Instruments for No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV)

For the 2 instruments in the NSV "kit," ringed forceps and dissecting forceps, and the other sterile instruments, we may want to start with 3 sets:

1. Ringed clamp (3.5mm ok, cantilevered)
2. Dissecting forceps (Surgical Hemostat). Set of 1 VE-1 Li Brand™ Ringed Forceps and 1 VE-2 Surgical Hemostat available for $160/set at http://www.ameditech.com/vasectomy/ve21.php. There are also bundles of instruments for saving.
3. Iris/straight scissors (optional as could use cautery tip to hemitranssect vas)- 4.5", straight
5. Surgical clip applier- medium size, 6" long, curved tip. http://www.ameditech.com/vasectomy/4030.php. Also available as kit. Maybe get 1-2 single and 1 with clips. (also can use silk sutures as alternative)
6. Fine tissue forceps or mosquito clamp- Halstead Surgical Clamp or Adson-like, small (~4.5")

Supplies:

1. Scissors/razor for clipping scrotal hair that would interfere with the procedure
2. Antiseptic agents for the surgical scrub
3. Sterile gloves (6 ½ non-latex)
4. Antiseptic solution for cleaning the operative area- (I prefer a hibiclens/sterile water/alcohol mix)
5. Sterile fenestrated drapes
6. 5-cc syringe with a 1 inch 30 gauge needle (or Madajet)
7. 1% or 2% lidocaine without epinephrine
8. Supplies for vasal occlusion (cautery unit with sterilized tip; surgical clips, hemoclip applier)
9. Sterile gauze
10. Adhesive tape or Band-Aid for dressing the wound

Men should be instructed to bring tight underwear or scrotal support. We may want to consider supplying a scrotal support/jock straps.