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## **Author Questionnaire**

- 1. Microscopy:** Does your protocol require the use of a dissecting or stereomicroscope for performing a complex dissection, microinjection technique, or something similar? **NO**  
**NO**
- 2. Software:** Does the part of your protocol being filmed include step-by-step descriptions of software usage? **NO**
- 3. Filming location:** Will the filming need to take place in multiple locations? **NO**
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### **Current Protocol Length**

Number of Steps: 26

Number of Shots: 45

# Introduction

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*Videographer: Obtain headshots for all authors available at the filming location.*

## INTRODUCTION:

~~What is the scope of your research? What questions are you trying to answer?~~

- 1.1. **Anne Morice:** Medial canthopexy is a technically challenging surgical procedure that benefits greatly from video-assisted instruction for educational purposes.
  - 1.1.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.

## CONCLUSION:

~~What research gap are you addressing with your protocol?~~

- 1.2. **Anne Morice:** There is a lack of educational and video support concerning transnasal medial canthopexy. Our publication will help train surgeons for the realization of this technique.
  - 1.2.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.

~~What advantage does your protocol offer compared to other techniques?~~

- 1.3. **Anne Morice:** Our protocol allows precise anatomical fixation of the medial canthal ligament with stable results, ensuring a satisfactory outcome without visible scars.
  - 1.3.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera. ~~Suggested B-roll: 4.6.1.~~

*Videographer: Obtain headshots for all authors available at the filming location.*

**Ethics Title Card**

This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at CESP, CHRU de Tours

# Protocol

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## 2. Drawing of the Incision Lines and Realization of the Orbitonasal Approach

**Demonstrator:** Boris Laure

**NOTE: Authors have reviewed the footage and provided file names.**

- 2.1. To begin, draw the incision line on each side of the face by following the Tessier orbitonasal incision along a bayonet-shaped line at the medial canthus, extending into a sub-tarsal approach [1]. Create a sequence of broken lines along the incision to assist in dissection and reduce the risk of visible retractile scarring [2].

File Name: P1017103.MOV-h265.MP4 0 :17 to 0 :21

screen shot of P1017104.MOV-h265.MP4

- 2.1.1. WIDE: Talent marking the bayonet-shaped incision line at the medial canthus, extending laterally following the sub-tarsal path.

- 2.1.2. Talent drawing interrupted or dashed lines over the initial incision path.

- ~~2.2. For a unilateral medial transnasal canthopexy, draw the Tessier orbitonasal incision on the affected side [1]. On the opposite side, draw a curved incision line approximately 1.5 centimeters long, placed in front of the medial canthal tendon [2].~~

- ~~2.2.1. Talent marking the orbitonasal incision on the affected side of the face.~~

- ~~2.2.2. Talent drawing a 1.5-centimeter arcuate line anterior to the medial canthal tendon on the contralateral side.~~

**NOTE: 2.2 was not filmed**

- 2.3. Infiltrate the incision sites and the medial canthus area with a subperiosteal injection of 1 percent adrenaline-lidocaine solution, provided there are no contraindications [1].

- 2.3.1. Talent injecting the adrenaline-lidocaine solution beneath the periosteum at the marked incision lines and medial canthus region.

File Name: P1017106.MOV-h265.MP4 00:25-00:55

- 2.4. Using an 11-scalpel blade, perform a skin incision along the previously marked lines, cutting down to the orbicularis muscle plane and extending laterally toward the lateral canthus [1].

- 2.4.1. Talent performing the skin incision with an 11-scalpel blade along the broken line, reaching the orbicularis muscle, and continuing laterally.

File Name: P1017107.MOV-h265.MP4 00:05-00:31

- 2.5. Then, using Ragnell scissors, continue dissection through the preseptal plane until reaching the periosteum at the infraorbital margin [1]. Using a 15-scalpel blade, incise

the periosteum along the infraorbital margin [2].

- 2.5.1. Talent dissecting through the tissue in the preseptal plane using Ragnell scissors, advancing down to the periosteum at the infraorbital margin.

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- 2.5.2. Talent performing a periosteal incision along the infraorbital margin using a 15-scalpel blade.

File Name: P1017109.MOV-h265.MP4 01:52-02:14

- 2.6. With an elevator, dissect the infraorbital margin in a subperiosteal plane [1]. Then, roughen approximately 2 centimeters of the orbital floor and medial wall to achieve sufficient exposure [2].

- 2.6.1. Talent using an elevator to dissect beneath the periosteum along the infraorbital margin.

File Name: P1017109.MOV-h265.MP4 02:21-02:34

- 2.6.2. Talent scraping and roughening the orbital floor and medial wall to extend the exposure area.

File Name: P1017109.MOV-h265.MP4 02:40-03:45

- 2.7. Now, insert a lacrimal probe into the lower lacrimal passage to assist in identifying anatomical structures during dissection [1]. ~~Gradually dissect the orbicularis muscle medially using Ragnell scissors until the medial canthal tendon is fully exposed [2].~~

- 2.7.1. Talent gently probing the lower lacrimal passage with a lacrimal probe.

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- 2.7.2. ~~Talent using Ragnell scissors to dissect the orbicularis muscle medially and expose the medial canthal tendon.~~

**NOTE: Not filmed**

- 2.8. Isolate the medial canthal tendon along its entire length [1-TXT]. ~~Then, use Ragnell scissors and an elevator to detach it from the periosteal plane [2].~~

- 2.8.1. Talent carefully isolating the medial canthal tendon from surrounding tissues.

**TXT: Use Ragnell scissors and elevator to detach from periosteal plane**

File Name: P1017113.MOV-h265.MP4 01:43-02:15

- 2.8.2. ~~Talent detaching the medial canthal tendon from the periosteum~~ **NOTE: Not filmed**

- 2.9. Using an elevator, dissect the medial orbital wall in a subperiosteal plane, pushing the lacrimal sac downward and then continue dissection [1]. ~~Continue the dissection to include the superior orbital rim and the inner part of the orbital roof, being cautious not~~

~~to fracture the lamina papyracea [2].~~

2.9.1. Talent dissecting the medial wall in a subperiosteal plane with an elevator, depressing the lacrimal sac.

File Name: P1017110.MOV-h265.MP4 00:03-00:13

2.9.2. Talent continuing the dissection upward toward the superior orbital rim and orbital roof. **NOTE: Not filmed**

~~2.9.3. With an elevator, release the lacrimal passages and the lacrimal sac down to the lacrimonasal canal [1].~~ Expose the ascending process of the maxilla using an elevator [2-TXT].

~~2.9.3. Talent using an elevator to mobilize the lacrimal passages and sac up to the lacrimonasal canal.~~ **NOTE: Deleted by authors**

2.9.4. Talent exposing the ascending process of the maxilla by dissecting with an elevator. **TXT: Similarly, perform the orbitonasal approach on the contralateral side** File Name: P1017114.MOV-h265.MP4 00:02

~~2.10. For a unilateral medial canthopexy, perform the orbitonasal approach on the side where the medial canthus needs to be reattached [1]. On the opposite side, make a curved incision measuring approximately 1.5 centimeters in length and located about 10 millimeters anterior to the medial canthal tendon using a 15 scalpel blade [2].~~ **NOTE: Not filmed**

~~2.10.1. Talent performing the orbitonasal approach on the affected side of the face.~~

~~2.10.2. Talent making a curved incision in front of the medial canthal tendon on the contralateral side using a 15 scalpel blade.~~

### **3. Creating the Transosseous Wire**

3.1. To create the transosseous wire, perforate the maxillary frontal process using the largest square pin, behind the anterior lacrimal crest or at the level of the posterior lacrimal crest [1]. Angle the perforation slightly backward to direct the medial canthus traction toward the orbital apex [2]. Use a malleable retractor to shield the eye and lacrimal sac during the procedure [3].

File Name: P1017114.MOV-h265.MP4 00:07-00:58

3.1.1. Talent positioning the largest square pin against the frontal process of the maxilla.

3.1.2. Talent perforating the bone in a backward direction to align traction with the

orbital apex.

- 3.1.3. Talent placing a malleable retractor to protect the eye and lacrimal sac during drilling.

~~3.2. Using a fine square pin, perforate the nasal septum with a deeper and more posterior trajectory compared to the initial perforation [1].~~ **NOTE: Not filmed**

- ~~3.2.1. Talent using the fine square pin to perform a second perforation through the nasal septum.~~

3.3. On the contralateral side, perform a bone perforation at the level of the lacrimal crest, just above the upper edge of the medial canthal tendon [1]. Use a malleable retractor to protect the eyeball and the lacrimal sac during this step [2].

**File Name: P1017115.MOV-h265.MP4 00:09**

- 3.3.1. Talent performing a bone perforation at the lacrimal crest, directly above the superior border of the medial canthal tendon.
- 3.3.2. Talent inserting a malleable retractor to shield the eye and lacrimal sac during the perforation.

#### **4. Creating a Transnasal Wire "Shuttle" and Insertion of Staged Wires on the Medial Canthal Tendon, and Contralateral Transnasal Passage**

4.1. To begin creating a transnasal wire shuttle, fold the wire in half to form a loop [1]. Pass this loop through the bone defect from one side to the opposite side [2].

- 4.1.1. Talent folding a non-locking steel wire into a loop.

**File Name: P1017118.MOV-h265.MP4 00:00-00:10**

- 4.1.2. Talent inserting the looped wire through the bony tunnel from one side of the nasal structure to the other.

**File Name: P1017119.MOV-h265.MP4 00:39-00:56**

4.2. Insert two additional wire loops head-to-head using the first loop [1].

- 4.2.1. Talent inserting two additional steel wire loops, head to head through the initial loop

**File Name: P1017119.MOV-h265.MP4 01:35-02:30**

~~4.3. For unilateral medial canthopexy, insert the looped wire from the affected side toward the opposite side [1]. Then, insert only one additional loop through the first loop, using it as a guide [2].~~ **NOTE: Not filmed**

~~4.3.1. Talent inserting a single looped wire from the affected medial canthus side across to the contralateral side.~~

~~4.3.2. Talent inserting one additional wire loop through the first one.~~

4.4. Carefully pass three separate 3-0 locking steel wires through the medial canthal tendon, ensuring each wire has a firm and secure hold [1].

4.4.1. Talent threading three different 3-0 locking steel wires through the medial canthal tendon with precision. File Name: P1017120.MOV-h265.MP4 01:27-03:26

File Name: P1017121.MOV-h265.MP4 00:05-02:13

~~4.5. Cut each of the three steel wires to different lengths to prevent confusion during placement [1] and secure them individually using mosquito clamps [2]. NOTE: Not filmed~~

~~4.5.1. Talent trimming each steel wire to a unique length.~~

~~4.5.2. Talent securing the ends of each wire with mosquito clamps.~~

4.6. Pass the wires in pairs through the metal loop located on the affected side and fold them back onto themselves to prepare for transnasal passage [1].

4.6.1. Talent inserting the steel wires, two at a time, through the metal loop and folding them over themselves, with different size for each steel wire, to avoid confusion after transnasal passage . File Name: P1017121.MOV-h265.MP4 03:54-08:38

4.7. Gradually pull the wire shuttle with the 3 attached steel wires at opposite side in the transnasal passage [1]. Then remove the loop and place the wire distinctly for bilateral fixation later [2].

4.7.1. Shot of the wire shuttle being pulled at the opposite side of the transnasal passage. File Name: P1017121.MOV-h265.MP4 08:38-09:34

4.7.2. Shot of the loop being removed and the wired being placed. File Name: P1017121.MOV-h265.MP4 09:35-12:41

4.8. Gradually pull the loop from the opposite side to draw the steel wires transnasally through the bone tunnels [1]. Once the loop has successfully pulled the wires through, remove the loop and arrange the wires separately [2].

**NOTE: Move to 4.4**

- 4.8.1. Talent gently pulling the metal loop to guide the steel wires across the nasal bridge. **File Name: P1017119.MOV-h265.MP4 02:27-02:52**
- 4.8.2. Talent removing the metal loop and organizing the passed steel wires into two distinct pairs. **File Name: P1017119.MOV-h265.MP4 03:21-03:53, 04:10-04:20**

**5. Contralateral Fixation of the Medial Canthus Tendon by Blocking the Steel Wires on a Metallic Cleat**

- 5.1. Create a metallic cleat by twisting together three or four number 1 steel wires, each approximately 1 centimeter in length, and tighten them securely **[1]**.

- 5.1.1. Talent twisting and tightening multiple short steel wires to form a compact metallic cleat. **File Name: P1017122.MOV-h265.MP4 00:00-01:35**

- 5.2. Anchor the passed steel wires onto the metallic cleat, positioning it firmly against the maxillary process **[1-TXT]**. Then cut the steel wires **[2]**.

- 5.2.1. Talent anchoring the steel wires to the metallic cleat and placing it against the maxillary process. **TXT: Achieve an overcorrection; Perform it bilaterally**  
**File Name: P1017124.MOV-h265.MP4 00:36-00:51**  
**File Name: P1017125.MOV-h265.MP4 00:27-00:51, 02:04-04:30**

- 5.2.2. Cut the steel wires  
**File Name: P1017127.MOV-h265.MP4 00:38-01:50**

- ~~5.3. On the contralateral side, perform insertion of staged steel wires into the medial canthal tendon **[1]**. Use the wire shuttle to perform the transnasal passage of these wires **[2]** and fix the medial canthal tendon by securing the wires to a metallic cleat, following the same procedure as previously done **[3]**. **NOTE: Not filmed**~~

- ~~- 5.3.1. Talent threading staged steel wires through the contralateral medial canthal tendon.
  - 5.3.2. Talent passing the wires transnasally using the loop shuttle.
  - 5.3.3. Talent fixing the contralateral tendon by anchoring wires to a metallic cleat.~~

5.4. To close the orbitonasal approach, ~~perform a two-layer closure. First, reapproximate the maxillary periosteum to the periorbital tissue using 4-0 Polyglactin sutures [1]. Then, close the skin layer using interrupted 6-0 Polypropylene sutures [2].~~

~~5.4.1. Talent suturing the maxillary periosteum to the periorbital tissue using 4-0 Polyglactin sutures.~~

5.4.2. Talent performing interrupted skin sutures using 6-0 Polypropylene.

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~~5.5. On the contralateral side in a case of unilateral canthopexy, perform a single-layer closure of the skin using interrupted 6-0 Polypropylene sutures [1].~~ **NOTE: Not filmed**

~~5.5.1. Talent closing the contralateral incision with interrupted 6-0 Polypropylene sutures.~~

# Results

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## 6. Results

6.1. In patients with craniosynostosis, transnasal medial canthopexy achieved visibly improved facial symmetry and orbital alignment postoperatively [1], with corresponding changes confirmed by craniofacial CT scans [2].

6.1.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 4. *Video editor: Show the clinical photograph labeled “after surgery,” highlighting the improved facial symmetry and orbital alignment.*

6.1.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 4. *Video editor: Show the postoperative CT scan (fourth image), highlighting the corrected alignment of the medial orbital wall and bone fixation.*

6.2. Over the past 10 years, 9 unilateral and 5 bilateral transnasal medial canthopexies were performed in patients aged 9 to 79 years with congenital dystopia or traumatic orbital bone injuries, achieving satisfactory results [1].

6.2.1. LAB MEDIA: Table 1. *Video editor: Highlight the “Procedure” column*

6.3. Two patients required dacryocystorhinostomy due to persistent epiphora following the procedure [1].

6.3.1. LAB MEDIA: Table 1. *Video editor: Highlight the column “post-operative epiphora”.*

## **Pronunciation Guide:**

1. Canthopexy  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/canthopexy>  
IPA: /'kænθoʊˌpɛksi/  
Phonetic Spelling: kan·thoh·pek·see
2. Transnasal  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/transnasal>  
IPA: /trænz'neɪzəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: tranz·nay·zuhl
3. Medial  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/medial>  
IPA: /'miːdiəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: mee·dee·uhl
4. Orbitonasal  
Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found  
IPA: /ˌɔːrbɪtoʊ'neɪzəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: or·bih·toh·nay·zuhl
5. Tessier  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.howtopronounce.com/tessier>  
IPA: /'tɛsjɛɪ/  
Phonetic Spelling: teh·syay
6. Subtarsal  
Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found  
IPA: /ˌsʌb'tɑːrsəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: sub·tar·suhl
7. Periosteum  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/periosteum>  
IPA: /ˌpɛri'ɑːstiəm/  
Phonetic Spelling: peh·ree·ah·stee·uhm
8. Subperiosteal  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/subperiosteal>  
IPA: /ˌsʌbˌpɛri'ɑːstiəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: sub·peh·ree·ah·stee·uhl
9. Infraorbital  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/infraorbital>  
IPA: /ˌɪnfɹə'ɔːrbɪtəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: in·fruh·or·bih·tuhl
10. Orbicularis  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/orbicularis>  
IPA: /ɔːr'bɪkjələɹɪs/  
Phonetic Spelling: or·bik·yuh·lar·iss

11. Lacrimal  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/lacrimal>  
IPA: /'læk.rɪ.məl/  
Phonetic Spelling: lak·ruh·muhl
12. Canthal  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/canthal>  
IPA: /'kænθəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: kan·thuhl
13. Peristal— (*not present; skipped*)
14. Lamina papyracea  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/lamina%20papyracea>  
IPA: /'læmɪnə ,pæpɪ'reɪsiə/  
Phonetic Spelling: lam·ih·nuh pap·ih·ray·see·uh
15. Maxilla  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/maxilla>  
IPA: /mæk'sɪlə/  
Phonetic Spelling: mak·sil·uh
16. Transosseous  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/transosseous>  
IPA: /,trænz'ɑːsiəs/  
Phonetic Spelling: tranz·ah·see·uhs
17. Septum  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/septum>  
IPA: /'septəm/  
Phonetic Spelling: sep·tuhm
18. Contralateral  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/contralateral>  
IPA: /,kɑːntrə'lætərəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: kon·truh·la·tuh·ruhl
19. Transnasal  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/transnasal>  
IPA: /trænz'neɪzəl/  
Phonetic Spelling: tranz·nay·zuhl
20. Craniosynostosis  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/craniosynostosis>  
IPA: /,kreɪni.əs ,sɪnɑː'stoʊsɪs/  
Phonetic Spelling: kray·nee·oh·sin·ah·stoh·sis
21. Dacryocystorhinostomy  
Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/dacryocystorhinostomy>  
IPA: /,dækri.əs ,sɪstoʊ ,raɪnɑː'stɑːmi/  
Phonetic Spelling: dak·ree·oh·sis·toh·rye·nah·stah·mee

22. Epiphora

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/epiphora>

IPA: /ɪˈpɪfərə/

Phonetic Spelling: ih·pif·uh·ruh

23. Polyglactin

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/polyglactin>

IPA: /ˌpɑːliˈglæktɪn/

Phonetic Spelling: pah·lee·glak·tin

24. Polypropylene

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/polypropylene>

IPA: /ˌpɑːliˈprɒpəlɪn/

Phonetic Spelling: pah·lee·proh·puh·lin

25. Dystopia

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/dystopia>

IPA: /dɪsˈtoʊpiə/

Phonetic Spelling: dis·toh·pee·uh

26. Craniofacial

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/medical/craniofacial>

IPA: /ˌkreɪniəʃˈfeɪʃəl/

Phonetic Spelling: kray·nee·oh·fay·shuhl