



Aspir-Guard™

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Directions for use

General Concept

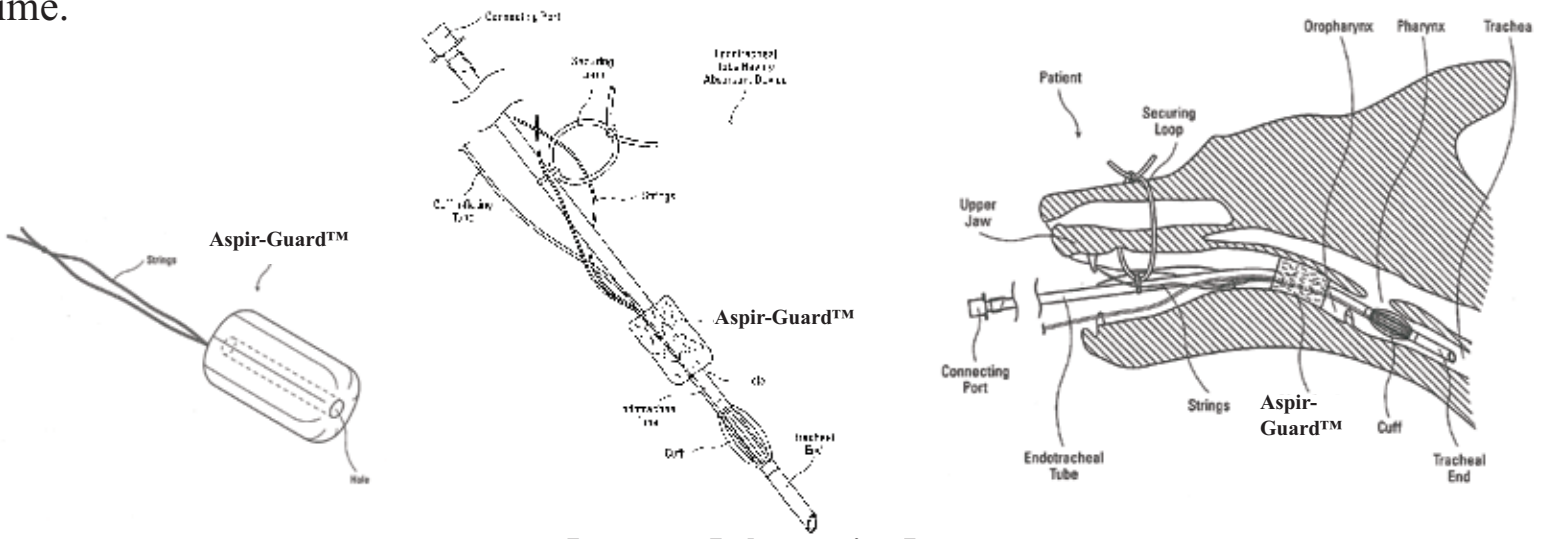
Provides a physically tight, but comfortable barrier over the oropharynx to prevent aspiration of harmful fluids and/or dental debris during any oral or dental procedure.

The **Aspir-Guard™** is a donut-shaped PVA ring that expands when hydrated to a soft, flexible, sponge-like material.

Attached string is for anchoring the **Aspir-Guard™** to the material, such as roll gauze or IV tubing that secures the endotracheal tube to the patient.

Instructions for use

1. Remove **Aspir-Guard™** from package then hydrate with water.
2. Press paper towel against **Aspir-Guard™** to squeeze to remove excess water.
3. Slide **Aspir-Guard™** over middle section of the cuffed-end of ET tube. Position just distal to tie-down material
4. Loop string over the end of the ET tube, proximal to tie-down material such as roll gauze or IV tube on ET tube's proximal end.
5. Induce patient
6. Intubate trachea and slide **Aspir-Guard™** into oropharynx using finger in large patients. Soft end of cotton tip applicator in small patients.
7. Make sure **Aspir-Guard™** completely obstructs space around the ET tube in oropharynx
8. Inflate cuff to proper pressure and double check string tie is secured proximal to IV tubing or roll gauze used to hold ET tube to patient.
9. Prepare to extubate: deflate cuff, untie materials holding ET tube. Gently pull out ET tube by tie-down materials making sure that **Aspir-Guard™** is safely removed at the same time.



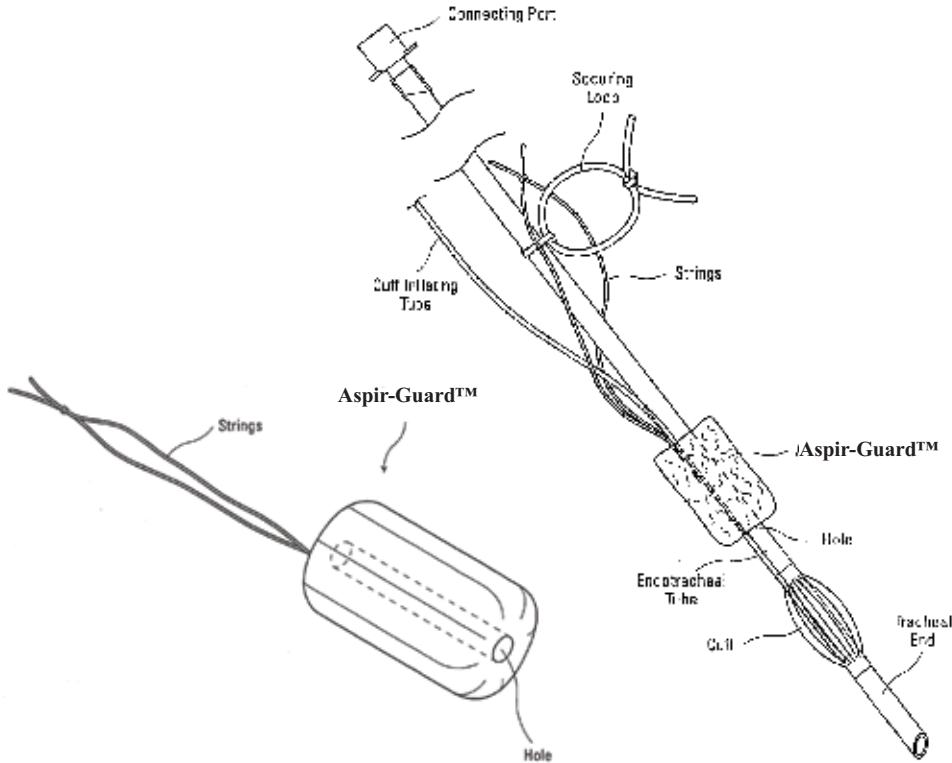


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Prevent accidental aspiration during dentistry



Aspir-Guard™ in place

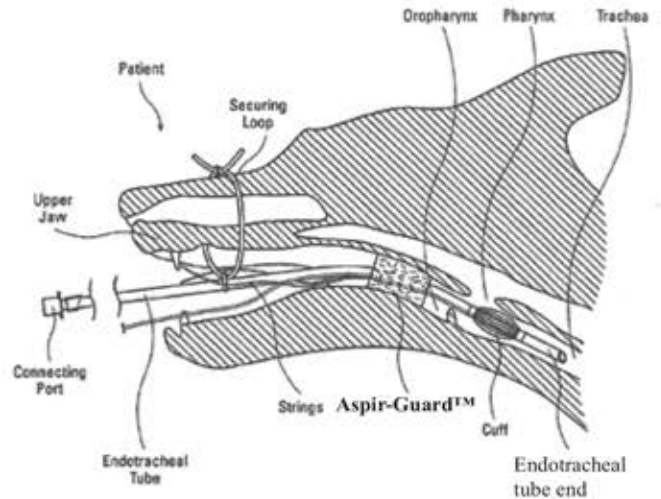


Aspir-Guard™ prevents fluids and dental debris from being accidentally aspirated during a routine dental procedure.

Numerous publications and textbooks state that the standard of care requires the use of a material to block the oropharynx from accidental aspiration of fluids and debris that accumulate during every dental procedure. (Reference 1, 2, 3)

Aspir-Guard™ is a dehydrated PVA foam donut shaped product. When rehydrated, it has a soft gentle sponge like feel. It is placed over the middle of the ET tube prior to intubation just outside the epiglottis. Attached strings are used to tie the **Aspir-Guard™** to the roll gauze or old IV tubing used to secure the ET tube to the patient.

After the patient is intubated, the **Aspir-Guard™** is pushed into place to block the oropharynx from fluid aspiration. Once the procedure is finished, the **Aspir-Guard™** is removed gently together with the ET tube.



Available in three sizes. Three to a package. Non-sterile

		Thickness	Diameter	Hole Size
J1494A	small	20mm	30mm	6mm, fits tubes 3.5-6.0mm ID
J1494B	medium	25mm	40mm	9mm, fits tubes 6.5-8.0mm ID
J1494C	large	30mm	50mm	12mm, fits tubes 9.0-10.0mm ID
J1494S	3 each of all three sizes, total of nine.			

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