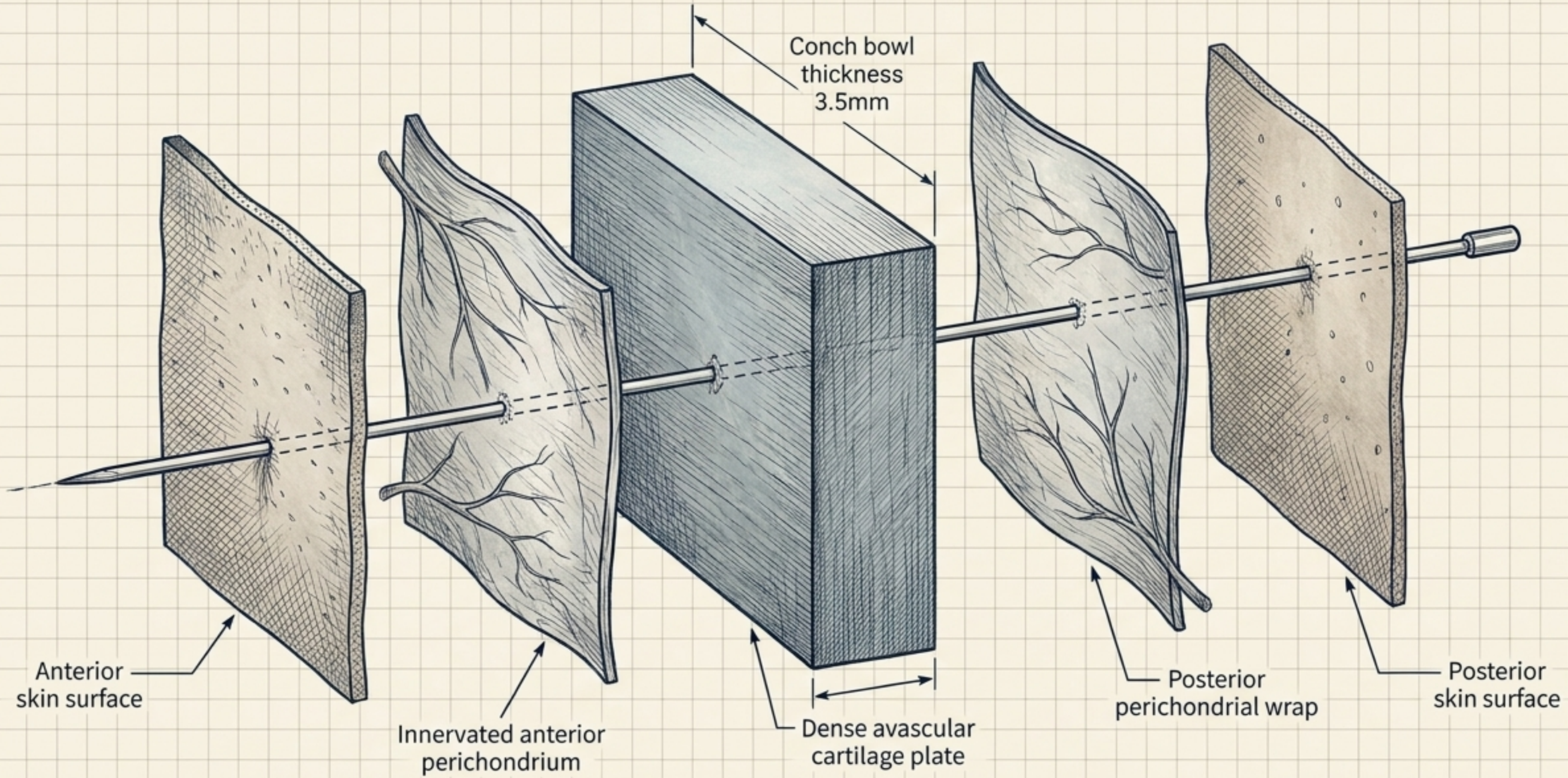


A conch piercing passes through dense avascular cartilage two to four times thicker than a helix.

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