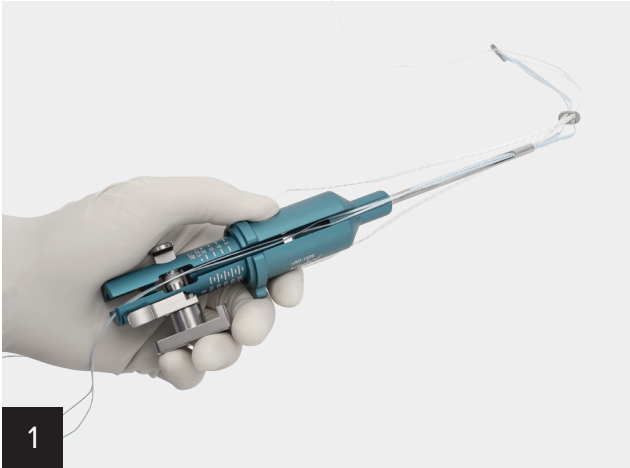


Tensioner With Double-Strand TightRope® Implant

Instructions



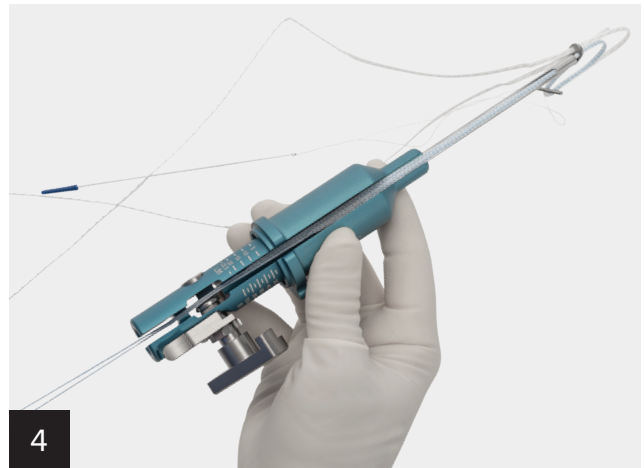
Take two strands of the same color suture and pass them through the tip of the tensioner and up the shaft toward the handle.



Press the thumb handle down to release the reel.



Pull the reel outward so the groove is visible.



Lay the suture down into the newly exposed groove in the shaft of the handle. If using a TightRope® implant, the tip end (eyelet) of the tensioner will now be touching the button. You want to reduce the amount of suture material between the tensioner and the patient.

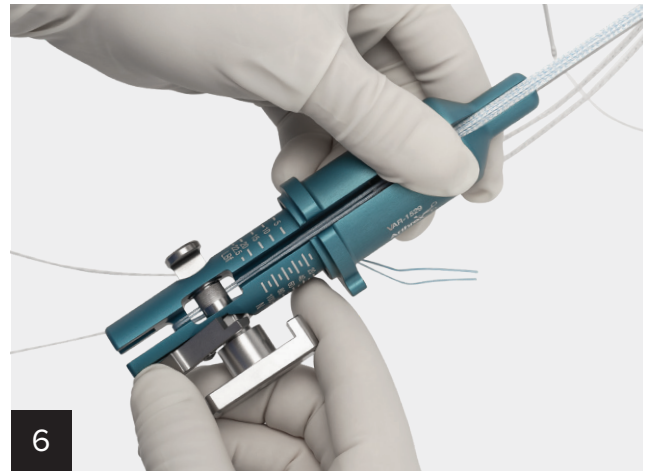


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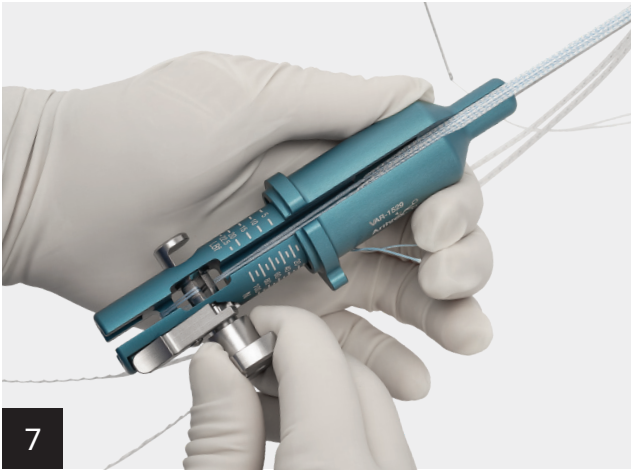
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The free ends of the suture material should be brought over the back and looped around the post to hold it in place during tensioning.



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Release the thumb handle and close the reel to secure the suture material back in place.



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Slowly start to turn the reel to wind the suture. This starts the tension process. Tension the suture material to the required amount, which will be procedure specific.



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8b

After you have checked range of motion, disengage the suture from the tensioner by unlooping the suture from post, then press down on the thumb handle and pull out the reel. Then load the two strands that were previously not tensioned into the tensioner and repeat steps.

