

FREDERICK R. When I started practice, I trained at the Ferguson Clinic, and we did a so-called Ferguson hemorrhoidectomy.
LANE: Basically, what we did was we took the hemorrhoid, cut it off with a pair of scissors, just let the pedicle bleed, put stitches in the pedicle. That just was never very satisfying and always was kind of a bloody field. You were kind of blindly putting sutures in. It was just kind of messy.

And so I got introduced to one of the competitor's devices probably 15 years or so ago. I liked it. It was a vibrating Harmonic device that I used.

And it did a nice job of keeping most of the field pretty dry. I could see the pedicle pretty well. I could see exactly what I was sewing.

I was always a little dissatisfied, because it was usually a little bit woozy, usually got a little bit of oozing. The pedicle was never completely dry. I always felt I had to put a stitch in the pedicle.

And so I got introduced six months or so ago to the Thunderbeat. And I liked it, because I had the sealing ability besides the vibration, the Harmonic part of it. And I like that. And I've tried it. And I like the hemostasis.

It seems a little quicker than the competitor's device as well. And plus, when I pre-treat the pedicle and seal it first, it's almost always dry. If I have a really big one, I still kind of have the old luxury of putting a stitch in if I want.

But for the most part, I've gotten away of putting any sutures in. I do basically a sutureless hemorrhoidectomy at this point, which saves me a little bit of time. And it makes for a nice dry field. And patients seem to do be pretty well with it.