MECONIUM ASPIRATOR

Indication:

To be used in the newborn with high suspicion of meconium aspiration for deep tracheal suctioning.

Procedure:

- 1. Peel open package and remove Meconium Aspirator.
- 2. Connect smaller end (with barbed fitting) of Meconium Aspirator to suction line connecting tube.
- 3. Set the suction at 80 mm Hg or less.
- 4. Intubate patient with proper sized ET tube.
- 5. Once patient is intubated, connect larger end (15 mm ID) of Meconium Aspirator to the endotracheal tube adapter (15 mmg OD).
- 6. Place thumb over suction control port to regulate suction and remove meconium and ET tube. **CAUTION:** Suction for no more than two seconds at a time. It is recommended that the suctioning be done while the ET tube is being withdrawn.
- 7. Discard after each patient use. May repeat procedure until airway is clear using new meconium aspirator and ET tube each time, if patient tolerates.