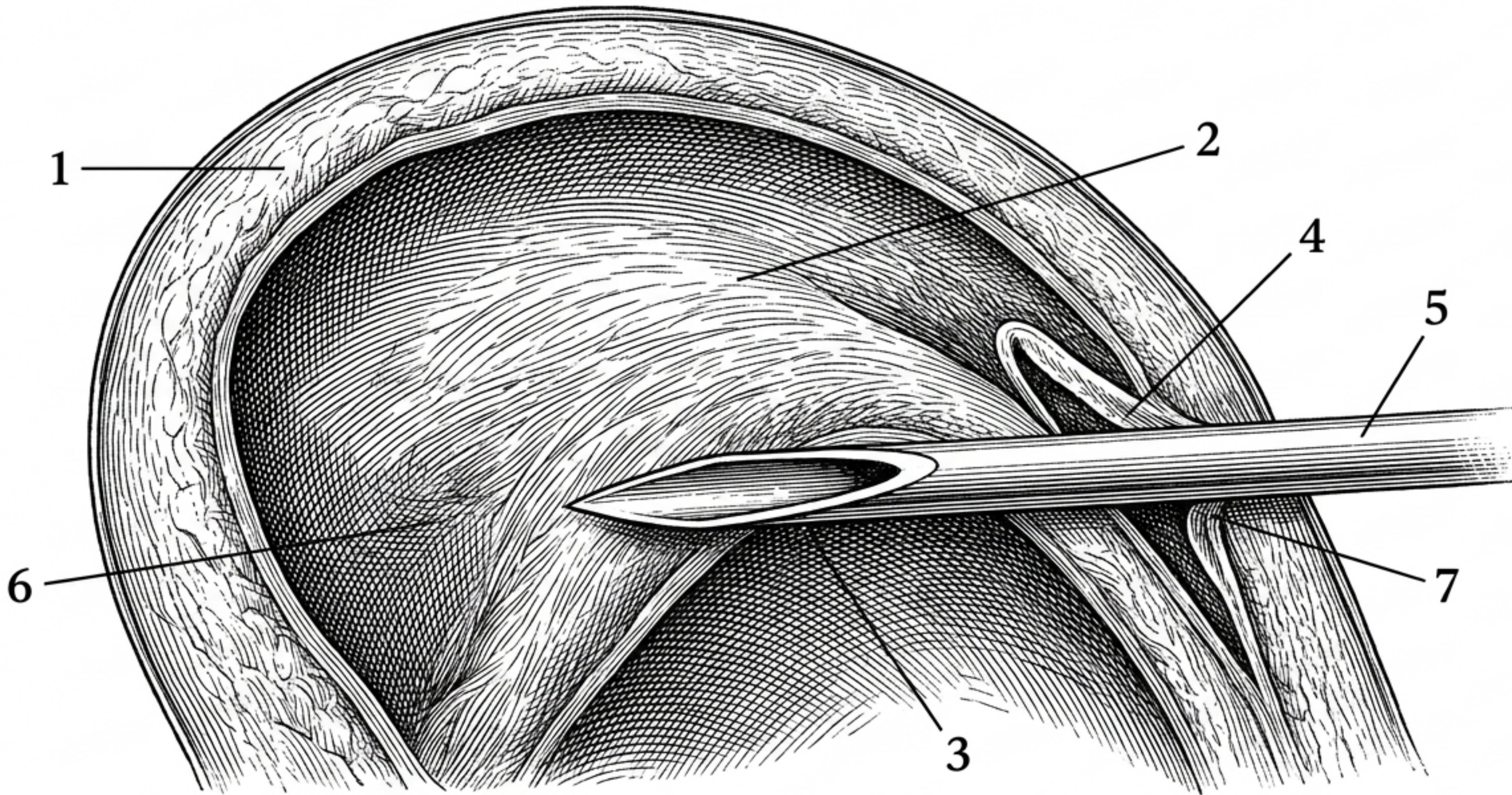




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| 1. Epidermal skin layer | 1. Punctured tissue flap |
| 2. Dense avascular cartilage tissue | 4. Displaced internal tissue flap |
| 3. Bevel acting as simple wedge | 5. Smooth outer needle wall |
| 5. Smooth outer needle wall | 6. Puncture entry point |
| 7. Puncture exit point | 7. Puncture exit point |

The needle bevel operates as a simple machine, cutting and displacing tissue along its targeted path.

THE WEDGE CREATES THE CHANNEL