

tubing. The other end of the rod is male Luer tapered to fit any gauge size (preferably no. 25 and 23 gauge for input and output needles respectively) disposable input or output needle D for insertion into the anterior chamber. The outer surface of the handle is knurled for a firmer grip and easier handling.

The needle-tubing-handle combination once prepared can be repeatedly autoclaved and used. Two such combinations are required, one for the input and the other for the output system. The incorporation of the handle makes the insertion and manoeuvring of the two separate input and output needles in the anterior chamber, for aspiration and irrigation of the soft lens matter, an easier procedure.

### Reference

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### Summary

A modification of the needle-tubing combination for the push-pull machine used for aspiration-irrigation of congenital and traumatic cataracts, is described. The new needle-tubing-handle combination is advantageous in that the incorporated handle makes the insertion and manoeuvring in the anterior chamber easier and also the whole combination can easily be autoclaved as silastic tubing is used.

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### Correction

In the December 1974 issue on p. 974, in the article by S. S. Hayreh, the two figures 7a and 7b have been transposed and printed upside down. Figs. 7c and 7d are placed correctly.