32. The device of any of claims 26 to 30, wherein said cord is attached to said passage closer to said leading end of said spring than said trailing end of said spring.

33. The device of any of claims 26 to 30, wherein said cord is attached to said passage closer to said trailing end of said spring than said leading end of said spring.

34. The device of any of claims 26 to 30, wherein said cord is attached to said passage in a distal half of said spring.

~~35. A method for introducing an endotracheal tube through the vocal cords and into a trachea a patient, the trachea having an entrance and a central longitudinal axis, the method comprising:~~

~~advancing a portion of a distal end of a bougie towards the vocal cords of the patient, the distal end including a tip and a flexible region;~~

~~retracting a portion of the flexible region to actively move the bougie tip in a primary direction, anteriorly, up and towards the vocal cords;~~

~~guiding the bougie tip through the vocal cords to enter the proximal trachea while it remains in its actively retracted position;~~

~~returning the retracted portion of the flexible region to a neutral position while directing the tip in a direction generally parallel to the central longitudinal axis of the trachea by allowing the tip to passively move in a secondary direction, posteriorly, down and away from the vocal cords;~~

~~advancing the distal end of the bougie deeper into the trachea after the tip is generally parallel to the central longitudinal axis of the trachea; and~~

~~maintaining the bougie in place while guiding an endotracheal tube over the bougie to insert the endotracheal tube into the patient.~~

~~36. A method for introducing an endotracheal tube through the vocal cords and into a trachea of a patient, the method comprising:~~

~~advancing a portion of a distal end of a bougie towards the vocal cords of the patient, the distal end including a tip and a flexible region;~~

~~retracting, with a single hand, a portion of the flexible region to actively move the bougie tip in a primary direction, anteriorly, up and towards the vocal cords;~~

~~guiding, with the single hand, the bougie tip through the vocal cords to enter the proximal trachea while it remains in its actively retracted position;~~

~~returning, with the single hand, the retracted bougie tip back to a neutral position while directing the tip in a direction generally parallel to the central longitudinal axis of the trachea by allowing the tip to passively move in a secondary direction, posteriorly, down and away from the vocal cords;~~

~~advancing, with the single hand, the distal end of the bougie deeper into the trachea after the tip is generally in the second direction; and~~

~~maintaining the bougie in place while guiding an endotracheal tube over the bougie to insert the endotracheal tube into the patient.~~