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BARTON - MAYO™ TRACHEOSTOMA BUTTON

Patient Fitting Procedure

CLEANING: The Barton-Mayo™ Tracheostoma Buttons are not sterile when packaged; autoclaving the Buttons is recommended prior to insertion. Refer to separate cleaning/sterilizing document. Trial buttons used during the sizing session should be cleaned with mild detergent and water and steam autoclaved. Patients should clean their buttons with mild detergent and water and allow to air dry after each use.

SELECTING: Optimum sizing is based on the individual patient's stoma length and diameter. The diameter sizing is done first. The button should fit snug within the stoma. After selecting button diameter, the stoma length must be determined. Button length is critical for achieving a tight seal. Placement of the inner sealing lip of the button behind an annular ring of the trachea insures proper sealing of the button. All three button lengths should be tried to obtain the best possible inner lip placement.

TESTING: To test for a proper fit, a gentle tug on the button after insertion, as well as forceful coughing is recommended. Finally, insert the speaking valve to assure proper operation and selection of the correct diaphragm to spring weight of the valve.

NOTE: For total laryngectomies fitted with a voice prosthesis, a hole must be placed in the tubular portion of the button to allow lung air to pass into the voice prosthesis. The voice prosthesis should be fitted first to determine the size and shape of the opening in the button. This opening can be created for the individual patient prior to insertion using a scalpel. After creating the air passage, smooth all irregular surfaces with an emery board to reduce stoma irritation.

After finding the correct size Button for your patient, simply fill out the prescription form and contact your medical supply distributor. For questions, please call 1-507-289-0761.

Patients should remove and clean their Buttons daily and leave the button out at night to allow the stoma to contract. With proper care the Button will give one full year of daily use, annual replacement is recommended. For additional information on button use please consult the 'Instructions for use' fliers distributed with each button (also available on the company website).