



The right instruments whatever your DMEK preferred technique



Preparing the donor graft Preparing the recipient eye





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DMEK in 2023: a myriad of techniques

Preparing the donor graft

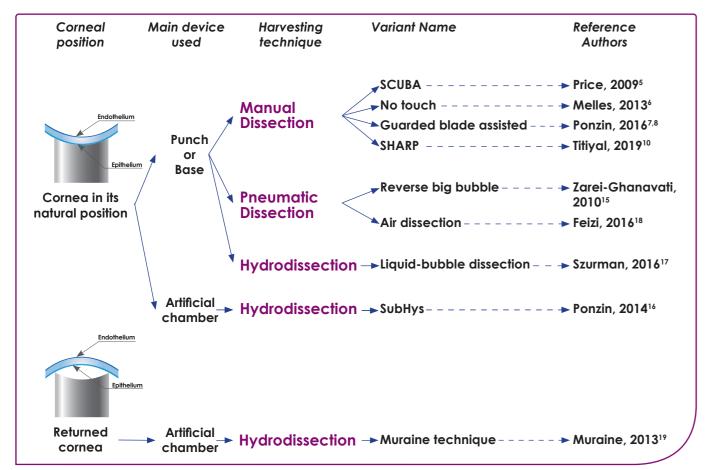


DMEK (Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty) is a posterior lamellar keratoplasty technique that involves replacing the patient's damaged endothelium. As a minimally invasive technique, DMEK offers clinical benefits including rapid visual recovery¹⁻³ and low occurrence of rejection⁴. It has **therefore become a reference technique in endothelial keratoplasty**.

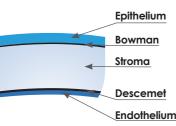
However, success relies on very delicate handling of the graft to preserve as much as possible the endothelium and guarantee its viability. Objective is to isolate the Descemet membrane with the endothelium to obtain a (purely) endothelial graft (without any posterior stroma). The difficulty of this technique led operators, eye banks and surgeons to innovate and standardize this procedure. That's why DMEK graft preparation technique has undergone several evolutions.

Reproducible DMEK grafts can now be obtained by choosing the most suitable harvesting technique for each specific user and setting among these 3:

- manual dissection technique
- pneumatic dissection technique
- hydrodissection technique



At Moria, we understand that every user has his preferred technique, so we have developed a wide range of reusable and single-use instruments and devices to enable DMEK grafts to be performed using any technique or, indeed, variation of a technique. In addition to being comprehensive, Moria range is also notable for its extremely high quality. Our reusable instruments in particular are renowned worldwide for their durability and resistance.



Common instruments whatever the harvesting technique

Holding forceps are used to handle a DMEK graft. Moria developed a range of fine toothed forceps dedicated to such a delicate step.



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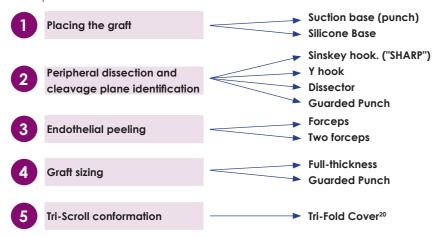
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1) Manual dissection

The manual dissection technique for preparing DMEK grafts was introduced by Dr. Melles and his team in 2006¹ and has since evolved considerably. This technique consists in making a peripheral dissection at the trabecular meshwork, separating the Descemet membrane from the stroma, then peeling the membrane in balanced saline solution. Developments include the "Submerged Cornea Using Backgrounds Away" (SCUBA) technique⁵, the "no-touch" technique⁶, with use of a guarded punch^{7,8}, and the SHARP technique.^{9,10}

Moria offers a range of instruments and devices that will enable you to perform these various manual dissection techniques.



Instruments for peripheral dissection and cleavage plane identification

Peripheral dissection can be carried out using an angled hook, as is the case with the SHARP technique^{9, 10}, with a Y hook and micro-dissector as Dr. Price does¹¹, or using other types of dissectors.



Endothelial peeling forceps

Peeling the endothelium requires one or two forceps² with flat, non-serrated jaws¹².



Endothelial marker

Dr. Terry and his team have developed a technique in which a "S" is stamped on the stromal side of the Descemet membrane^{13, 14}. This establishes a reference point to ensure the graft is correctly oriented when it is inserted into the patient's eye.



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Punches and trephines

Punch-assisted peripheral dissection for a clear-cut cleavage plan

As Dr. Ponzin and his team have described^{7,8}, guarded blade technology can be used to facilitate peripheral dissection and identification of the cleavage plane. Moria has developed two types of punches with a guarded blade to simplify this step: the guarded punch and the DeepWell guarded punch.

Punch-assisted final trephination for diameter

The final trephination may or may not be penetrating. In the "no-touch" technique described by Dr. Melles and his team⁶, the endothelium is drawn onto a support and then undergoes penetrating trephination. The Busin Punch, trephine blade or Hanna trephine by Moria can all be used under those conditions. Other authors have shown interest in using a guarded punch to facilitate the final peeling of the graft¹². Two guarded punches by Moria can be used for these purposes.













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	Reference	17212DXXX	17213DXXX	17215RXXX	17207DXXX	17200DXXX	17150DXXX	17169
	Name	Deep Well Punch	Deep Well blade-holder	Deep Well Tri-Fold Cover	Guarded Punch	Busin Punch	Trephine Blade	Hanna Punch & Blade
Blade design	Double-bevel blade for a clean cut	\otimes	\otimes		\otimes	\Diamond		\otimes
	360° Blade for uniform cutting	\otimes	\otimes		\otimes	\bigotimes	\bigotimes	\otimes
	Guarded blade with length adapted to the depth of the well allowing cutting under the Descemet to be performed	\otimes	\otimes	\otimes	\otimes			
	Penetrating blade					\Diamond	\bigotimes	\otimes
	Blade / Blade-holder sold separately		\otimes	\otimes				\otimes
	Available sizes (mm)	7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 9.5, 10	7.5, 7.75, 8, 9.5, 10	7.5, 7.75, 8	7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.5, 9.5, 10	6, 6.5, 6.75, 7, 7.25, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 8.75, 9, 9.5, 10	6.5, 7, 7.25, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 8.75, 9	7, 7.25, 7.50, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.50, 8.75, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5
Well design	Deep and enveloping well, covering cornea	\otimes						
	Lowered base for optimized working comfort	\bigcirc						
	Wide and stable base with imprint	\otimes						
	Suction system	Double suction			21 suction holes	21 suction holes		\otimes
	4 non-aspirating holes to facilitate the ((S)) marking	\otimes			\otimes	\otimes		
	Graft centering system	8.5mm centering groove			4 cardinal holes	4 cardinal holes		

2) Hydrodissection and pneumatic dissection

Pneumatic dissection, also called "reverse big bubble technique" by Dr. Zarei Ghanavati et al. 15, and hydrodissection are among the core techniques developed to prepare DMEK grafts. Principle of these techniques involves using a cannula to lift off the Descemet membrane by air (pneumatic dissection) or liquid (hydrodissection). The cannula can be inserted at different locations depending on whether the operator is performing hydrodissection^{16, 17} or pneumatic dissection^{15, 18.}

As with manual dissection, there are variations on those two techniques. For example, Dr. Ponzin et al.¹⁶ has developed a hydrodissection technique called "SubHys", which requires use of an artificial chamber and a trephine.







35G orifice, external diameter of 30G For injection of air or liquid Reusable





Hydrodissection cannula

31G orifice, external diameter of 25G, Flat, blunt tip



19161

18153

Artificial chamber - Base

To maintain the donor's cornea Reusable



19162

Artificial chamber - Cover

Compatible with base of articifial chamber (19161)

Reusable



19182

17204

Artificial chamber

To maintain the donor's cornea



Artificial chamber for single-use trephines

To maintain the donor's cornea

Compatible with 17201DXX and 17202DXX trephines

Simple trephine

Available from 7mm to 9mm (increment 0.25mm) and

17201DXXX 9.5mm

Compatible with artificial chamber (17204)

Single-use (2)



17202DXXX

Adjustable trephine Pre-setting of the desired depth

Available in 6mm, 6.5mm to 9mm (increment 0.25mm),

9.5mm, 10mm

Compatible with artificial chamber (17204)

Single-use (2)



Trephine blade

For penetrating trepanation Available in 6.5mm, 7mm - 9mm (increment 0.25mm)

Reusable

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3) Muraine technique

Prof. Muraine's technique consists in trephining the endothelium incompletely with two opposite hinges using a dedicated device: the Muraine punch by Moria. Donor tissue is then mounted on an artificial chamber, the endothelium upward. A Rycroft cannula is then used to hydrodissect the Descemet membrane¹⁸. This technique is described step by step in our brochure #65057 available on our website (www.moria-surgical.com).







Muraine Punch

Allows a partial trephination with two opposite hinges Single-use (2)



Artificial chamber - Base

19161 To maintain the donor's cornea Reusable



Artificial chamber - Cover

Compatible with base of artificial chamber (19161) Reusable





Artificial chamber

19182 To maintain the donor's cornea Single-use (2)





Bonn forceps

0.1mm Micro-teeth 4mm Platforms Reusable



9605

Troutman curved forceps

Active part with 7.5 mm platform. Reusable





17225X10

Troutman forceps

Curved, 3.5mm platforms Single-use (2)





7504

Rycroft cannula 35G orifice, external diameter of

For injection of air or liquid Reusable

1) Keeping the patient's eye open





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Colibri Speculum Lid-blades, 16mm Reusable





20035

Adjustable speculum Rounded lid-blades, 14mm

Reusable



18195

Schapira Speculum 15mm open lid blades Reusable

17508x10

Adjustable speculum

15mm lid blades Sold in box of 10 units Single-use (2)

2) Measuring and marking diameter



12994

Sourdille caliper

16mm opening Graduation every 1mm

Reusable

Corneal markers Reusable

19095/800 19095/850

19095

> Available in: Diameter: 8 mm

Diameter: 8.5 mm

Diameter: 9 mm **Corneal markers**

Available in boxes of 10 units Single-use (2)

> Available in:

17518x10

Diameter: 8 mm

17519x10

Diameter: 8.5 mm

17520x10

Diameter: 9 mm



Preparing the patient's eye



3) Maintaining the patient's anterior chamber



Chamber Maintainer 20G

Length, 170mm External diameter, 1.65mm 5mm active part with internal diameter 0.90mm Reusable

4) Descemetorhexis and removal of endothelium

Attoria 19997	19097	Gorovoy forceps Descemetorhexis forceps Length 11.7cm Blunt tip Reusable
	19091 20047	Descemetorhexis hooks Inverted Sinskey shapes Price hook Hoffart hook: bi-angulation to avoid fluid leakage at corneal incision Reusable
	19077/A	Spatulas For peeling the Descemet membrane

A: 45° angled tip

B: 90° angled tip

Reusable

Irrigating spatulas

For peeling the Descemet membrane A: 45° angled tip

B: 90° angled tip

Price hook

Descemetorhexis hook Inverted Sinskey shape Sold in box of 5 units Sinale-use ®

17303x5

17303x10

17302x5

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19083/B

90° Spatula For peeling the Descemet membrane 90° angled tip Sold in box of 5 or 10 units Single-use ®

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