

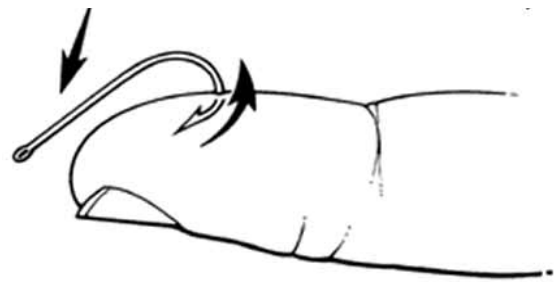
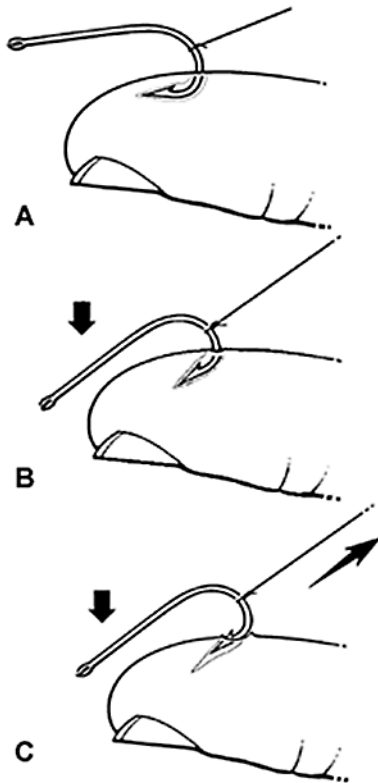
Fish Hook Removal

Fish hooks are sharp. The better made hooks are sharpened with a laser so they are very sharp.

If you should get a fish hook stuck in your finger (or other part of your body) you may be able to get it out yourself but it depends on how deep the hook is in. If it's really stuck, you will need to go to the emergency room.

But if it's not too bad here are two ways doctors recommend getting a fish hook out

1) The Retrograde Technique: press down on the eye end of the hook and back it out (RIGHT) Pressing down takes the pressure off the barb.



2) The String Pull method where a section of fishing line or string is wrapped around the bend of the hook and with down pressure on the shaft end of the hook the hook is pulled out with the string. (LEFT) Again it's the pressure down on the shank of the hook that keeps the barb from digging in on the way out.

It's not as scary as it looks!

Use Caution when handling Treble Hooks

After removal of the fishhook, the wound should be checked for possible foreign bodies (e.g., pieces of bait). It is usually sufficient to leave the wound open, then apply an antibiotic ointment and a simple dressing. Tetanus toxoid should be administered to persons for whom more than five years has elapsed since their last tetanus booster.