

## Tungsten-Weighted Intestinal Tube: AN20



Size: 16 Fr.  
Length: 244cm  
Quantity: 10/box

The AN20 gastrointestinal sump tube is designed specifically for the intestinal intubation and vacuum aspiration of patients with ileus and hypoactive bowel sounds. Passed transnasally, its tungsten-weighted capsule offers optimum temporary management of intestinal obstructions and is an alternative to the Rhexus and Einhom tubes for diagnostic duodenal aspirations.

### Features of the Tungsten-Weighted Intestinal Tube:

- **Separate vent tube controls vacuum preventing high suction causing tissue damage.**
- **Tungsten-weighted soft vinyl capsule** attached to tube by a strong and flexible wasp waist connector.
- Capsule is **easily identified on X-ray** making fluoroscopic intubation of the pylorus simple.
- Once in the duodenum, the sump tubes' **regulated suction works quickly** to keep bowel decompressed.
- **Markings** at 65, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 cm from the distal tip **aid tube positioning**.
- **Burr free edges** to aspirating ports help prevent mucous or particulate matter from becoming trapped.
- Round **aspirating ports have slightly smaller diameter than the aspirating tube**, so that particles too large to pass through the aspirating tube are screened by aspirating ports.
- **24 aspirating ports**; smaller percentage reduction in drainage if a port does become blocked.
- Vent tube is attached to aspirating tube by a slender web: maximises cross sectional area of aspirating tube, to **outperform conventional tubes** many times its size.
- 0.5 micron **antibacterial filter** prevents airborne contaminants entering system.
- **Soft vinyl material** reduces pressure necrosis.
- **No latex**, avoids allergic reactions.
- **Phthalate free**.
- **Radio-opaque vent tube**, allowing x-ray to confirm positioning.
- **Clear aspirating tube** allows positive visual evidence that the vacuum source and tube are working:  
**"If it's bubbling, it's working."**
- Label covering yellow filter, prevents siphoning up the vent tube before it is attached to an aspirator.
- Each tube is **sealed in a tyvek pouch**. Ten pouches are placed in an Andersen Sterijet package, **vacuum-sealed and sterilised**. A glance at the package gives visual confirmation that it has not been damaged in handling. If it is vacuum-tight, it is still sterile.

### Tube Placement

Pass the AN20 tube transnasally to the level of the stomach. The tungsten weighted tip provides the mass to aim the tube tip at the pylorus. Pass it through the pylorus under x-ray image intensification control.

