

communication between the fluid port, the second longitudinally extending passageway, and the fifth longitudinally extending passageway, the valve being actuatable between a first position, where the fluid port is in fluid communication with the second passageway, and a second position, where the fluid port is in fluid communication with the fifth passageway.

5. The system of claim 1 further comprising a sixth longitudinally extending passageway in the formable shaft and an IV port located on the housing, the IV port being in fluid communication with the sixth passageway.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein a wide angle lens having a diameter is disposed on the second end of the formable shaft, the wide angle lens being optically connected to the second end of the image guide cable.

7. The system of claim 6 wherein the second opening in communication with the third longitudinally extending passageway has a width which is equal to at least 30% of the diameter of the wide angle lens.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein the second opening in communication with the third passageway has a width that is approximately equal to the diameter of the image guide cable.

9. The system of claim 1 wherein the eyepiece and optics provide an eye relief of approximately 3 to 15 inches.

10. An endotracheal tube insertion system including an instrument for insertion of a tracheal tube comprising:

a formable shaft having sufficient stiffness along the entire length to hold a formed shape, the formable shaft having first and second ends, and a plurality of longitudinally extending passageways defined therethrough;

a fiber optic image guide cable having a first end and a second end disposed in a first longitudinally extending passageway;

means for providing light located at the second end of the formable shaft proximate the second end of the fiber optic guide cable;

a baffle member attached to the second end of the formable shaft in proximity to a second longitudinally extending passageway, the baffle member having an opening directed toward the first longitudinally extending passageway;

a second opening in communication with a third longitudinally extending passageway, the second opening being located on the second end of the formable shaft on an opposite side of the first passageway from the baffle member, with the baffle member being directed toward the second opening;

a control line having first and second ends slidably disposed in a fourth longitudinally extending

passageway, the second end of the control line being affixed to the second end of the formable shaft;

a housing attached having first and second ends, the second end of the housing being connected to the first end of the formable shaft;

an eyepiece affixed to the first end of the housing and optics associated with the eyepiece, the optics being optically connected with the first end of the fiber optic image guide cable, the eyepiece and optics having an eye relief of approximately 3 to 15 inches;

a fluid port attached to the housing, the fluid port being in fluid communication with the second passageway;

a suction port attached to the housing, the suction port being in fluid communication with the third passageway;

a switch located on the housing, the switch being in electrical communication with the light source; and

an actuator member slidably disposed on the housing, the slide member being connected to the first end of the control line.

11. The system of claim 10 further comprising a tracheal tube slidably disposed on the formable shaft.

12. The system of claim 10 further comprising a fifth longitudinally extending passageway and a valve in fluid communication between the fluid port and the second longitudinally extending passageway, the fifth longitudinally extending passageway being in fluid communication with the valve, the valve being actuatable between a first position, where the fluid port is in fluid communication with the second passageway, and a second position, where the fluid port is in fluid communication with the fifth passageway.

13. The system of claim 10 further comprising a sixth longitudinally extending passageway in the formable shaft and an IV port located on the housing, the IV port being in fluid communication with the sixth passageway.

14. The system of claim 10 wherein a wide angle lens is disposed on the second end of the formable shaft, the wide angle lens is optically connected to the second end of the fiber optic image guide cable.

15. The system of claim 14 wherein the width of the opening in communication with the third longitudinally extending passageway has a width which is equal to at least 30% of the diameter of the wide angle lens.

16. The system of claim 10 wherein the opening in communication with the third passageway has a width that is approximately equal to the diameter of the fiber optic image guide cable.

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