

Transforming the diagnosis and treatment of postpartum genital trauma

Hegenberger Medical is an award-winning healthcare company dedicated to improving maternal health and post-natal suturing conditions



Patient-first philosophy ensures every mother benefits



CE marked and used across Europe



Community-orientated through partnerships, training and research

Our flagship **Hegenberger Retractor** is the first and only device in the world created specifically for perineal suturing. It **dramatically improves visibility**, leading to more accurate diagnosis and safer, quicker repair. **Invented by a clinician**, for clinicians.

Postpartum suturing hasn't changed for many years, and current practice poses **significant risks** to patients, clinicians and maternal departments. **Poor visibility** makes it extremely difficult to assess trauma and carry out repair - we meet these challenges head on.

2m needlestick injuries suffered by healthcare workers each year

£31m in claims linked to perineal damage in the UK's NHS, 2000-10

90% of vaginal births sustain trauma and **70%** require suturing

RISKS OF CURRENT PRACTICE



Women's health

- Short-term impact includes increased pain, stress, infection and poor healing
- Lifelong consequences include incontinence, painful intercourse, depression and low self-esteem



Clinicians

- Needlestick and muscular skeletal injury caused by poor visibility and ergonomic posture
- Increased stress caused by pressure to repair on top of caring for mother and baby and inability to employ best practice



Maternal departments

- Financial burden of lawsuits, referrals, surgery, occupational health and staff cover costs
- The need for a second staff member pulls frontline staff away from other patients

BENEFITS OF HEGENBERGER RETRACTOR



Women's health

- Improves the physical and mental health of every mother
- Empowers women by tackling the taboo of perineal trauma
- Boosts confidence by addressing expectant mothers' greatest fears



Clinicians

- Dramatically improves visibility, ensuring safer work environments
- Supports gold standard suturing techniques, reducing the risk of injury and sick leave
- Shorter procedures allow clinicians to focus on mother and baby



Maternal departments

- Helps mitigate the risk of legal action for perineal repair negligence
- Enables patients to feedback on care through data capture
- Facilitates better service by freeing up staff resources



Better suturing care would've avoided so much pain, frustration and time away from my baby

- Patient feedback -



Now my first choice in both the labour and operating room

- Peter Egede Jensen, Head Physician Randers Regional Hospital, Denmark -



Important solution

- Danish Design Award 2020 Winner-



Long overdue

- CNN 2021 -

£127m

Estimated annual cost of needlestick injury to the NHS. —*Royal College of Nursing*

£4.1m

Litigation cost to the NHS for 1,213 claims of needlestick injury, 2012-17

