

## **Tonsillectomy Instruments – Dissection Tonsillectomy Set**

The dissection method of tonsillectomy requires the use of several instruments. Here is a comprehensive list of instruments in the tonsillectomy set. Read the individual posts for photos, complete descriptions and the uses of each instrument.

**Boyle Davis mouth gag** – This instrument gives access to the tonsils and keeps the mouth open during surgery.

**Scalpel** – This is used to make the incision on the medial edge of the anterior pillar. A no.15 blade or the sickle-shaped no.12 blade may be used. Some surgeons also use the tooth on toothed forceps to make the incision.

**Denis Browne tonsil holding forceps** – These forceps are used to grasp and hold the tonsils during surgery.

**Gwynne Evans tonsillar dissector** – This instrument is used to dissect the tonsil from its bed.

**Eve’s tonsillar snare** – This instrument is used to cut and crush the pedicle of the tonsil in order to remove the last of its attachments.

**Waugh’s toothed forceps** – This pair of long forceps is used while packing the tonsillar fossa.

**Birkett’s tonsillar first artery forceps** – These forceps are used to catch bleeders in the tonsillar fossa after tonsillectomy.

**Wilson’s or Negus second artery forceps** – These forceps are used while applying ligatures to bleeding points in the tonsillar fossa after tonsillectomy.

**Mollison’s anterior pillar retractor** – This instrument is used to retract the anterior pillar to examine the tonsillar fossa for bleeders after the removal of the tonsils.

**Yankeur’s suction tip** – This tip is ideal for suction blood and pharyngeal secretions during tonsillectomy.