

Arthroscopic Pictures

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A successful SLAP tear repair reattaches the labrum cartilage, to the glenoid, the shoulder socket bone with anchors. To begin, the glenoid and labrum are both roughened with arthroscopic instruments. Think of these instruments as the world's smallest, and most expensive, Dremel tools. The roughening of both surfaces, once affixed together, promotes growth and reattachment.

Implants, called anchors, are responsible for holding the labrum to the glenoid. The anchor consists of a screw, which is inserted into the glenoid, and a suture, which holds the labrum. When the knot is tied in the suture, it pulls the labrum onto the surface of the glenoid.

When my doctor was told by the nurses about the website, he kindly gave me some pictures from the surgery itself. I believe that this first picture is the bicep tendon. These bubbles show the fluid that is injected to expand the joint. This makes it easier to work in the joint. Showing one of the arthroscopic tools next to the anchor. Finished anchor. The complete set is the gallery{mos_mb_discuss:10}