

Lopez Valve[®] Closed Enteral Tube Valve

The Lopez Valve is a three way stop cock intended to be used in conjunction with gastric or feeding tubes and designed to prevent accidental exposure of the healthcare worker to the patient's gastric fluids or mucus membrane secretions.

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS:

Test	Product Performance Requirement
Luer Compatibility (incoming port "A")	Enteral luer slips from feeding sets, and suction tubes, universal adapter provided
Luer Compatibility (outflow port "B")	Outgoing, tube to the patient
Luer Compatibility (syringe port "C")	6occ syringe male luer slips at the syringe port

MATERIALS:

The Lopez Valve is constructed out of four (4) components:

- › A polycarbonate valve body;
- › A low linear density polyethylene valve core;
- › A polyethylene cap; and
- › A vinyl adapter tube.

Latex is not a component used in the manufacturing or packaging of the Lopez Valve

DURATION OF USE:

The device is intended to be a disposable, single use product. The Lopez Valve should be handled in a similar nature as other single use enteral products. The most common change protocol for the valve in an acute care setting is weekly. In an alternate care setting, the valve may be used longer. We recommend that each facility establish and validate their own replacement policies based on their specific applications. We further recommend that as part of the protocol, the user inspect the device prior to each use for signs of wear. If there is visible wear (black lettering worn off, leakage, cracks, etc.) the valve should be replaced. The valve may be cleaned using a mild detergent and water when appropriate.

STERILITY:

The Lopez Valve, Catalog M9000, is a non-sterile product. The M9000T, with tethered cap is a sterile product. The Lopez Valve can also be custom ordered as a sterile product, Catalog M9000-S.