Introducers, Stylets and Guides

The key to difficult airway access
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Smiths Medical has manufactured the reusable tracheal tube introducer known as a gum elastic bougie for over 30 years. This product has been accepted as the gold standard for difficult airways. The Portex® Single Use Bougie, offers several simple solutions for the difficult airway with a comprehensive range of single use and reusable devices.

Single Use Bougie (Coudé Tip)
The Portex® Single Use Bougie gives you virtually the same performance as the reusable tracheal tube introducer, with additional benefits:
- **Single use**
  - Reduces the risk of cross infection
- **Portex® ivory color**
  - Easy to identify from our reusable product
- **700 mm length**
  - 100 mm longer than the reusable product
- **Clear graduated markings**
  - Helps to identify landmarks
- **Atraumatic coudé tip**
  - Reduces the potential risk of trauma

Reusable Introducers (Bougie)
For many years, anesthetists have favored the technique of tracheal intubation using the Portex® Venn tracheal tube introducer. It has an excellent reputation for convenience and “ease-of-use” particularly in difficult situations. General belief attributes its high success rates to include:
- **Superior memory**
- **Good flexibility**
- **Coudé tip that can easily identify tracheal rings**

An ET tube is advanced over the introducer. The coudé angled tip confirms correct placement in a difficult airway scenario through bumping (clicks) on the tracheal rings. The coudé tip has minimal resistance on the ET tube upon removal.

The test was completed on a 3 second bend test using the new single use bougie against our reusable gum elastic bougie. *Competitor product 1 second.*
Stylets

The Portex® intubation stylets have a shepherd’s hook design and can be inserted into the ET tube prior to intubation. It is made of malleable aluminium with a polyethylene outer sleeve that allows the stylet to be adapted to any desired shape.

- Single use so reduces risk of cross infection
- Choice of two lengths for adult intubation
- Choice of three sizes to fit most adult and pediatric tracheal tubes

Guides (Exchange guides)

The Portex® tracheal tube guides are available in both reusable (15CH and 10CH) and single use (15FR, 10CH and 5CH).

A guide is used when an ET tube is exchanged for a new or specialty tube and helps to guarantee correct placement when a difficult airway is known or suspected. It is left in the trachea when the initial tube is removed and allows the new tube to advance over the guide into place. The guide is then removed allowing the ET tube to be connected to the ventilator or anesthetic machine.

- Choice of reusable or single use.
- Recommended for use in cases where a tube exchange is necessary.
- Available in 5CH (pediatric, 10CH and 15CH).
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Ordering Information

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SU = Single Use    R = Reusable

References
3. Data from bench tests held on file at Smiths Medical.

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