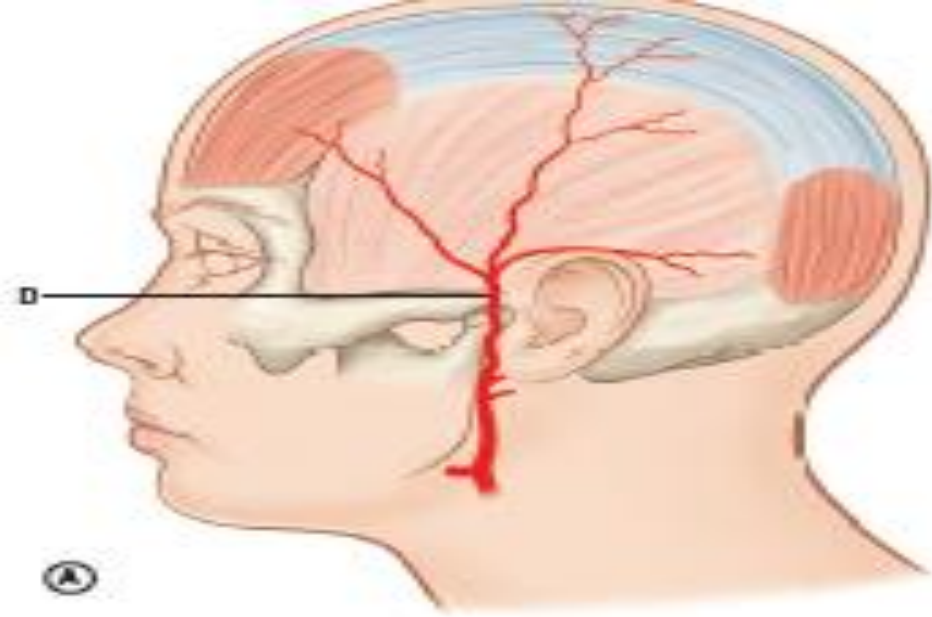
### Rotation flap



Rotation

Inset

(C)



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# Fasciocutaneous and myocutaneous flaps

Reconstructive surgery of the limbs involves extensive use of •  
*fasciocutaneous* and *myocutaneous rotation flaps*, which •  
successfully •  
cover full-thickness loss of substance, especially at elbow •  
and knee joint level and the proximal third and middle limb •

















# Skin expansion

The principle for the use of skin expansion lies in the positive response of live dermal tissue when it is subjected to mechanical stimulation.



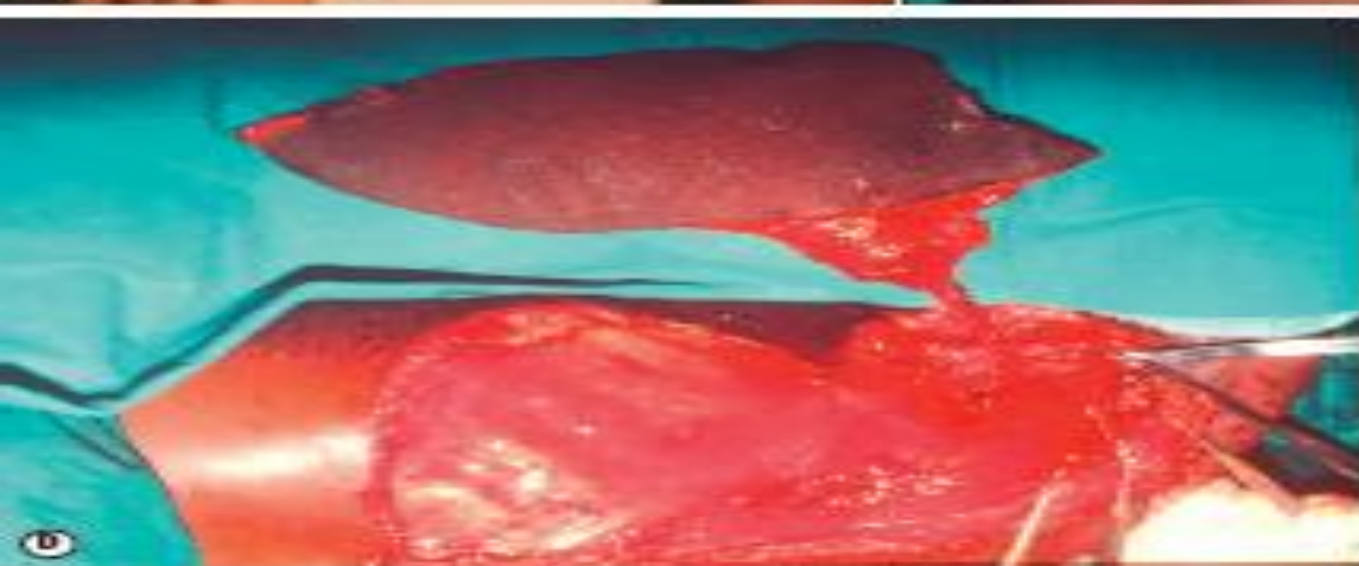
Fig. 27.9 (A) Young man who sustained extensive burns over the face, but in whom the neck was largely spared. (B) Bilateral large expanders were placed in the neck and the entire neck and upper chest were expanded dramatically. (C) The area of burned skin over the lower face was excised and the neck flap advanced superiorly. The capsule was secured firmly to the muscle on the lateral commissures to minimize later distention of the mouth. (D) The patient 2 years later. The upper lip has been reconstructed as an aesthetic unit from hair-bearing, temporo-parietal flaps.





# Free flap

- The use of free flaps in the reconstruction of extremities with severe burns is infrequent in routine clinical practice. Severely burned patients do not usually have many adequate donor sites for microvascular flaps.
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# Lipofilling

- The technique of liposculpture, originally created for aesthetic purposes, now plays a primary role in the treatment of areas of scarring.
- The quality of the scar has improved in terms of texture, color, and elasticity



# Laser

The face and neck region can be regarded as “socializing” anatomical areas which are usually exposed, enabling people to communicate and play their role in society.



The *vascular laser*, such as the Nd:YAG 1064, is indicated in areas of scarring which are immature and have a particularly strong vascular component. The reduction in the blood supply induces an involution of the scar tissue treated.

The *fractional laser (ablative and nonablative)* plays an important role in the remodelling of fibrotic scar tissue



*IPL* and *Q-switched lasers* act on hyperpigmentation and •  
discoloring in certain areas of scarring •

Table 19.2 Laser in scar treatment

Nd:YAG 1064	Scars immature, with vessels
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IPL	Hyperpigmentation Scar with vessels
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Fractional laser	
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Ablative	Mature scars with heterogeneous surface
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Nonablative	Mature scars, fibrotic, thick
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