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# SAFE HANDLING - PROCEDURES

Safe Handling

Basics

The way in which a surgical blade is handled prior to use can determine how effectively it performs during use.

There are a number of ways that the cutting edge of a blade can become damaged once removed from its protective foil packet.

When removing a blade from the protective pack make sure it is not dropped in a metal bin or container which can reduce the initial keenness of the cutting edge even before it is fitted to the handle.

If you have a reusable needle holder, remove the blade from its protective pack and do not grip the blade across the cutting edge.

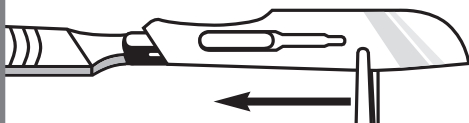
## Attaching a surgical blade

Use the following procedure to attach a surgical blade:

- 1 Grip the blade in the finger and thumb, holding across the cutting edge.
- 2 Hold handle in left hand in a one-finger grip.



- 3 Place blade against handle finger and engage lock.
- 4 Slide blade until it clicks into position.



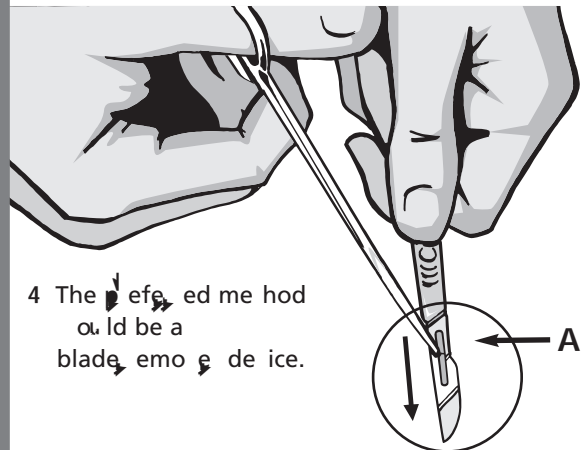
- 5 To improve assembly, flex blade slightly and then sliding on to the handle.



## Removing a surgical blade

Use the following procedure to detach a surgical blade:

- 1 Grip the blade in the finger and thumb, holding at point A making sure the cutting edge is facing away from the hand and body.
- 2 Engage the blade in the locking device and hold the handle and NOT the other member of the team.
- 3 While holding the handle firmly, lift the back edge of the blade in the finger and thumb and slide away from the handle.



- 4 The affected member should be a blade removed.

## DON'T DESTROY A PERFECT CUTTING EDGE

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