BALLOON ACUPUNCTURE

Wannabet you can skewer a balloon without popping it?

THE SETUP
Blow up a balloon and let a little air out before you tie it off. There should be a small bulge of unstretched rubber in the “end” opposite the knot. This is your target. Your acupuncture needle is a bamboo skewer.
Dip the point of the skewer in some oil, for a smooth insertion. Then poke it into the target area, with a gentle twisting motion.
The balloon will not pop. Push the skewer clean through the balloon, exiting through the unstretched rubber next to where the neck is tied. Again, no pop.

INSIDER INFORMATION
As any good acupuncturist knows, it’s where you stick the needle that counts. A balloon is made of a thin sheet of rubber. Stretched rubber is weaker and thinner than unstretched. A pinhole in a stretched area of a balloon quickly becomes a tear as air rushes out. The rubber around a hole in an unstretched area is strong enough to resist the force of the escaping air. If you remove the skewer, air will leak slowly out of the tiny holes you have made. Prove that this is no trick balloon. Jab the skewer in the side. Ruptured rubber results! Easier done than said.