

# How to Adjust and Recondition Your Clinician's Choice® Micropoint™ Scissors

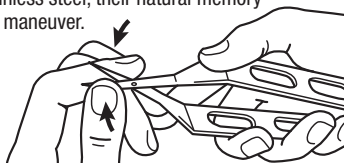
Gaining access to sutures that are buried can not only be difficult, it can also damage surrounding soft tissue, leading to unnecessary bleeding and discomfort for your patient. Clinician's Choice Micropoint Scissors give you the best of both worlds: safety-tipped blades combined with an unparalleled cutting power. Unlike any other scissors, Micropoint Scissors feature safety-tipped blades that allow you to approach the suture while holding the blades in a closed position. Then, with only minimal adjustment, you can access and effortlessly clip the suture, all while protecting the surrounding tissue and without ever having to gain access underneath the suture.

If your Micropoint Scissors fail to cut consistently, throughout their length, follow these simple steps:

## STEP 1

**A)** Hold scissors firmly in your dominant hand, as shown. *You should exercise extreme care in handling the blades. Do not place fingers on the points or sharp areas of the blades.*

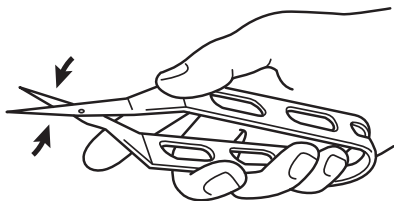
**B)** With the thumb and index finger of your non-dominant hand, gently but firmly bend the blades toward one another, enough so that the blades cross over one another in an arc. Since the blades are made of 'spring' stainless steel, their natural memory will allow this maneuver.



## STEP 2

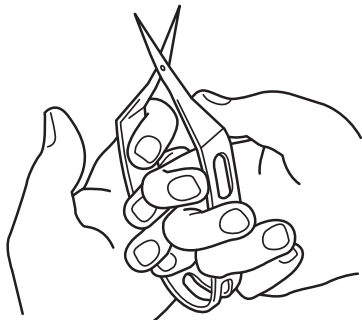
Close the scissors twice in rapid succession, with fingers positioned as shown. The blades will automatically reset themselves to their original, functional position.

**Note:** If the scissors fail to cut consistently after performing steps 1 and 2, proceed to step 3.



## STEP 3

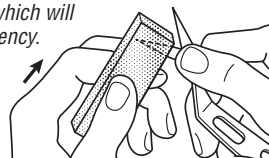
Spread the handles of the scissors apart, as shown.



## STEP 4

With the blades spread far apart (for access) use an appropriate, flat sharpening stone to sharpen the blades.

**Note the proper method of sharpening:** *With moderate pressure, place the flat of the stone along the bevel of each blade (one at a time) and move the stone firmly toward the cutting surface. This will create a microscopic burr along the cutting surfaces which will enhance cutting efficiency.*



## STEP 5

Repeat step 1. This will reset the blades to the optimum shearing angle.

## STEP 6

Repeat step 2. The closure of the scissors will accomplish the following:

- A)** It will re-establish the memory of the handle.
- B)** It will re-establish the arced memory of the blades.
- C)** The microscopic burr raised on the cutting surfaces during sharpening will disappear, leaving a razor's edge.

