Abstract: A method of treating a patient in cosmetic surgery as seen in Figure 1, using first and second hollow tubular surgical members and a suture to be surgically inserted under the patient's facial skin, including the following steps cutting a single incision in the patient's facial skin adjacent to the area of the ear, threading the first (20) and second hollow (30) tubular members with a continuous suture having thereon a plurality of spaced-apart, movable cross sutures, inserting the insertion tip with the threaded suture through the incision and under the facial skin, toward the patient's fold line in the nasal area, removing the second hollow tubular member from the first hollow tubular member and from the nasal area and out through the single incision, while leaving in place the suture (28) and the plurality of cross sutures so they are disposed in the facial tissue, pulling on the proximal tip of the suture which is extending out of the incision in order to pull the plurality of cross sutures in the facial tissue which causes the cross sutures to move from their substantially parallel relationship to the suture so that they are moved to a position which is substantially perpendicular to the suture in order to engage and anchor the cross sutures in the facial tissue, pulling and tying off the suture in the area of the incision which operates to pull the facial tissue and the facial fold line more tightly in order to minimize the appearance of the facial fold line in the nasal area.

FIG. 1
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