

This is a quick reference guide for the application and routine care of the Anchor Fast oral endotracheal tube fastener. The Anchor Fast tube fastener secures oral endotracheal tubes ranging in size from 5 to 10mm in diameter.

Application

LATEX-FREE

Step 1

Prepare the skin

- Ensure the skin is clean, dry and free of oily residue
- Shave male patients prior to application
- Do NOT use any skin prep/barrier wipe

Step 2

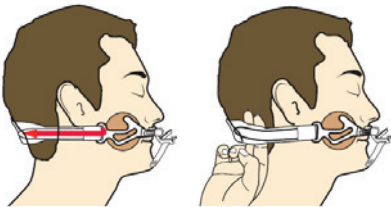
Place the device on the patient



- Centre the device on upper lip
- Position the security clamp 2cm below the upper lip
- Press the foam bumper against the skin
- Align the lower edge of the barrier with the bottom of the ear lobes and press against the patient's skin
- Remove release liners from both skin barrier pads and apply to the patient's face, ensuring foam bumper remains in contact with the skin.
- Hold skin barriers in place for 30 seconds until fully adhered

Step 3

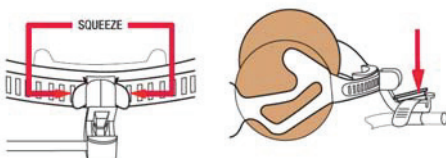
Apply the adjustable neck strap



- Insert the narrow end of the strap through the plastic loop
- Fasten the neck strap using hook and loop closure
- Adjust straps on neckband to allow two fingers width between the neckband and the patient's skin

Step 4

Secure the endotracheal tube



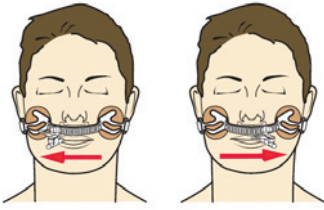
- Squeeze the tabs on the shuttle and move along the track to the location of the endotracheal tube
- Ensure ET tube is dry and free from residue
- Remove release liner from ET strap exposing the adhesive
- Position the ET tube under the nonslip grippers
- Wrap the strap tightly around ET tube, ensuring the inflation lumen is not included under the strap
- Pull remaining portion of the strap through the clamp and secure with "one click" security clamp

Step 5

Support the endotracheal tube

- Ensure tubing is fully supported by arms and not causing downward pressure on the device.

Routine Care



- Reposition the ET tube from side to side every two hours or more frequently if the patient's condition dictates, to minimize pressure on the patient's lips
- To reposition the ET tube from side to side, squeeze the tabs on the shuttle and slide the clamp along the track
- Check patient frequently to ensure Anchor Fast and the ET tube are securely positioned
- Regularly check weight if tubing is fully supported by arms
- Change device when it is no longer adhering or at least every 5 days

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Precautions

- Patient suitability factors to consider
 - Protruding teeth, without teeth or unsuitable to wear upper dentures therefore lacking the maxillary support required
 - Full lips, dental appliances or facial swelling
 - Facial hair that may prevent the skin barrier from adhering
 - Severe diaphoresis may affect wear time
- Repeated adjustment of the ET tube in a distal or proximal direction may affect the performance of the adhesive strap
 - After every re-application of the ET tube to the adhesive strap check the adhesive is adequate for tube security
- Not intended for use with paediatric patients

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