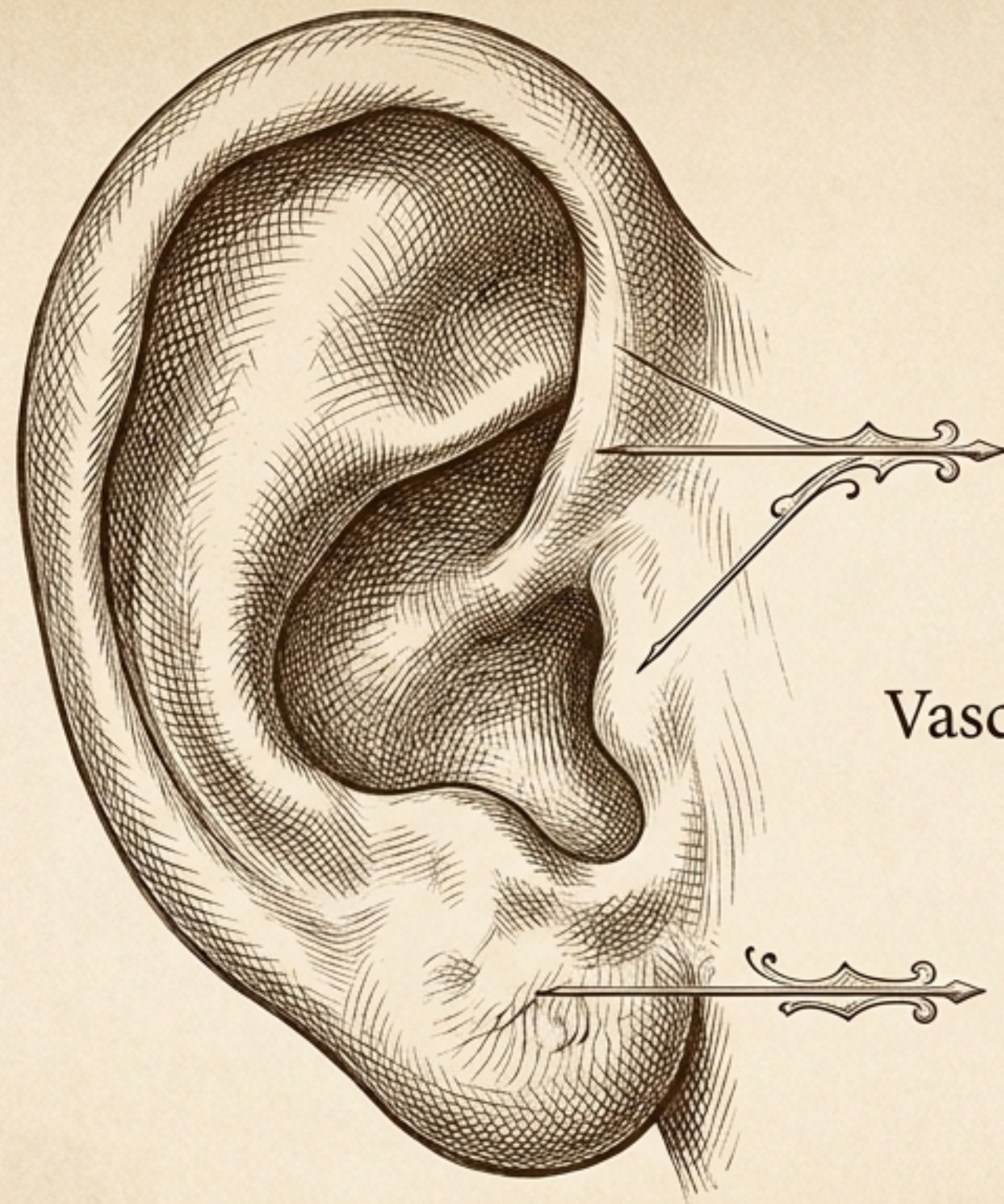


Plate IX



Cartilage: 12 months.

Vascularity dictates repair speeds.

Earlobe: 6 to 8 weeks.

Dense avascular tissue repairs at a fundamentally slower rate.
Never rush the structural healing timeline.