

ENDOTRACHEAL TUBES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I re-sterilize these endotracheal tubes?

No. The tubes are labeled for single use.

If I use a steam autoclave will the tubes melt?

Yes.

If I intend to go against the single use label, what sterilization method will keep the tubes from melting?

Cold sterile or Ethylene Oxide gas will prevent melting. Be aware, both of these methods will degrade the tube over time and the risks from this action are your own.

Why does my adapter plug come out of the tube while the tube is in use?

Typically, this is a result of cold sterilization. Some of the liquid makes its way into the joint between the tube and plug and works as a lubricant. Always check the connection between tube and adapter before use.

Why does the adapter plug separate from the anesthesia hose?

Try using a different hose. Many practices have hoses that have been in place for quite a period of time. This repeated use can make the valve slightly larger. We have found that the same tubes will hold in place with a new/different hose.

What are the tubes made of?

Medical grade PVC.