

KIMBERLY-CLARK'S NEW MIC*, MIC-KEY* INTRODUCER KIT IS THE COMPLETE ONE-STOP SOLUTION FOR RADIOLOGICAL GASTROSTOMY'

- An interview with Dr. Hans-Ulrich Laasch, Consultant Radiologist at the Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester, United Kingdom.

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 a complete one-stop solution that gives interventional radiologists all the tools they need to perform a gastrostomy.

At The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester, Consultant Radiologist Dr Hans-Ulrich Laasch has used the Introducer Kit in 15 procedures. He says the fact that everything he needs to perform a gastrostomy is contained within the one kit is a huge advantage and means that the technique is much easier for interventional radiologists to learn and master.

Dr Laasch says that not only does the Introducer Kit make radiological gastrostomy straight forward, because sets containing all the required parts for insertion of conventional G-tubes and GJ-tubes as well as primary placement of button gastrostomies are available, he also appreciates the design features which make the kit easier and quicker to use.

"I have found the kit very useful," explained Dr Laasch. "There are many features I like very much, such as the resorbable suture material. It means we don't need to arrange for follow-up care after the patient is discharged home to have the sutures removed."

"The four introducer needles, pre-loaded with the T-fasteners are ready to use straight out of the pack and are deployed at the touch of a button. The telescopic dilator with the integrated sheath avoids multiple exchanges, reducing the number of steps required during the procedure."



The Kimberly-Clark* MIC*, MIC-KEY* Introducer kit

"A big advantage is the outer fixation button for the gastropexy sutures. You just flick a lever down to secure the button onto the suture and even the forceps to do that are in the kit! That makes the whole procedure a lot more hygienic and fixation simpler and more reliable. The lack of a cotton wool pledget reduces the risk of infection."

"Basically this is the first complete Introducer Kit designed for the purpose. It makes radiological gastrostomy a faster and easier technique to learn and in our initial experience the results are at least as good as with conventional gastropexy. It means that previous issues we have seen with radiological techniques, such as tubes being misplaced or becoming dislodged are much less of a risk. Radiologists are more likely to apply gastropexy as it is much easier to perform and the likelihood of infection is reduced."

"Furthermore it means that radiological gastrostomy is a real alternative to percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG). This is especially relevant for patients who need the procedure to be performed without sedation or where PEG is not appropriate, for example with cancers of the upper GI tract, where endoscopy may not be possible or carries the risk of tumour seeding into the stoma site. We avoid that problem by inserting the tube through the skin rather than passing it through the mouth and oesophagus."

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* Gastrostomy, Jejunal and Transgastric 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 restorable 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 systems 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* Introducer Kit is recommended for initial placement with the following

- Kimberly-Clark* MIC-KEY* Low Profile Gastrostomy Feeding Tube
- Kimberly-Clark* MIC* Gastrostomy Feeding Tube
- Kimberly-Clark* MIC-KEY* Transgastric Jejunal & Jejunal Feeding Tube
- Kimberly-Clark* MIC* Transgastric Jejunal & Jejunal Feeding Tube

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