

FOOD REFLUX REDUCING TWO-PIECE NASOGASTRIC TUBE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 1. Field of the Invention:

The present invention relates to nasogastric tubes, and more particularly, to a food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube.

10 2. Description of the Related Art:

With the development of technology and the progress of medicine, the survival rate of patient has been improved. However, when the patient is unable to eat by himself/herself due to injury, illness or elder age, the patient needs to be
15 provided with irrigation feeding through a nasogastric tube feeder by medical staff. In other words, through an intubation manner, the food has to be processed into a liquid state and guided into the stomach through the nasal cavity for supplying the patient with necessary calories and nutrition.

20 However, the installation of the nasogastric tube always

makes the patient quite uncomfortable. Also, after the intubation of a normal patient, the exposed parts of the nasogastric tube are directly adhered to the face of the patient. Such method is not only unstable, but also causing discomfort
5 of the patient. Furthermore, the excessive nasogastric tube is exposed, significantly affecting the aesthetic appearance of the patient. Moreover, even if the exposed parts of the nasogastric tube are adhered on the face, it is almost impossible to prevent accidental pulling of the tube.

10 Therefore, a type of two-piece nasogastric tube is developed, comprising a first tube body and a second tube body connected thereto. The first tube body passes from the nasal cavity through the esophagus into the stomach of the patient, and the second tube body is exposed outside the nasal cavity,
15 wherein the second tube body can be disassembled according to practical demand, so as to improve the issues above. Also, to prevent the first tube body from environmental pollution, and to prevent the reflux of food residue in the first tube body, when the second tube body is detached from the first tube body, a
20 cover is applied to cover the opening of the first tube body.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In view of the above-mentioned shortcomings of the conventional two-piece nasogastric tube, the inventor has
5 invented the present invention based on relative idea of creation through various discussions and sample trials after multidimensional revisions and improvements.

An embodiment of the present invention provides a food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube, comprising: a first
10 tube body having a first connector on one end and an insertion portion on another end, a first positioning portion disposed on one end of the first connector away from the first tube body, a protrusion edge being disposed on an outer side of the first connector in adjacent to the first positioning portion, the first
15 connector comprising a through hole formed in an axial direction and connected with the first tube body, the through hole comprising an elastic seal portion disposed in adjacent to the first positioning portion, the seal portion being provided with a cross break which is normally in a sealing status, a
20 convex portion disposed on an inner edge of the through hole

between the seal portion and the first positioning portion; and
a second tube body having an irrigation portion disposed on one
end and a second connector disposed on another end, a second
positioning portion disposed on one end of the second connector
5 away from the second tube body, an insertion combination tube
extending from the second positioning portion, the insertion
combination tube being connected with the second tube body,
two elastic arms extending from an outer side of the second
connector toward the insertion combination tube, with a hook
10 portion disposed on a distal end of each of the two elastic arms;
wherein, when in use, the second connector is inserted into the
through hole of the first connector through the insertion
combination tube, such that the insertion combination tube
expands the cross break, an outer periphery of the insertion
15 combination tube tightly contacts and abuts against the convex
portion, the second positioning portion abuts against the first
positioning portion, and the hook portion of the two elastic
arms hooks the protrusion edge, whereby the second connector
is connected with the first connector, and the second tube body
20 is connected with the first tube body.

Regarding the main objective of the food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube of the present invention, when the second tube body is disassembled from the first tube body, the cross break of the first connector automatically closes, thereby
5 significantly increasing the convenience of usage, lowering the discomfort of patients, and reducing the food reflux. Also, the conditions of the cover falling or the user forgetting to put on the cover are avoided.

10 **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a partially exploded view of the present invention.

Fig. 3 is an end view of the first connector of the present invention.

15 **Fig. 4** is a schematic view illustrating the usage status of the present invention.

Fig. 5 is a first schematic view illustrating the operation status of the second tube body being disassembled from the first tube body.

20 **Fig. 6** is a second schematic view illustrating the operation

status of the second tube body being disassembled from the first tube body.

Fig. 7 is a third schematic view illustrating the operation status of the second tube body being disassembled from the first tube body.

Fig. 8 is a schematic view illustrating the second tube body after being disassembled from the first tube body.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The aforementioned and further advantages and features of the present invention will be understood by reference to the description of the preferred embodiment in conjunction with the accompanying drawings where the components are illustrated based on a proportion for explanation but not subject to the actual component proportion.

Referring to **Fig. 1** to **Fig. 3**, the present invention provides a food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube, comprising a first tube body **10**, a second tube body **20**, and a fixing device **30**.

The first tube body **10** comprises a first connector **11**

disposed on one end thereof, and an insertion portion **12** disposed on another end thereof. A first positioning portion **111** is disposed on one end of the first connector **11** away from the first tube body **10**. A ring-shaped protrusion edge **112** is disposed on an outer side of the first connector **11** in adjacent to the first positioning portion **111**. The first connector **11** comprises a through hole **113** formed in an axial direction and connected with the first tube body **10**. The through hole **113** comprises an elastic seal portion **114** disposed in adjacent to the first positioning portion **111**, and the seal portion **114** is provided with a cross break **1141** which is normally in a sealing status. The inner edge of the through hole **113** comprises a ring-shaped convex portion **1131** disposed between the seal portion **114** and the first positioning portion **111**.

The second tube body **20** comprises an irrigation portion **21** disposed on one end and a second connector **22** disposed on another end. A second positioning portion **221** is disposed on one end of the second connector **22** away from the second tube body **20**, and an insertion combination tube **222** extends from the second positioning portion **221**., wherein the insertion

combination tube **222** is connected with the second tube body **20**. The second connector **22** comprises two elastic arms **223** extending from an outer side of the second connector **22** toward the insertion combination tube **222**, with a hook portion **2231**
5 disposed on a distal end of each of the two elastic arms **223**. Each of the two elastic arms **223** comprises a press portion **2232** which is disposed in adjacent to the second connector **22** and extending toward the second tube body **20**, respectively. When the two press portions **2232** are pressed, the press portions **2232**
10 drive the two elastic arms **223** to open.

The fixing device **30** comprises a fixing member **31**, an adherence member **32**, and a connection member **33**. The fixing member **31** comprises a clamp ring **311**, which detachably clamps the first tube body **10** in adjacent to or on the first
15 connector **11** for providing a fixing effect. The adherence member **32** is able to be adhered on the nose of the patient. The connection member **33** is pivotally and adjustably connected between the fixing member **31** and the adherence member **32**, so as to improve the fixing effect of the first tube body **10** which
20 is retained in the patient body.

During the irrigation feeding operation, referring to **Fig. 4**, the second connector **22** is inserted into the through hole **113** of the first connector **11** through the insertion combination tube **222**, such that the insertion combination tube **222** expands the cross break **1141**, and the outer periphery of the insertion combination tube **222** tightly abuts against the convex portion **1131**, thereby forming a sealing status. Also, with the second positioning portion **221** abutting against the first positioning portion **111**, and the hook portion **2231** of the two elastic arms **223** hooking the protrusion edge **112**, the second connector **22** is connected with the first connector **11**, and the second tube body **20** is connected with the first tube body **10**, such that insertion portion **12** of the first tube body **10** passes from the nasal cavity through the esophagus into the stomach of the patient, allowing a food fluid to be provided from a feeding syringe into the irrigation portion **21**, and accordingly enter the stomach of the patient for supplying necessary nutrition.

When the irrigation feeding operation is complete, referring to **Fig. 5** to **Fig. 8**, the two press portions **2232** are pressed to open the two elastic arms **223**, such that the hook

portion **2231** of the elastic arms **223** leaves the protrusion edge **112**, and the second connector **22** of the second tube body **20** is disassembled from the first connector **11** of the first tube body **10**. When the second connector **22** of the second tube body **20** is removed, the cross break **1141** of the first connector **11** is automatically restored to the sealing status by the elasticity of the seal portion **114**, thereby preventing external matters from entering the first tube body **10** to cause infection, and also preventing the reflux of food residue in the first tube body **10**. Also, with only the first tube body **10** being retained in the patient body, the aesthetic appearance and comfort of the patient after the installation of the nasogastric tube is improved, and the possibility of the nasogastric tube being accidentally pulled is significantly reduced.

With the foregoing configuration, the present invention achieves following advantages.

Regarding the food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube of the present invention, when the insertion combination tube **222** of the second connector **22** is inserted into the through hole **113** of the first connector **11** for combination, the insertion

combination tube **222** expands the cross break **1141**, and the
outer periphery of the insertion combination tube **222** tight
abuts against the convex portion **1131**; when the second tube
body **20** is removed from the first tube body **10**, the cross break
5 **1141** of the first connector **11** is automatically sealed. Therefore,
the present invention significantly increases the convenience of
usage, and greatly reduces the discomfort of patient and the
situation of food reflux. Also, the conditions of the cover
falling or the user forgetting to put on the cover are avoided.

10 Although particular embodiments of the invention have
been described in detail for purposes of illustration, various
modifications and enhancements may be made without departing
from the scope of the invention. Accordingly, the invention is
not to be limited except as by the appended claims.

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What is claimed is:

1. A food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube, comprising:

a first tube body having a first connector on one end and an insertion portion on another end, a first positioning portion disposed on one end of the first connector away from the first tube body, a protrusion edge being disposed on an outer side of the first connector in adjacent to the first positioning portion, the first connector comprising a through hole formed in an axial direction and connected with the first tube body, the through hole comprising an elastic seal portion disposed in adjacent to the first positioning portion, the seal portion being provided with a cross break which is normally in a sealing status, a convex portion being disposed on an inner edge of the through hole between the seal portion and the first positioning portion; and

a second tube body having an irrigation portion disposed on one end and a second connector disposed on another end, a second positioning portion being disposed on one end of the second connector away from the second tube body, an insertion

combination tube extending from the second positioning portion, the insertion combination tube being connected with the second tube body, two elastic arms extending from an outer side of the second connector toward the insertion combination tube, with a hook portion disposed on a distal end of each of the two elastic arms; wherein, when in use, the second connector is inserted into the through hole of the first connector through the insertion combination tube, such that the insertion combination tube expands the cross break, an outer periphery of the insertion combination tube tightly contacts and abuts against the convex portion, the second positioning portion abuts against the first positioning portion, and the hook portion of the two elastic arms hooks the protrusion edge, such that the second connector is connected with the first connector, and the second tube body is connected with the first tube body.

2. The food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube of claim 1, wherein each of the two elastic arms comprises a press portion which is disposed adjacent to the second connector and extending toward the second tube body, respectively; when the two press portions are pressed, the press portions drive the

two elastic arms to open.

3. The food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube of claim 1, wherein a fixing device is further included; the fixing device comprises a fixing member, an adherence member, and a connection member; the fixing member comprises a clamp ring, which detachably clamps the first tube body in adjacent to the first connector or on the first connector for providing a fixing effect; the adherence member is able to be adhered on a patient's nose; the connection member is pivotally and adjustably connected between the fixing member and the adherence member, so as to improve a fixing effect of the first tube body which is retained in the patient's body.

4. The food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube of claim 1, wherein the protrusion edge is formed in a ring shape.

5. The food reflux reducing two-piece nasogastric tube of claim 1, wherein the convex portion is formed in a ring shape.