

Plastic Surgeon Develops Bra Line Back Lift Procedure



and abdominal muscle. The manipulation of the abdomen often requires relocation of the belly button.

The placement of the umbilical incision is one of the most difficult parts of the surgery because the surgeon has no way of knowing where the belly button once was.

The Umbilical Locator is a small, plastic, shaped disk that is sutured to the original location of the belly button. After completion of the abdominoplasty, the surgeon is able to feel the Umbilical Locator beneath the skin, remove it, and create a new belly button in the correct location.

"The Umbilical Locator is a simple tool/device that allows for easier localization of the Umbilicus through the skin after mobilization of the redundant tissue," Forouzanpour says. "By using the Umbilical Locator, proper location of the Umbilicus is identified, in order to create a more aesthetically pleasing umbilical shape at an anatomically correct position." ■

NEW DEVICE HELPS FIND THE BELLY BUTTON DURING ABDOMINOPLASTY

Beverly Hills, Calif.-based aesthetic surgeon Fardad Forouzanpour, MD has invented the Umbilical Locator, designed to help plastic and aesthetic surgeons locate the umbilicus (belly-button) during abdominoplasty procedures.

During traditional abdominoplasty, the plastic surgeon makes an incision into the abdomen, and then manipulates the skin, tissue,

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