

Durability Freka GastroTube

Fresenius Kabi as a supplier of enteral medical device disposables offers in their portfolio the Freka GastroTube FR 15. This is a percutaneous replacement feeding tube made of silicone rubber.

The Freka GastroTube is a feeding tube with an inflatable balloon as a retention mechanism. This balloon feeding tubes are intended to use in a mature stoma tract. The balloon is inflated with water and together with the external retention plate it fixes the feeding tube in the stoma tract.

Balloons as retention mechanism are already well-known in the market for years and offered by different suppliers. Due to the tension of the material in the inflated balloon the durability in the stoma is not predictable. Therefore, they are not suitable in an initial placement.

The Freka Gastrotube is made with the same technology like the Freka Button. Both feeding tubes are already on the market for more than 10 years. The durability in a patient is comparable for both feeding tubes. Clinical investigations with the Freka Button revealed a durability of 352 days (range 186-593 days)*. An average durability is therefore about 6 months, but cannot be guaranteed.



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