Mallinckrodt™ TaperGuard™
Endotracheal Tube with Stylet

Preloaded, sterile, ready for use
“Cleanliness and prevention of contamination from patient to patient is essential and consistent with patient safety.”¹

¹ Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration. Approved by ASA House of Delegates. 2010.

**The Problem**

In a code situation or prehospital setting, and even in the OR, seconds count. To save time, clinicians often use prepared endotracheal tubes—where the ETT is removed from the sterile pack, preloaded with stylet and replaced in the original pack.

But with heightened focus on patient safety, clinicians must find a solution for both preparedness and compliance with regulatory standards, such as the ASA Guidelines.¹

**The Solution: Efficient, Sterile, In Compliance**

**TWO PRODUCTS, ONE PACK: Mallinckrodt™ TaperGuard™ endotracheal tube with stylet in one efficient, sterile package**

The TaperGuard endotracheal tube with stylet is assembled and ready for use in one sterile pouch, so the clinicians can always be ready to intubate at a moment’s notice.
In Compliance

While it is acceptable to remove endotracheal tubes from sterile packaging, test and preload for later use, ASA Guidelines state that prepared ETT be used within 48 hours. But to be compliant, regulatory agencies require hospitals to document when the ETT package was opened by writing on the packaging or applying a sticker with the time and date, another to-do for an already multitasking clinical staff. Also, any prepared tubes not used within 48 hours must be tossed, which is money down the drain—a waste of inventory and yet more medical waste.

Our solution: only open what you need, when you need it. With a prepared TaperGuard™ endotracheal tube with stylet, clinicians have the tools they need in one sterile, easy-to-access pack—no preloading necessary.

Less Waste

The impact on the landfill and cost to dispose of medical waste is steep, so minimizing waste is imperative, both for the environment and the hospital budget.

Two products, one pack: TaperGuard endotracheal tube with stylet in one portable, sterile package, reduces packaging and shipping material that would otherwise end up as medical waste, helping the hospital meet green initiatives and decrease disposal costs.

After opening TaperGuard endotracheal tube with stylet for use, one pouch—not two—gets tossed in the trash. Two products in one sterile pack also prevents the potential waste of unused prepared endotracheal tubes, which according to ASA Guidelines, must be used within 48 hours of opening.
Safety, Clinical Value

Protect the patient, protect the airways

In one sterile pack, you get the clinical benefits of TaperGuard™ cuff technology and ready access to a stylet, which can be critical to facilitating intubation in emergency situations, certain procedures, and in patients with challenging airways.

TaperGuard cuff technology reduces risk of microaspiration

The TaperGuard™ endotracheal tube features a unique, taper-shaped cuff that provides significantly improved fluid sealing performance compared to the Mallinckrodt™ Hi-Lo cuff.¹ The taper-shaped cuff is designed with a diameter that is larger than the average adult trachea, gradually tapering to a smaller diameter at the distal end. This unique tapered shape allows the cuff to match the diameter of the trachea at some point along the cuff.²

By reducing the risk of perioperative aspiration, the TaperGuard endotracheal tube may potentially reduce the risk of complications related to aspiration. Reducing complications related to aspiration may reduce PACU (recovery room) length of stay, ICU admissions, medication requirements and postoperative morbidity.³,⁴

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