Actuating the Specula Blades

The Bivalve Nasal Speculum can be manipulated into several positions. Four basic positions are outlined here:

1. **Insertion/Resting position:** This is the natural position that the specula will assume when no finger pressure is applied. It's also the same position used when inserting the specula into the nostril.
2. **Both specula spreading at once:** This is the standard movement of the instrument. By pushing both sections at their finger seat area, the nasal specula will spread as shown to the left.
3. **Right or left blade spreading only:** Push the finger seat area on the right or left section only.
4. **Both specula spreading and pivoting:** This can be done by pushing both sections at their finger seat area. While doing this, move your fingers such that both halves pivot around their attachment to the base. The pivoting option allows you to position the instrument to maximize your view and facilitate instrumentation.

Removing the Bivalve from the Illuminator Base

1. Grasp the Bivalve section with the left hand.
2. With your right hand, grasp the Illuminator's collar at "A."
3. While holding the Illuminator collar stationary, twist the Bivalve section counterclockwise at "A" until the Bivalve section becomes loose as shown to the left.
4. Slide the right hand down to the power handle, grasp it and turn it clockwise while keeping the Bivalve section stationary, until the Bivalve section is removed as shown to the right.

The illuminator is now ready for use as a general purpose or throat illuminator.

To replace Bivalve section, reverse the above steps.