

Beyond Clean Kerrison Rongeur Expert TM:

## **Curved Kerrison**

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A specialty Kerrison that surgeons often use is a curved Kerrison rongeur. These are ideal for anatomy, such as the foramen of the spine or for sinus surgeries where an angle is needed. The Curve allows the surgeon to get the right angle where they are working. Preference and style will determine which angle is best; lesser, slight, standard or curved & twisted. The differences in these are the height of the footplate above a straight line drawn under the lower shaft. Surgeon preference and technique will dictate the chosen curve.

The lesser curved kerrison is 9mm in height, perfect for conservative procedures. Its slight curved counterpart offers 14mm of height for those anatomy and approaches that need a steeper angle - this kerrison is not only durable but also allows you to choose from the lesser to the slightly curved option, making it an incredibly useful instrument.

The curved and twisted pattern of Kerrison's is a new approach that offers multiple benefits to patients. Its slight curve (of 14mm) makes it easier to perform foraminotomies, which can help reduce the pressure on nerves around the spinal cord, leading to less pain felt by the patient. Furthermore, another benefit of this design is that it helps surgeons easily remove discs between the inferior and superior facets. Put together, these properties make this curved and twisted kerrison an attractive option for those looking to alleviate chronic or otherwise pernicious back pain in a heartbeat!

The Standard Curve Kerrison has been designed to provide surgeons with the most aggressive angle available, a 19mm cutting height. This allows even more complicated anatomy in the spine or sinus to be reached during surgery.

Beyond Clean Kerrison Rongeur Expert TM Biography:

## Alex Ebner CEO Wiggins Medical



Two decades of Medical Device experience in Sales, Marketing, Quality, Regulatory, Management, Product development and design. Alex founded ACE Medical Company in 2011 as a regional distribution company focused on better instruments for surgery. In 2015, ACE began manufacturing our first surgical instruments, a Kerrison Rongeur in our South German factory. Now, manufacture in 8 different Surgical Instrument factories throughout Europe and the United States with global distribution in 27 countries. In 2017 Alex acquired Wiggins Medical, a leading Kerrison Rongeur manufacturer with customers in all 50 states and a reputation for quality innovative instruments. Alex travels often to Germany to meet with manufacturers and hand select the instruments they manufacture.

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Stay tuned to his Kerrison Rongeur Expert Series so you can learn more about how industry conversations and best practices are impacting this unique surgical instrument!

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