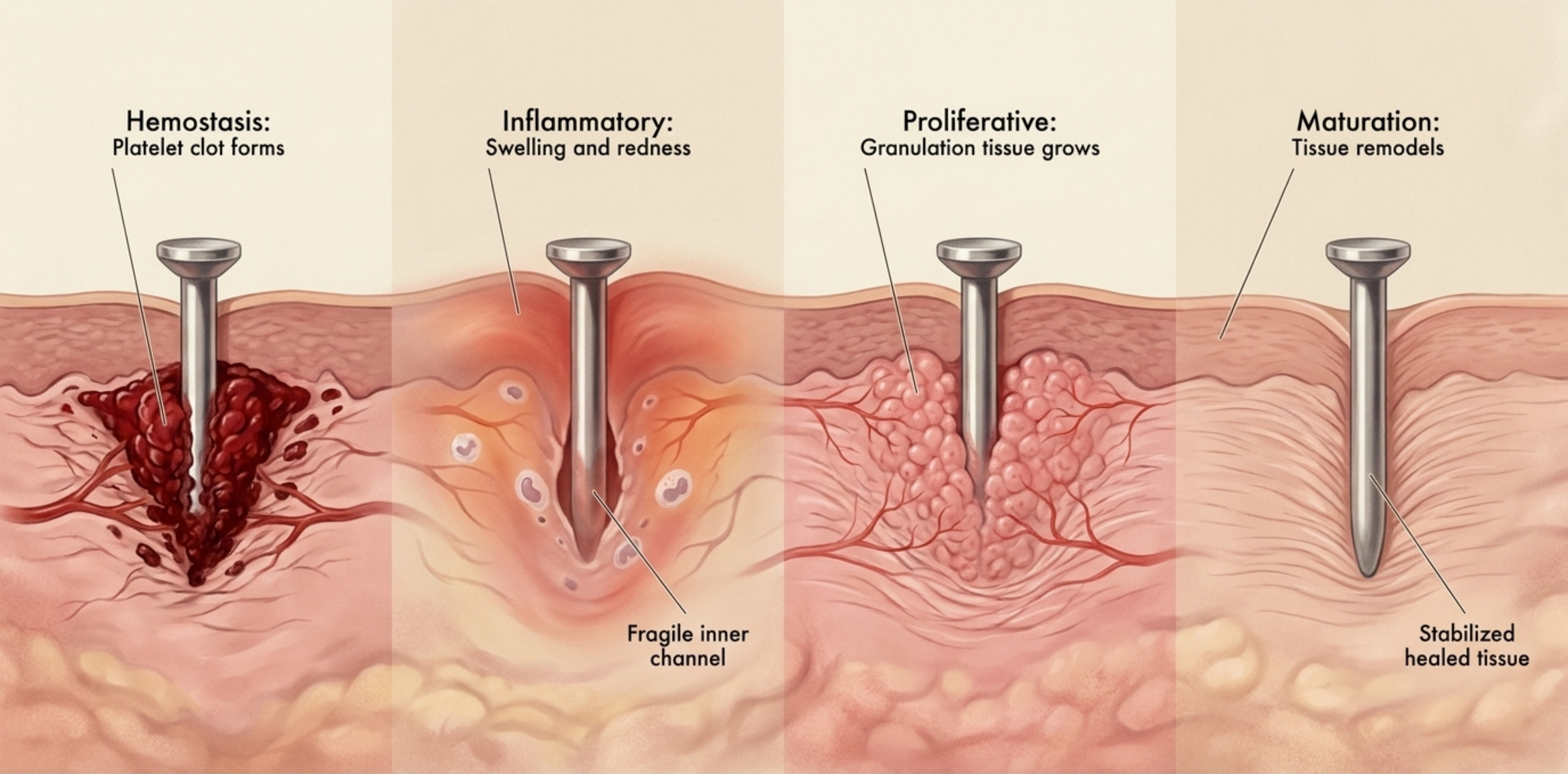




The piercing channel transitions from initial clotting to full tissue maturation over twelve months.

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