

into the inner tube 34, a patient can safely breathe through the tube 32 formed by individual hose lines 35. Since the tubes 32, 33, 34 are displaceable relative to each other, the middle tube 32 can be adjusted in such a way that, adapted for the specific purpose, it forms an abutment for a stent to be placed.

FIG. 8 shows an embodiment with an inner tube 36 mounted displaceably relative to the outer tube 37 and two guide elements 38, 39 between the inner tube 36 and the outer tube 37. By providing the two guide elements 38, 39, the inner tube 36 is guided eccentrically. This embodiment is advantageous for those cases in which it is the goal to have a greater distance on the side of the outer tube 37 denoted with 40 than on the side 41; this may be desirable, for example, in brachytherapy.

Of course, it is also possible to rotate the inner tube 36 within the outer tube 37, as indicated by double arrow P.

While specific embodiments of the invention have been shown and described in detail to illustrate the inventive principles, it will be understood that the invention may be embodied otherwise without departing from such principles.

I claim:

1. An instrument for flexible tracheoscopy/bronchoscopy, the instrument comprising an outer tube, an inner tube mounted within the outer tube so as to be axially displaceable relative to the outer tube, and at least one guide element

for radially positioning the inner tube in the outer tube, the inner tube having a distal end, further comprising a cuff fillable with a medium at the distal end of the inner tube, wherein the at least one guide element is mounted within the space between the outer tube and the inner tube such that an axial position of the inner tube relative to the outer tube is adjustable at the distal end.

2. The instrument according to claim 1, wherein the at least one guide element is mounted on the inner tube.

3. The instrument according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of guide elements are supply lines mounted on the circumference of the inner tube.

4. The instrument according to claim 1, comprising a middle tube between the inner tube and the outer tube, the middle tube containing the at least one guide element.

5. The instrument according to claim 1, wherein the inner tube is configured to receive a bronchoscope or tracheoscopy.

6. The instrument according to claim 1, wherein the inner tube is of an opalescent material.

7. The instrument according to claim 6, wherein the inner tube is of a transparent but not opaque polyurethane.

8. The instrument according to claim 1, wherein the distal end of the inner tube is rounded.

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