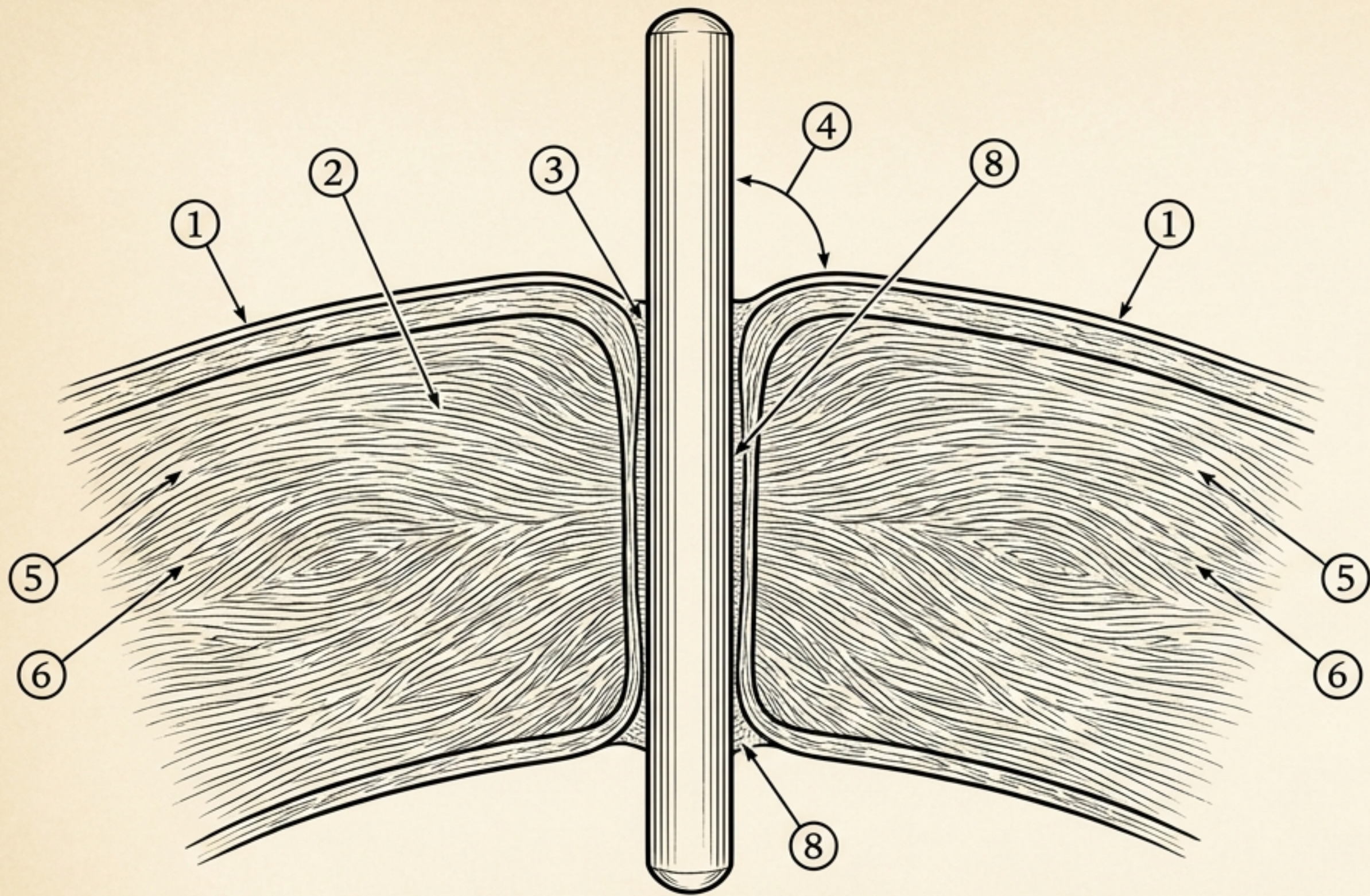




1. *Outer Skin Surface*
2. *Auricular Cartilage Layer*
3. *Epithelial Tissue Tunnel*
4. *Ninety Degree Angle*
5. *Absent Blood Supply*
6. *Absent Nerve Supply*
7. *Fluid Secretion*
8. *Maturing Fistula*

Cartilage lacks its own blood supply, requiring twelve to eighteen months to heal.

AVOID PRESSURE DURING HEALING