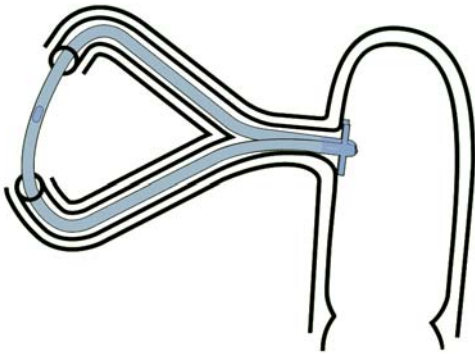


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SELF-RETAINING BICANALICULAR STENT

FCI Ophthalmics has received the FDA approval to market in the United States the Self-Retaining Bicanaliculus Intubation Set, designed by Pierre Bigé, MD.

Nicknamed the SRS, this new and innovative stent allows the physician to intubate the canaliculi in the office right at the chair with just topical anesthetic drops.

The SRS is made of medical grade silicone and is available in three lengths 25mm, 30mm and 35mm (disposable sizers sold separately). At each end of the stent is an anchor-shaped head to provide fixation. Each head consists of two flexible winglets that fold inwards during insertion through the punctum and spread back out after passage through the junction of the common canaliculus and lacrimal sac, thus securing the stent in place. A centrally placed marking on the tube acts as a reference point and allows verification of proper stent positioning following insertion. The winglets fold backwards for easy removal of the stent from the ducts.

Primary indications for the SRS include horizontal lacrimal duct stricture and punctal stenosis. Special consideration should be given to cancer patients on constricting drug therapies such as Taxotere®.

For more information on the SRS, the quick and easy Bicanaliculus Intubation Set, contact FCI Ophthalmics.

