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Note the various possibilities of tip graft replacement.

1. A properly designed graft should be placed high on the columella or at the columellar-lobular junction with a slight (35-degree) cephalic tilt. This position places the internal points of stress at the tip and the columellar-lobular junction.
2. No projection results if the graft is allowed to slide too far superiorly. There is a tendency toward superior slippage if the lower lateral cartilages have been dissected free.
3. Unless the graft is based on the columellar-lobular junction, it tends to slide inferiorly, thus losing its footing.
4. The tip button has been advocated to fill out the tip contour and is an effective graft for that purpose. However, it does not have any projection potential.
5. Finally, a long strut in the columella obliterates the desirable break at the columellar-lobular junction. If it is long enough to be effective, it usually causes blanching. Moreover, if good judgment is not exercised with regard to length, the strut can perforate the skin of the nasal tip.