

Durability Freka Belly Button

Fresenius Kabi is a global acting company which supplies enteral nutrition and enteral medical disposables since more than 35 years to their customers.

The Freka Belly Button is a percutaneous enteral feeding tube made of silicone rubber. It is available in several FR-sizes and shaft lengths. The Freka Belly Button consists of an inflatable balloon as an inner retention mechanism. This balloon feeding tubes are intended to be used in a mature stoma tract. The balloon is inflated with water and fixes the Freka Belly Button in the stoma.

Silicone balloon as retention mechanisms in enteral feeding tubes are well-known in the market for many years and are offered by different suppliers. Due to the tension in the material in an inflated balloon, the durability of the balloon in the stoma cannot be predicted. They are therefore not suitable for initial placement unless the stoma was previously otherwise secured. Observations showed that the balloon, if it has survived the first days and weeks, has a stable durability up to several months.

From the explained facts it is unfortunately not possible to guarantee a certain durability of the Freka Belly Button.

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