Abstract

The invention concerns a process for producing a lancing element in which a flat shaped member (12) is formed from a flat material (22) by applying a mask (24) and allowing an etching agent to act upon it wherein at least a part of the flat shaped member (12) is shaped as a tip (16, 16'). According to the invention it is proposed that the mask (24) is provided with a shaping area (30) for the tip to be formed (16, 16') and with a screening area (32) which extends distally beyond this shaping area to prevent the tip from being etched off at the front (16, 16') and that a sharp tip (16, 16') is exposed by laterally undercutting the side flanks (34, 36) of the shaping area and screening area (32).