METHODS AND DEVICES FOR TENSIONING FLEXIBLE MATERIAL

Abstract: Disclosed herein are methods and devices for imparting tension to a flexible material, for example, a suture. The methods and devices can be used during surgical procedures to ensure that the proper tension is exerted.

Fig. 1

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