

BALLARD™ TURBO-CLEANING CATHETERS

Closed Suction System

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE – ADULT PATIENTS

1 PREPARATION



- Wash hands and don appropriate PPE, per hospital protocol.
- Obtain correct catheter size.
- Remove catheter from packaging and remove red wedge (Fig. 1).
- Attach flex tube, if necessary.

2 SET-UP



- Attach catheter to suction tubing at thumb valve.
- Depress and hold thumb valve and adjust vacuum regulator to desired level*.
- Release thumb valve and attach catheter between patient and the ventilator circuit (Fig. 2).

3 ADVANCE THE CATHETER



- Stabilize the catheter and the ET tube adapter with one hand.
- Advance the catheter into the ET tube using the thumb and forefinger of the opposite hand (Fig. 3).
- Advance catheter to desired depth.

4 CONTROLLED DEPTH SUCTION (IF USING DOUBLE SWIVEL ELBOW)



- Align printed depth number on the catheter with the similar number on the ET tube closest to the ET tube adapter (Fig. 4).
- Add 8 cm to this number.
- Advance the catheter until the sum (depth plus 8) appears in the window.
- Catheter tip will be 1 cm past the end of the artificial airway.

5 WITHDRAW THE CATHETER



- Depress and hold the thumb valve.
- Gently withdraw the catheter.
- It is recommended that the suction procedure last no more than 15 seconds.
- Stop when the black ring is visible inside the sleeve (Fig. 5).
- Release thumb valve.

6 IRRIGATE THE CATHETER TIP



- Open cap on irrigation port.
- Insert 15 mL saline vial into irrigation port (Fig. 6).
- Intermittently depress and release thumb valve until the catheter and chamber are clear, or until vial is empty.

7 LOCK THUMB VALVE



- Lock the thumb valve to prevent inadvertent or accidental suction.
- Lift the white part of the thumb valve and rotate 180 degrees (Fig. 7).
- To unlock, repeat this action.

8 DAY STICKER USAGE



- Apply the appropriate day sticker to thumb valve (Fig. 8).
- *Example:* If catheter is opened on Monday and intended to be changed after 72 hours, place the Thursday sticker on the thumb valve.

Warning: If using a T-piece, remove cap on T-piece prior to starting continuous flow therapy. Failure to remove cap prior to starting continuous flow therapy may result in serious injury or death.

Caution: Inspect catheter and saline packaging before opening. Do not use if package has been compromised.

*Most experts suggest a negative pressure of 80 to 120 mmHg (-10.7 to -15.9 kPa)

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