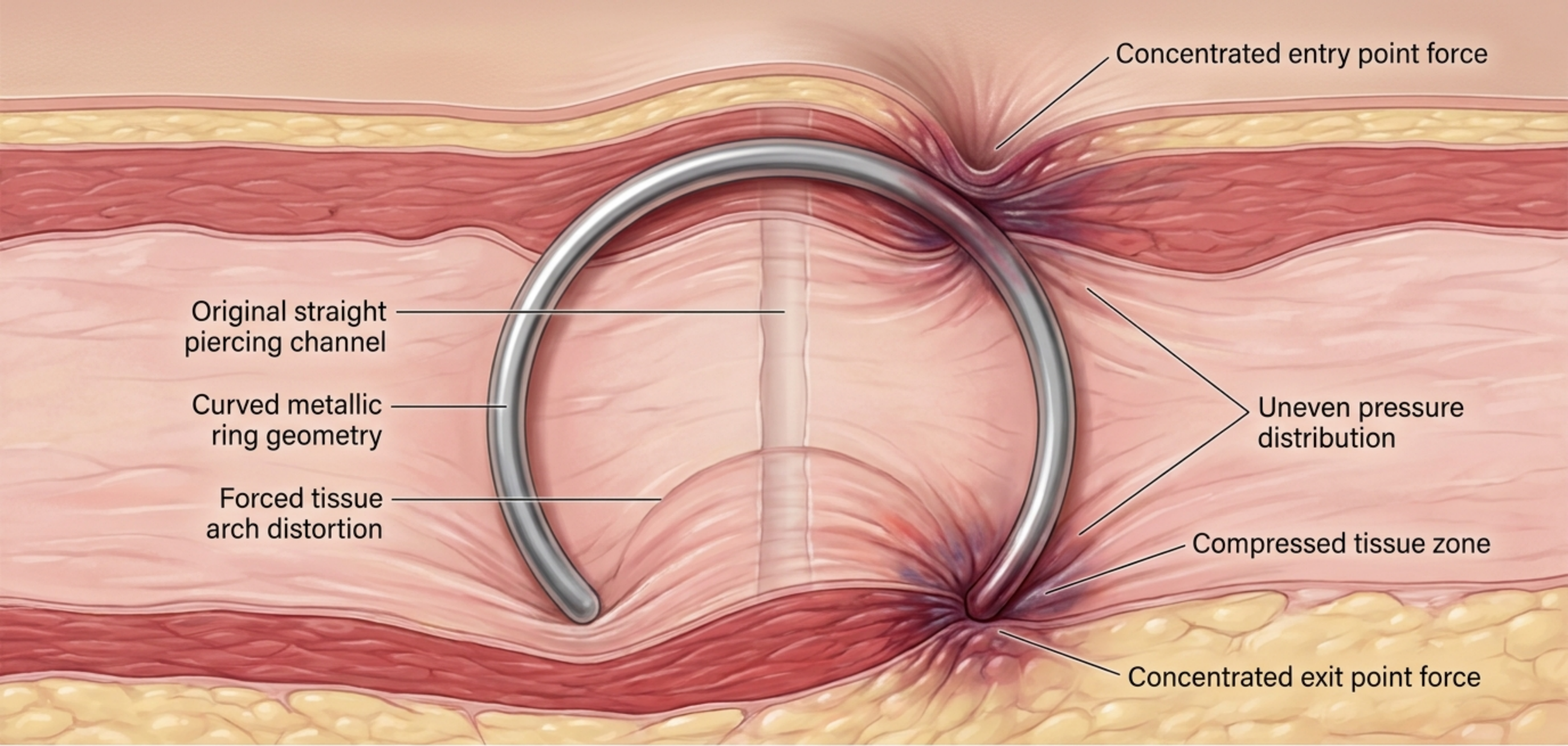




A curved ring forces a straight puncture channel to arch and concentrates uneven tissue pressure.

GEOMETRIC CHANNEL DISTORTION