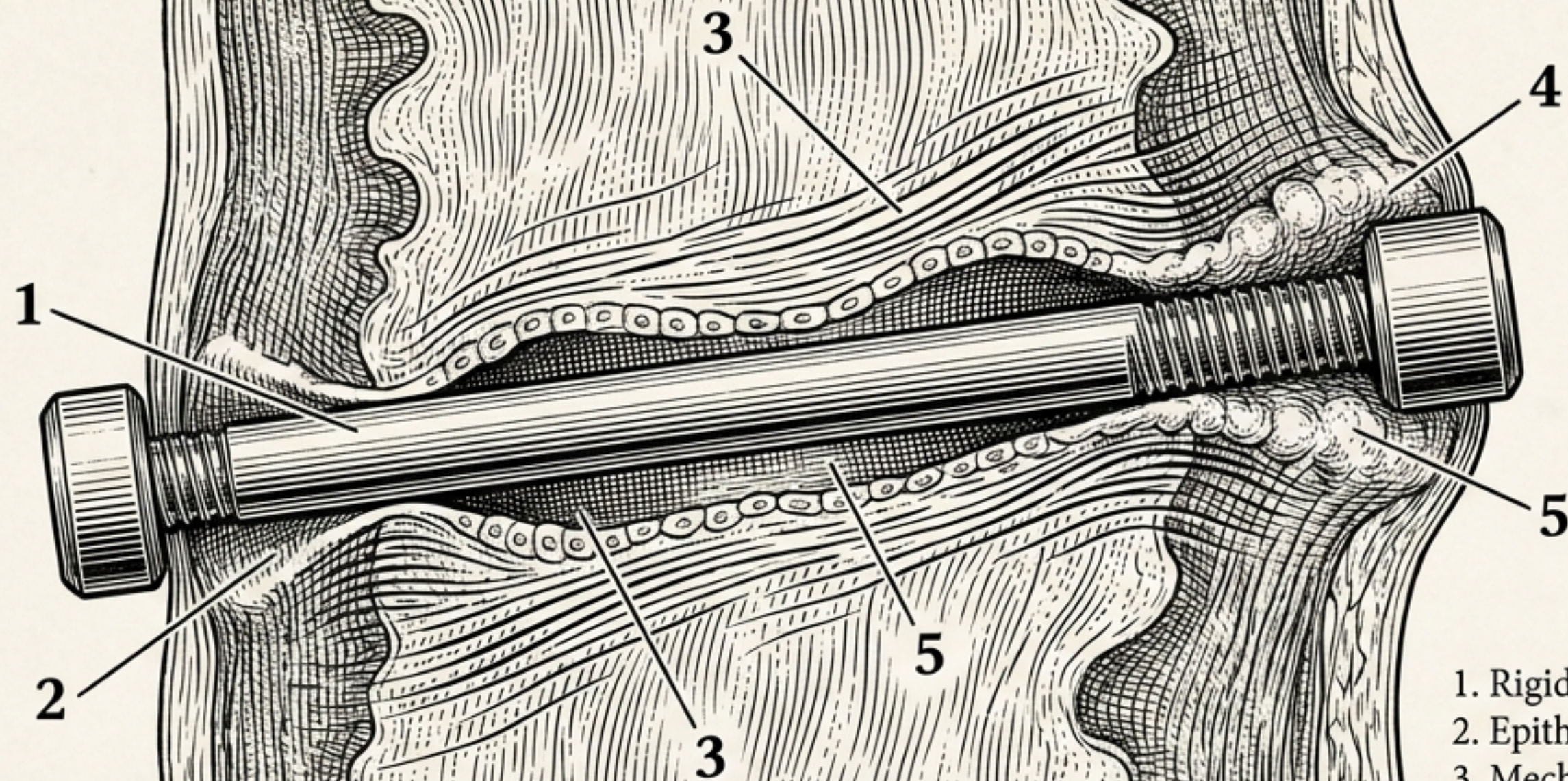




- 1. Rigid metal lever
- 2. Epithelization of piercing channel
- 3. Mechanical tension vectors
- 4. Hypertrophic scarring risk zone
- 5. Fistula heals cleanly

Rigid metal jewelry creates mechanical tension vectors against healing tissue during epithelization.

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