



Respi-Clean[®] Oral Brush with Suction Control Handle

The importance of oral care in the critical environment is well-documented.¹

- 63% of patients admitted to an ICU have oral colonization with pathogens associated with VAP.²
- The absence of adequate salivary flow in intubated ICU patients causes severe xerostomia (dry mouth), which may contribute to the development of mucositis (oral tissue inflammation) and oropharyngeal colonization with gram negative bacteria.³
- If an intubated patient does not receive effective and comprehensive oral hygiene, bacterial plaque develops on teeth within 48 hours.⁴
- As dental plaque increases, so does the risk of pneumonia.⁵
- Comprehensive oral hygiene has consistently been recognized as an important step in patient care by leading organizations such as:
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)⁶
 - Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)⁷
 - American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)⁸
 - Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)⁹

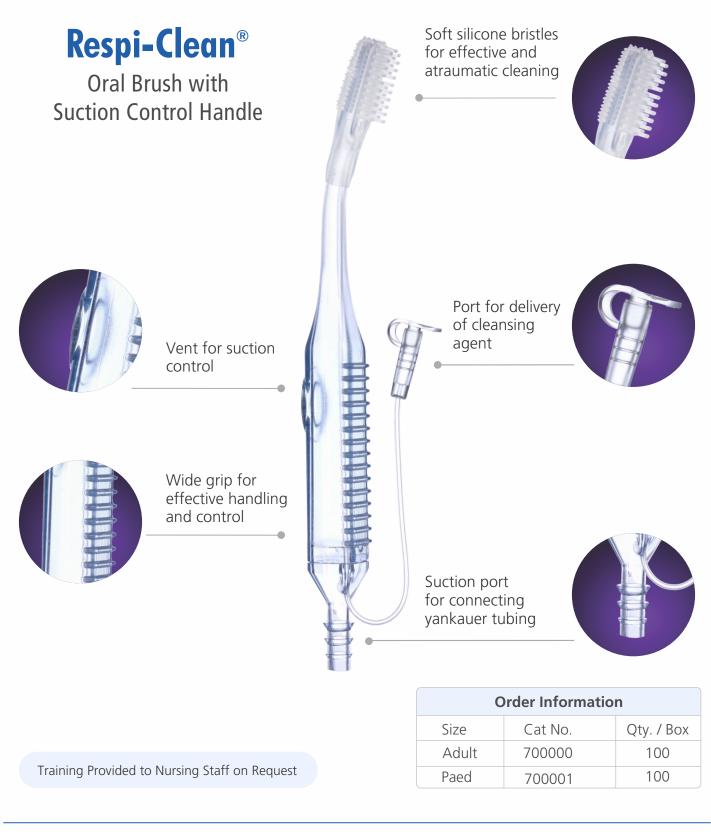
Features	Benefits
Innovative Design	 Eliminates need for multiple components. Cost Effective Solution for maintaining patient oral hygiene. Relieves workload of nursing staff.
Atruamatic Brush Design with multiple ports	Allows for quick and effective removal of secretions.
Soft rounded & flexible bristles made from medical-grade silicone	Prevents bristles from coming out while removing dental plaque, debris, and prevents any mucosal injury
Ergonomic Suction Handle design that fits with all suction tools	Allows the caregiver to control & perform the cleaning procedure more comfortably.
Thumb Control Suction	Allows intermittent or continuous suction control

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