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[54] GAUGE FOR MEASURING TRACHEOTOMY STOMA

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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A tool for measuring a tracheotomy stoma for proper fitting of a tracheotomy tube including an integral member having a plurality of legs and a shaft that extend from it, each leg having a free end and a base end secured to other legs, each leg being sufficiently long to extend from the outside of a patient's skin to inside the tracheal passage, each leg being spaced from other legs by at least about 90° or more so as to not interfere with insertion into the tracheotomy stoma, each leg being generally cylindrical over most of its length and having a diameter that corresponds to a tracheal tube diameter and is different than the diameter of other legs, the shaft having a bent end for engaging the inside surface of the tracheal passage and length indicia along its length indicating the distance to the bent end, and a ring sized and shaped to releasably engage the shaft at various positions along said shaft so as to indicate a particular length indicia when pushed up against the patient's skin when the bent end engages the inside surface of a tracheal passage.

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