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[54] **ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE GUIDE INTRODUCER AND METHOD OF INTUBATION**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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An Endotracheal tube guide introducer having a rigid tube with a lumen. A handle is attached to one end and the distal end of the tube is curved. The tube includes visualization means such as a fiberoptic tube. An aperture in the handle intercepts the lumen to facilitate insertion of a flexible guide tube. A port for attachment of a light may be provided on the handle. A guide line is inserted into the larynx by use of the introducer. The introducer is removed and an endotracheal tube (ET) may then be advanced into the trachea along the guide line until properly positioned.

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