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[54] **NOVEL NASOGASTRIC DEVICE**

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## ABSTRACT

Nasogastric intubation device having a removable stylet or stiffening wire to facilitate proper intubation, wherein the stylet is provided with a surface coating consisting essentially of alkaline earth metal salts of an unsaturated and a saturated higher fatty acid containing at least 16 carbon atoms.

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