AN ADAPTOR FOR EXTRACTING McLAUGHLIN NAILS

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Extractors for nails used in pinning fractures of the cervical and trochanteric regions of the femur are expensive, but an essential part of the operator's equipment.

A small adaptor is illustrated which may be screwed on to the end of a McLaughlin nail so that it can be removed by extractors designed for the Watson-Jones nail, used in treating simple femoral neck fractures. The adaptor has a head resembling that of a Watson-Jones nail and can be of two kinds: one for the original three-flanged McLaughlin nail, in which a bolt is used to secure the plate to the nail (Fig. 1); and the other for the newer four-flanged nail in which the plate is secured by a nut (Fig. 2).

Figure 3 shows the head of the adaptor screwed to a four-flanged nail, and gripped by the standard Watson-Jones nail extractor.

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