

Montgomery 'T' Tube

Great Ormond Street
Hospital for Children



NHS Foundation Trust

Made of soft silicone tube that is shaped like a 'T'. The distinctive shape of the T-tube allows part of the tube to support (or stent) the upper airway, whilst the lower parts act like a tracheostomy tube, allowing the child to breathe easily and expel secretions.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Ensure the correct portex adaptor is available for the Ambu Bag

The anterior limb can be occluded/left open. Be familiar with resuscitation techniques – refer to CPC guidelines

DO NOT REMOVE the T Tube unless in an emergency – replace with a tracheostomy tube

Ensure that the ring is on the anterior limb AT ALL TIMES - this prevents the tube from falling into the stoma

Changed – PRN

Can be left in situ for months at a time and the tube is only changed under General Anaesthetic



STOMA CARE

Daily Clean

Slip the ring forward and clean and dry all around the T Tube.

Replace the ring so it is pressed up against the skin

Tube size fg NEO/PAED (delete as appropriate)

Suction length upper limb (to include anterior limb) fg

Suction length lower limb (to include anterior limb) fg

Catheter size fg

Contact Jo Cooke ANP bleep 0712 or ENT On Call bleep 1020 if you have any concerns

Emergency Box

Tube of the same size
– refer to sizing chart to get equivalent size and convert Fg to mm (Paed/Neo -)
Tube ½ size smaller
Suction Catheter (same size as suctioning)
KY Jelly
Tracheostomy Tapes
Round Ended Scissors
Male to Female adaptor – must fit snugly into T Tube
Blue clamps