

Expert Opinion

Use of Seldinger technique for placement of Freka® Button/ Freka® Belly Button

Fresenius Kabi offers the Seldinger method as a standard for the placement of the Freka® Button and Freka® Belly Button. For the Seldinger method a soft guide wire is advanced through the existing Feeding tube or Button. The Feeding tube or Button is removed and a new Button is placed, while the guide wire is providing the correct way through the stoma to guide the Button.

The placement of the Freka® Button is in general possible without Seldinger method; however the following should be taken into consideration:

- In patients, who have formed **fistulas**, or in whom a **long, narrow or crooked stoma** is suspected, the Seldinger method is urgently recommended. ⁽¹⁾
- If **considerable resistance** is felt when advancing the Button, care must be taken not to penetrate the stoma. The Seldinger method should be employed.

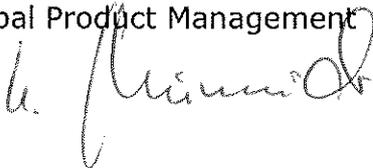
The Seldinger method helps you to place a Button always safely into the stomach. The Seldinger method can be used in all cases by all appointed users^(2,3).

The Seldinger wire, provided with the Freka® Button is 80 cm long and has a soft end. Injury with the Seldinger wire to the gastric mucosa is highly unlikely^(2,3).

Some experts even recommend to use the Seldinger method in all cases as a safety standard ^(1,2). It can be employed with or without endoscopic control. ⁽¹⁻³⁾.

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