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patient such that the tube passes through a mouth, pharynx and larynx of the patient, the tool comprising:

an elongated proximal portion at least partly defining a fixed arc and passage, the proximal portion being rigidly curved in a fixed arc in a plane of the proximal portion, leading toward an articulating distal end of the tool, the proximal portion being substantially rigid;

an articulating distal link attached to the distal end of the proximal portion of the tool by a pivot pin defining a pivot axis perpendicular to the plane of the proximal portion, thereby permitting the articulating link to pivot relative to the fixed proximal portion in said plane, the endotracheal tube, the fixed proximal portion and the articulating link being dimensioned such that the endotracheal tube can slide onto the tool;

an elongated control member extending through the proximal portion, the control member passing on an inner side of the pivot axis relative to the fixed arc and being attached to the articulating link; and,

means for applying tension to the control member such that the articulating link portion is diverted relative to the fixed arc of the substantially rigid proximate portion toward said inner side of the pivot axis in the medial plane, whereby an endotracheal tube can be placed on the tool and guided through the larynx.

11. The combination according to claim 10, wherein the substantially rigid proximal portion and the articulating link portion has an outside diameter equal to 50 to 90% of an internal diameter of the endotracheal tube.

12. The combination according to claim 10, wherein the proximal portion has an outside diameter approximating an internal diameter of the endotracheal tube, with sufficient

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clearance to permit free sliding of the tool in the endotracheal tube, whereby the endotracheal tube is diverted substantially to a same extent as the articulating link portion.

13. The combination according to claim 10, further comprising a stop disposed on the proximal portion, the stop being placed to position the link at a distal end of the endotracheal tube.

14. The combination according to claim 13, further comprising means for adjusting a position of the stop and fixing the stop in said position.

15. The combination according to claim 10, wherein the articulating link portion is operable to divert the endotracheal tube from a neutral position aligned to the substantially fixed proximal portion to a diverted position wherein a distal end of the endotracheal tube is divertable at least 90° from the neutral position.

16. The combination according to claim 15, wherein the articulating link portion is operable to divert the endotracheal tube in an area of an endmost articulating distal link to greater than 100° anteriorly of said neutral position.

17. The combination according to claim 10, wherein the substantially rigid proximal portion defines a channel receiving the control member for longitudinal displacement and the means for applying tension comprises a lever handle attached to the control member and to a pivot connection with the proximal portion, such that the control member is raised in the channel by pivoting the lever handle.

18. The combination according to claim 10, further comprising a movable stop on the proximal portion for setting a position of the endotracheal tube along the tool.

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