

[54] ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE STABILIZING DEVICES

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[57] ABSTRACT

Frames for endotracheal tubes are disclosed. One device consists of a U-shaped band made of semirigid plastic material which passes over the patient's lower face and which attaches at either end to the patient's cheeks and/or temples. The part of the band which passes over the area of the mouth, for orally intubated patients, or over the nose, for nasally intubated patients, has a clamping device which holds the endotracheal tube securely but which can be applied and released quickly and easily. Wire frames are also provided with similar clamps. The clamp consists of a longitudinal channel which may have one or more short spikes embedded in it and into which the tube is placed. A wide strap then wraps around the tube and locks in place thereby holding the tube tightly in the channel.

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