FDP Avulsion Repair Technique
with Nano Corkscrew® Anchor
Surgical Technique
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Perform the surgical approach to the injured finger.
Locate the severed flexor digitorum profundas (FDP) tendon proximally. After finding the tendon, advance it distally through the pulley system while trying to preserve the A2 and A4 pulleys.
Incise the stump of the FDP tendon longitudinally to expose the base of the index finger. A portion of the distal attachment can be retained for later reinforcement after reattachment of the tendon back to bone.

Drill with the provided K-wire to the first laser line. Do this slightly radial and ulnar to the midline of center so that 2 anchors can safely be placed side-by-side in good bone. This should be done either at a parallel angle to the joint or at a slightly acute angle.

Note: Drilling at a slight angle may help from inadvertently violating the dorsal cortex. Confirm length and drill angle on mini C-arm if needed.

Place the Nano Corkscrew suture anchors into the previously drilled holes in the distal phalanx.

The 3-0 FiberWire® suture is used to perform a modified Becker or alternative repair of preference and the tendon is brought back to bone. You may supplement your repair by suturing the FDP remnant back over the top of your repair site using a 4-0 FiberWire suture.

Close the wound and splint per routine protocol.

Ordering Information
Nano Corkscrew FT Anchor with 3-0 FiberWire Suture AR-1317FT

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