

Anchor Fast

Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener

Unique Clamping Mechanism

- Secures oral endotracheal tubes (5-10 mm)
- Positive-locking tube clamp
- Adhesive-backed strap and serrated edges hold endotracheal tube firmly

Adjustable Neck Band

- Fastens with hook and loop closures
- Can be replaced if soiled
- Can be easily adjusted to accommodate swelling

Movable Clamp

- Enables lateral tube repositioning
- Facilitates routine oral care
- Helps relieve pressure on the skin and lips
- Only one person required for tube repositioning

Advanced Skin Barrier

- Skin-friendly adhesive
- Eliminates the need for tape
- Latex free material



Application

Step 1: Prepare the skin

- Make sure the skin is clean, dry, and free of oily residue.
- Do not use Skin Gel Wipes or other brands of skin preps with the Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener.

Step 2: Remove the release liners

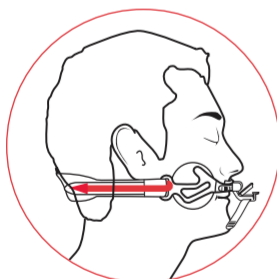
- Remove the release liners from the two skin barriers.

Step 3: Place the device on the patient



- Centre the device on the upper lip so the foam bumper just touches the skin (do not apply pressure).
- Position the clamping mechanism approximately 15mm below the patient's upper lip.
- Press the adhesive barriers against the patient's skin.
- Hold the device in place until they adhere well. This should take approximately thirty seconds.

Step 4: Apply the neck band

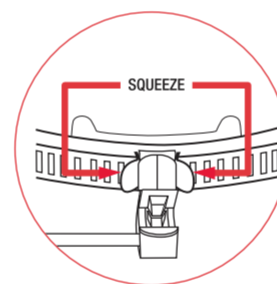


- Insert narrow end of neck band through the plastic loop on the track.
- Fasten the strap to the neck band using the hook and loop closure.

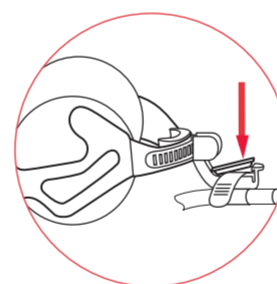


- Adjust straps on either side of the neck band for added comfort and security. **Do not over tighten.**
- Allow two fingers width between the neck band and the back of the patient's head.

Step 5: Secure the endotracheal tube

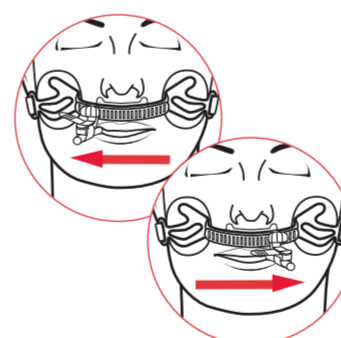


- Squeeze the tabs on the sides of the shuttle and move the clamp along the track to a location above the endotracheal tube.
- Remove the release liner from the strap exposing the adhesive. Before applying the adhesive strap to the endotracheal tube, make sure the tube is dry and free of any residue.



- Wrap the adhesive strap tightly around the endotracheal tube.
- Pull the remaining portion of the strap through the clamp.
- Snap the clamp shut to secure the strap. An audible "click" will be heard.

Routine Care



- To reposition the endotracheal tube, squeeze the tabs on the outer edges and move in either direction along the track.
- Reposition the endotracheal tube side-to-side at least every two hours (see Ref 1 and 2) or more frequently if the patient's condition dictates to minimise the risk of injury to the skin and/or lips from unrelieved pressure.

Precautions

- The Anchor Fast Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener has been evaluated in an adult population. This product is not intended for use with paediatric patients.
- Suitability factors to consider include patients with protruding teeth, patients without teeth or unable to wear upper dentures thereby lacking the maxillary support required to use the Anchor Fast Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener, and/or patients with full lips, dental appliances or facial swelling. In addition, patients with facial hair may lack the necessary support to anchor the adhesive skin barrier.
- After application of the Anchor Fast Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener, check the patient frequently to ensure that both the Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener and the endotracheal tube are secure and correctly positioned.
- Repeated adjustment of the endotracheal tube in a distal or proximal direction may affect the performance of the adhesive strap.
- To minimise the risk of pressure injury, inspect the patient's lips and skin at least every two hours or more frequently if the patient's condition dictates. (see Ref 1 and 2)

CAUTION: PRIOR TO USING THE ANCHOR FAST ORAL ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE FASTENER BE SURE TO READ THE PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE.

The Anchor Fast Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener is indicated for single use. To help ensure proper adhesion, do not reuse.

Discontinue use of the device if redness or skin irritation occurs.

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