



Flex-Guide™ Endotracheal Tube Introducer

Flex-Guide™ Pediatric 10 Fr Introducer NOW AVAILABLE

The Flex-Guide™ ET Tube Introducer is provided in both an Adult 15 Fr (5.0mm) diameter and pediatric 10 Fr (3.3mm) diameter size. It has a coudé bend 2cm from its distal end. Both ends of the Flex-Guide™ are smooth and rounded. The tubing is flexible and can be straightened or bent as required by clinical need. It will remain in the desired shape while it is used. The Adult Flex-Guide™ has a 1cm band at 37cm from its proximal end to help determine correct placement depth. The pediatric Flex-Guide™ has 10cm markings and a lesser coudé angle to account for the smaller size of the pediatric trachea. The Flex-Guide™ is similar to a “gum-elastic bougie,” only more economical.

The properties of the Flex-Guide™ ET Tube Introducer allow the intubator to pass it through the opening of the larynx formed by the arytenoid cartilages even when only a glimpse of the arytenoids are visible. The short, smooth angled end allows the intubator to direct it anteriorly. When supraglottic or laryngeal edema is present, it will more easily enter the trachea than a standard ET tube, with or without a stylet.

Another useful property is the propensity of the angled end to vibrate over the tracheal rings as the introducer is moved down the trachea. This immediately informs the intubator that it is correctly placed. The length of the Flex-Guide™ is such that a change in resistance is sensed by the intubator when it encounters the carina of the trachea, giving the intubator another indication that it is in the trachea.

The Flex-Guide™ ET Tube Introducer enables successful orotracheal intubation when an unfavorable anatomy condition or a need to limit neck motion is present. Because a difficult intubation may not be clinically evident prior to insertion of the laryngoscope blade, using the Flex-Guide™ for every intubation can save time. This practice will also prepare the intubator for difficult intubation when they do occur.

Description	Item Number	Type
15 Fr Coudé Tip	FG-GM85110	Adult
15 Fr Straight Tip	FG-GM85310	Adult
10 Fr Coudé Tip	FG-GM85210	Pediatric

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