Excision of Basal Cell Carcinoma & reconstruction with Local Transposition Flap

A 60 year old man noticed a growth on the left side of his face just below the left ear for 3 months.

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Incision planning for the large tumor below the left ear is marked out.

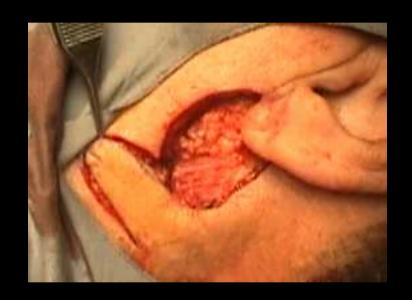
The method of reconstruction using a local transposition flap is also marked out.



The tumor has been excised and removed, leaving a large defect.

This defect cannot be closed primarily, because that would cause significant deformity of the ear.

The tension on the suture lines would result in wound breakdown.



A local transposition flap is designed.



The local transposition flap is elevated.

The surrounding skin is undermined to faciliatate skin re-positioning.



The local flap is transposed and used to close the defect.



Sutures are placed to close the wound.