

KIMBERLY-CLARK'S NEW MIC*, MIC-KEY* INTRODUCER KIT IS 'PERFECT FIT FOR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY'

Kimberly-Clark's MIC*, MIC-KEY* Introducer Kit, a new and innovative solution designed to facilitate the initial placement of its balloon-retained enteral feeding tubes, is the 'perfect fit for Interventional Radiology'.

In his presentation to delegates at CIRSE 2008, Professor Michael Lee, Consultant Interventional Radiologist at Beaumont Hospital in Dublin, outlined his initial experience of using the Introducer Kit and urged more Interventional Radiologists to consider radiological placement of gastrostomy tubes.

"I have seen the need for a product like this for the last 15 years through my work both in the US and Ireland. Because of the lack of a good radiologic gastrostomy tube and placement kit, I developed my own system using several different products including T-Fasteners and angioplasty balloons," explained Professor Lee. "It worked reasonably well but this new kit has everything in the one pack and is tailored to gastrostomy placement which makes it a really natural fit for Interventional Radiology."

He feels that many Interventional Radiologists may have not previously wanted to place enteral feeding tubes because of the inadequacy of existing equipment and a fear of the tubes becoming dislodged. Professor Lee believes the Introducer Kit will help

Interventional Radiologists overcome many of their reservations and the placement of balloon-retained enteral feeding tubes could become a much more commonplace procedure for Interventional Radiologists.

"As well as ease of use and the fact that all the equipment you need is in one self-contained pack, I really like the Saf-T-Pexy, it is safe for both the patient and operator. Another major advantage is that the material is resorbable and the T-fasteners do not need to be cut. That's much more pleasant for the patient and aesthetically better because there is no cotton wool pledget, as with the old T-fasteners, left at the operation point to promote infection.

"In addition every element of the kit is needle-stick safe and it works well with all techniques – the MIC-KEY* low-profile gastrostomy tube, g-tube or gastro-jejunal tube."

The new Kimberly-Clark* MIC*, MIC-KEY* Introducer Kit transforms the initial placement procedure of enteral feeding tubes. The uniquely-designed components required for the procedure are now contained in one convenient, easy-to-use kit. The kit eliminates the need for traditional PEG placement and removal for certain clinical indications, thus providing potential savings for the hospital and improving patient comfort.

The MIC*, MIC-KEY* Introducer Kits work with all Kimberly-Clark* MIC* and MIC-KEY* balloon retained Gastrostomy, Jejunal and Tragastric Jejunal feeding tubes that are specially designed for patients requiring long-term nutritional support.

The Kimberly-Clark* MIC* MIC-KEY* Introducer Kit features the following:

- The Pre-loaded Saf-T-Pexy* gastrointestinal suture anchor system incorporates resorbable sutures and external suture locks to secure the stomach to the anterior abdominal wall. The Saf-T-Pexy* system eliminates the need for traditional suture removal, minimizes the risk of infection, and enhances stoma tract formation. Unlike traditional sutures, which require an additional office visit for removal, the Saf-T-Pexy* system simply resorbs and sloughs with the internal components passing through the GI tract, leaving the balloon-retained tube in place until replacement is required.
- A telescoping serial dilator system with an integrated peel-away sheath provides all-in-one, continuous dilation and easy tube placement. The Kimberly-Clark all-in-one dilator and peel-away sheath does not require removal or multiple exchanges prior to complete dilation and is available in various sizes to better accommodate specific patient needs.
- An over-the-wire stoma measuring device enables a more accurate stoma tract measurement, improving the tube fit for enhanced patient comfort and safety.
- Safety devices facilitate efficiency, enhance the ease of use and protect the health care worker from inadvertent needle sticks.

The Kimberly-Clark* MIC, MIC-KEY* Introducer Kits are just one of the clinical solutions physicians can depend on to meet the demands of their fast paced world. To learn more contact your Kimberly-Clark* MIC*, MIC-KEY* Distributor or call +32 2 711 26 35



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