Filtration and humidification

A range of breathing filters, HMEs and combined products for protection and humidification







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Why use a breathing filter?

Breathing filters are designed to prevent microbial cross contamination via anaesthetic or ventilator breathing systems. Their use is now widely recognised as beneficial and is recommended by a number of anaesthetic associations⁽¹⁾.

The threat to patients

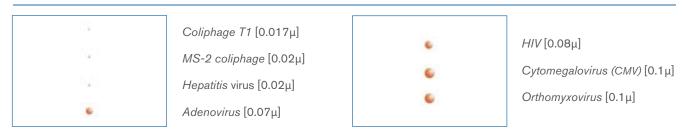
Patients undergoing anaesthesia may be threatened by cross contamination via the equipment or systems used earlier on an unsuspected but infective case. Documented areas of concern regarding infection from breathing systems include; Hepatitis C, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, blood in sputum and the SARS virus.

Long term ventilated patients in ICU may be at risk from pseudomonal growth in a water bath humidifier. Staff too may be at risk from atmospheric pollutants via ventilator exhausts. The strategic use of an effective breathing filter protects bi-directionally, both the patient and equipment. The inclusion of a filter in a breathing system is often beneficial in financial terms since the ventilator is protected against potential cross contaminants generated by the patient.

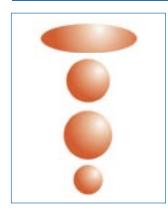
Proven efficiency

The Intersurgical range of breathing filters has been proven to be highly efficient in preventing the passage of bacteria and viruses including MS-2 coliphage [0.02µm diameter], Hepatitis C [0.02µm], Bacillus subtilis [1.0µm x 0.7µm], Mycobacterium tuberculosis [0.3µm x 1.0µm] and Pseudomonas diminuta [0.5µm].

Potential infectious viruses (particle sizes µ microns)



Potential infectious bacteria (particle sizes µ microns)



Mycobacterium tuberculosis $[0.3\mu \times 1.0\mu \text{ smallest size}]$

Serratia marcescens [0.45µ]

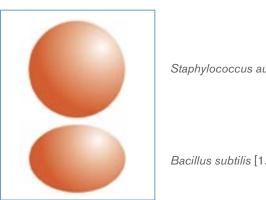
Pseudomonas aeruginosa [0.5µ]

Brevundimonas diminuta [0.3µ]

Features of Intersurgical breathing filters

The Intersurgical range of breathing filters offers a choice of pleated and flat filters with integral catheter mounts, providing the most appropriate product for the clinical situation. Filta-Guard[®] is ideal for use in intensive care and Clear-Guard[®] in anaesthesia.

- Validated filtration efficiency⁽²⁾
- Proven filtration against Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C
- Proven efficiency not affected by anaesthetic agent
- The fail-safe feature with electrostatic filters will protect the patient in the event of occlusion of the filter with fluid.



Staphylococcus aureus [1.0µ]

Bacillus subtilis [1.0µ x 0.7µ]

- Safe inert material
- Option of patient connections supplied packed and ready for use
- Lightweight reducing patient trauma.
- Low volume reducing re-breathing of CO₂
- Low resistance to flow

References

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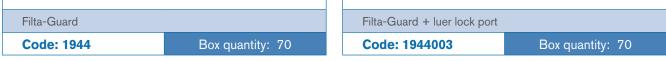
Breathing filter Range

The Filta-Guard^{*} and Clear-Guard^{*} breathing filters have been designed for use with breathing and anaesthetic systems for the protection of the patient, hospital personnel and the equipment from potential microbial contamination. Both products have been validated against the passage of *Hepatitis C* and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in addition to standard test micro-organisms.

Filta-Guard[®] range

High efficiency breathing filters ideal for use in the intensive care unit or in anaesthesia

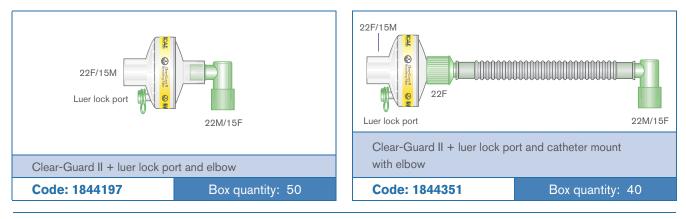
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1944	Filta-Guard	99.999%	2.3cm H ₂ O	67ml	40.0g	200ml
1944003	Filta-Guard + luer 99.999% lock port		2.3cm H ₂ O	67ml	40.2g	200ml
22F 22M/15F				22F	22M/1	5F



Clear-Guard[®] II range

Breathing filters designed for use in anaesthesia and intensive care.

Code	Description	Filtration efficiency	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume	
1844	Clear-Guard II	99.99%	2.3cm H ₂ O	50ml	27.0g	200ml	
1844003	Clear-Guard II + luer lock port	99.99%	2.3cm H ₂ O	62ml	31.0g	200ml	
1844197	Clear-Guard II + luer lock port and elbow	99.99%	3.9cm H ₂ O	62ml + Elbow	41.2g	200ml	
1844351	Clear-Guard II + luer lock port and catheter mount with elbow	99.99%	4.7cm H ₂ O	62ml + Catheter mount	52.4g	200ml	
	22F/15M	22F/15M Luer lock port					
Clear-Gua	Clear-Guard II			Clear-Guard II + luer lock port			
Code: 1844 Box quantity: 35			Code:	Code: 1844003 Box quantity: 35			



Clear-Guard[®] Midi low volume

The Clear-Guard Midi is a low volume breathing filter that ensures deadspace is kept to a minimum and is ideal for use in the operating theatre.

Code	Description	Filtration efficiency	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume	
1644	Clear-Guard Midi + luer lock port (low volume) option	99.9%	2.1cm H ₂ O	34ml	18.6g	100ml	
22F 22M/15F Luer lock port				-	5		
Clear-Guard Midi + luer lock port (low volume) option				1644			
Code: 1644 Box quantity: 100							

Hydro-Guard[™] Mini

A versatile low volume pleated membrane breathing filter for use in anaesthesia as an HMEF, **moisture return 23mg H**,**O/L @ VT500ml**, or in ITU as a filter only.

Code	Description	FiltrationResistanceefficiencyat: 60L/min		Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume
1744	Hydro-Guard Mini + luer lock port	≥99.999%	3.6cm H₂O	62ml	35.0g	200ml
1744197	Hydro-Guard Mini + luer lock port and elbow	≥99.999%	≥99.999% 5.2cm H₂O		45.2g	200ml
1744012	Hydro-Guard Mini + luer lock port and catheter mount with elbow	≥99.999%	6.0cm H ₂ O	62ml + Catheter mount	56.4g	200ml
	22F/15M 2 Luer lock port		22F/15M		22M/15F	
Hydro-Gu	ard Mini + luer lock port		Hydro-C	Guard Mini + luer locl	k port and elb	OW
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Why use a HME?

In normal respiration the upper airway helps to warm and humidify inspired air, and to retain the warmth and moisture contained in expired air. During inspiration even cold or dry air is typically heated to 37°C and fully saturated, containing 44mg H₂O per litre. In mechanical ventilation or anaesthesia the patients upper airway may be bypassed by the introduction of a tracheal tube. As a result the patient's lungs may be confronted with dry inspired gas. In order to protect the patient's respiratory passages from dehydration. additional humidification is reccommended in the form of a heat and moisture exchanger which helps maintain homeostasis in the respiratory system.

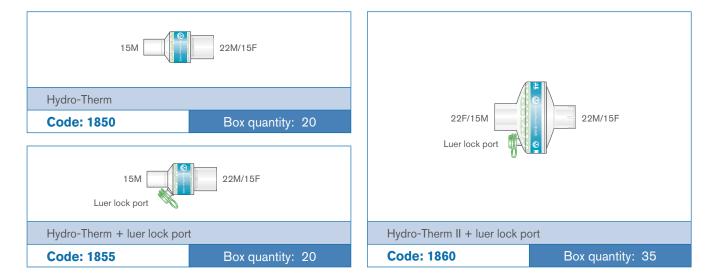
The drying and cooling effect is exacerbated by the presence of the tracheal tube, the normal process of reabsorption of heat and moisture by the upper airway during expiration is lost. Other contributory factors to heat and moisture loss in anaesthesia are the lowering of the patient's metabolic rate, evaporation and the surgical procedure itself.

Heat and moisture exchangers

Hydro-Therm® range

A dedicated range of heat and moisture exchangers designed for use in the intensive care unit and anaesthesia.

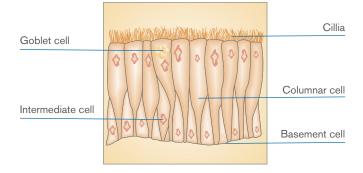
Code	Description	Moisture return: @VT 500ml	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume
1850	Hydro-Therm	30mg H ₂ O/L	3.0cm H ₂ O	16ml	11.5g	50ml
1855	Hydro-Therm + luer lock port	30mg H ₂ O/L	3.0cm H ₂ O	17ml	12.0g	50ml
1860	Hydro-Therm II + luer lock port	33mg H ₂ O/L	0.8cm H ₂ O	60ml	36.0g	200ml



Prolonged exposure to dry ventilatory gases can lead to:

- Localised inflammation of the trachea.
- A reduction in ciliary function
- Retention and thickening of secretions
- Lowering of patient temperature
- Reduction in cardio/pulmonary function
- Increased risk of tracheostomy tube occlusion

Respiratory epithelium adversely affected by heat and moisture loss

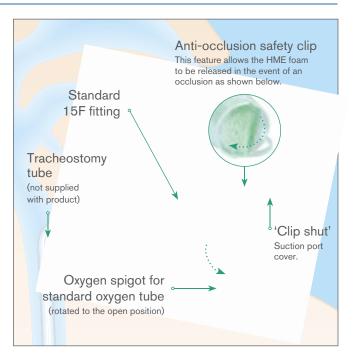


The Hydro-Trach® T Mk.II For use on tracheostomy patients

The Hydro-Trach T Mk.II is a heat and moisture exchange device designed for use with spontaneously breathing patients in order to reduce loss of heat and moisture during respiration.

When a patient is intubated the normal system of temperature and moisture maintenance is bypassed by the insertion of the tracheal tube. The possible loss of heat and moisture can lead to serious complications, notably damage to cilia and the mucous glands. This in turn may result in retention of sputum, atelectasis, production of mucous plugs and potential tube occlusion.

The Hydro-Trach T Mk.II has a number of unique features which make it an ideal product for prolonged use with spontaneously breathing patients.

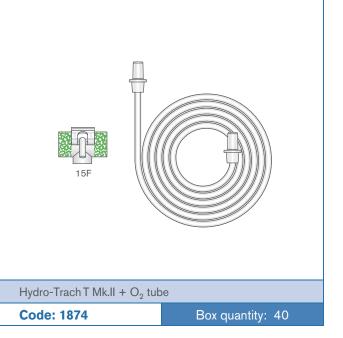


Hydro-Trach® T range

Heat and moisture exchanger for use on tracheostomised patients.

Code	Description	Moisture return: @VT 500ml	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume
1873	Hydro-Trach T Mk.II	26.0mg H ₂ O/L	1.3cm H ₂ O	19ml	8.0g	N/A
1874	Hydro-Trach T Mk.II + O ₂ Tube	26.0mg H ₂ O/L	1.3cm H ₂ O	19ml	8.0g	N/A





Heat and moisture exchanging filters

The range of Heat and Moisture Exchanging Filters (HMEFs) combine the filtration efficiency of dedicated breathing filters with optimum moisture return. **Note:** The 1744 on page 50 may also act as a HMEF when used in anaesthesia.

Filta-Therm[®] Plus

The Filta-Therm Plus provides the optimum solution for intensive care with its improved HME performance and its high filtration efficiency.

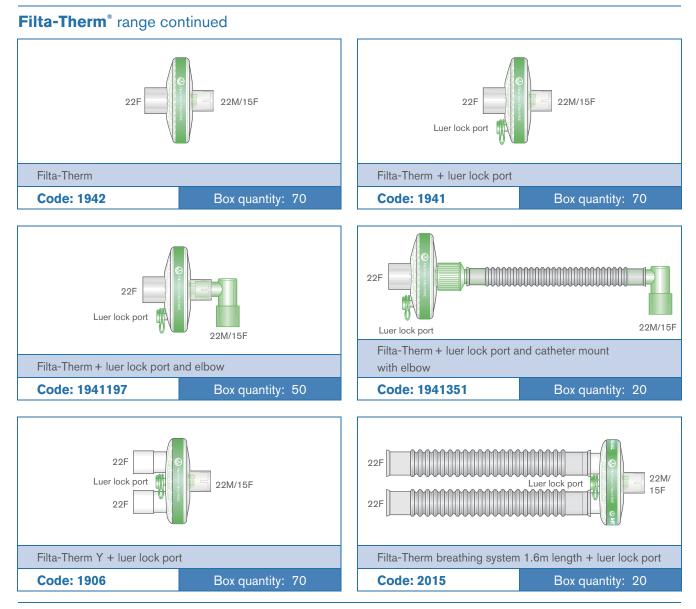
Code	Description	Filtration efficiency	Moisture return: @VT 500ml	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume
1941001	Filta-Therm Plus + luer lock port	99.999%	31.5mg H ₂ O/L	3.0cm H ₂ O	66ml	42.0g	200ml
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Filta-Therm® range

High efficiency range of HMEFs designed for use in the intensive care unit and anaesthesia.

Code	Description	Filtration efficiency	Moisture return: @VT 500ml	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume
1942	Filta-Therm	99.999%	29.1mg H ₂ O/L	2.5cm H ₂ O	66ml	42.0g	200ml
1941	Filta-Therm+ luer lock port	99.999%	29.1mg H ₂ O/L	2.5cm H ₂ O	66ml	42.6g	200ml
1941197	Filta-Therm + luer lock port and elbow	99.999%	29.1mg H ₂ O/L	4.8cm H ₂ O	66ml + Elbow	52.6g	200ml
1941351	Filta-Therm + luer lock port and catheter mount with elbow	99.999%	29.1mg H ₂ O/L	5.7cm H ₂ O	66ml + Catheter mount	63.7g	200ml
1906	Filta-Therm Y + luer lock port	99.999%	29.1mg H ₂ O/L	2.5cm H ₂ O	*70ml	*45.0g	200ml
2015	Filta-Therm Y breathing system 1.6m length + luer lock port	99.999%	29.1mg H ₂ O/L	2.5cm H ₂ O	*70ml + 1.6m limbs	*45.0g	200ml
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Heat and moisture exchanging filters



Clear-Therm® Midi low volume

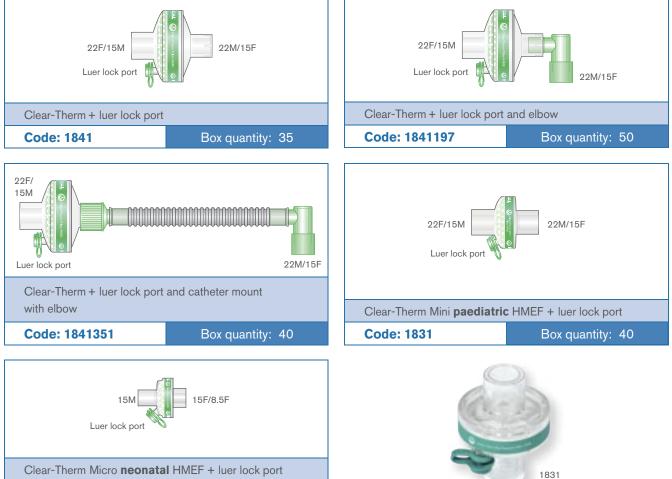
The Clear-Therm Midi is a low volume option for minimising dead space in anaesthesia.



Clear-Therm® range

A range of HMEFs for use in anaesthesia and intensive care. Paediatric and neonatal options available.

Code	Description	Filtration efficiency	Moisture return: @VT 500ml	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume
1841	Clear-Therm + luer lock port	99.99%	32.0mg H ₂ O/L	2.4cm H ₂ O	61ml	34.0g	200ml
1841197	Clear-Therm + luer lock port and elbow	99.99%	32.0mg H ₂ O/L	4.1cm H ₂ O	61ml + Elbow	42.4g	200ml
1841351	Clear-Therm + luer lock port and catheter mount with elbow	99.99%	32.0mg H ₂ O/L	4.7cm H ₂ O	61ml + Catheter mount	53.6g	200ml
1831	Clear-Therm Mini paediatric HMEF + luer lock port	99.9%	(@VT 250ml) 32.0mg H₂O/L	(@20L/min) 1.2cm H ₂ O	28ml	21.4g	75ml
1441	Clear-Therm Micro neonatal HMEF + luer lock port	99.99%	(@VT 25ml) 27.0mg H ₂ O/L	(@7L/min) 0.9cm H ₂ O	11ml	12.7g	20ml



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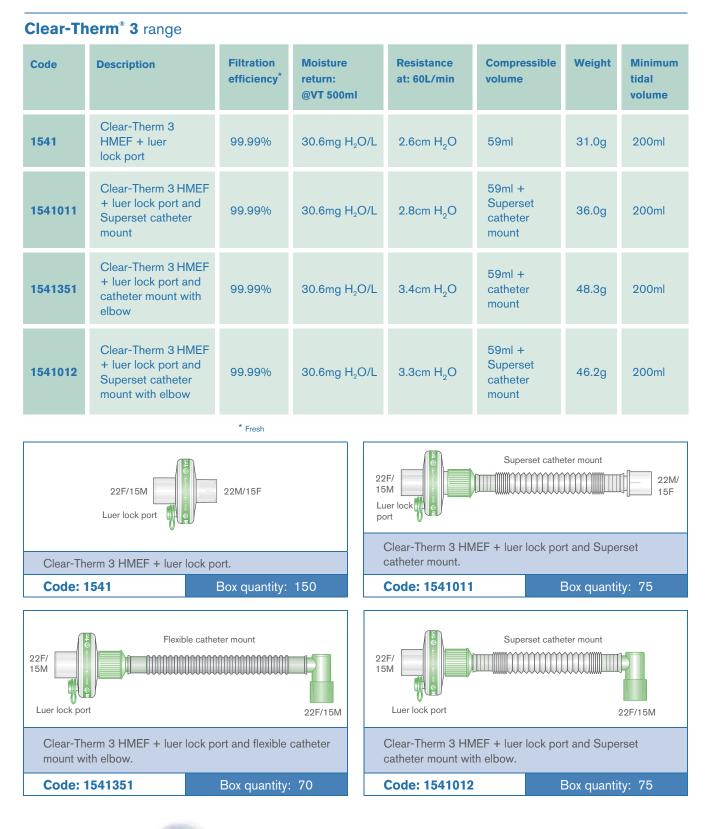
1500 series filter range



The 1500 Series Filter range is for use in anaesthesia and intensive care units. Each product has been designed with a rounded, ergonomic housing. Flexible and Superset catheter mount options are available.

Clear-Guard[®] 3 range

Code	Description	Filtration efficiency*	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume	
1544	Clear-Guard 3 filter + luer lock port	99.99%	2.2cm H₂O	60ml	28.0g	200ml	
1544011	Clear-Guard 3 filter + luer lock port and Superset catheter mount	99.99%	2.4cm H₂O	60ml + Superset catheter mount	36.0g	200ml	
1544351	Clear-Guard 3 filter + luer lock port and catheter mount with elbow	99.99%	3.4cm H ₂ O	60ml + catheter mount	45.8g	200ml	
1544012	Clear-Guard 3 filter + luer lock port and Superset catheter mount with elbow	99.99%	3.2cm H₂O	60ml + Superset catheter mount	44.4g	200ml	
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Clear-Gua	ard 3 filter + luer lock port.		Clear-Guard 3 filter + luer lock port and Superset catheter mount.				
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Clear-Gua mount wit	ard 3 Filter + luer lock port and fle h elbow.		Clear-Guard 3 filter + luer lock port and Superset catheter mount with elbow.				
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Code	Description	Moisture Resistance return: at: 60L/min @VT 500ml		Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume	
1560	Hydro-Therm 3 HME + luer lock port	31.6mg H ₂ O/L	1.2cm H₂O	58ml	31.0g	200ml	
1560411	60411 Hydro-Therm 3 HME + luer lock port and Superset catheter mount 31.6mg H ₂ O/L		2.9cm H ₂ O	58ml + Superset catheter mount	36.0g	200ml	
22F/15M Luer lock port			port				
Hydro-Therm 3 HME + luer lock port.				catheter mount.			
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Hydro-Therm® 3 range

1500 series angled filter range

Two angled breathing filters are now available; these are designed for use in anaesthesia and intensive care units. The filters provide an easy to use option with an integral 90° elbow; this reduces the need for an additional catheter mount or separate patient elbow.

Code	Description	Filtration efficiency	Moisture return: @VT 500ml	Resistance at: 60L/min	Compressible volume	Weight	Minimum tidal volume
1545	Clear-Guard 3 angled filter + luer lock port	99.9%	N/A	2.6cm H ₂ O	75ml	34.0g	200ml
1542	Clear-Therm 3 angled HMEF + luer lock port	99.9%	29.4mg H ₂ O/L	2.9cm H ₂ O	72ml	34.0g	200ml

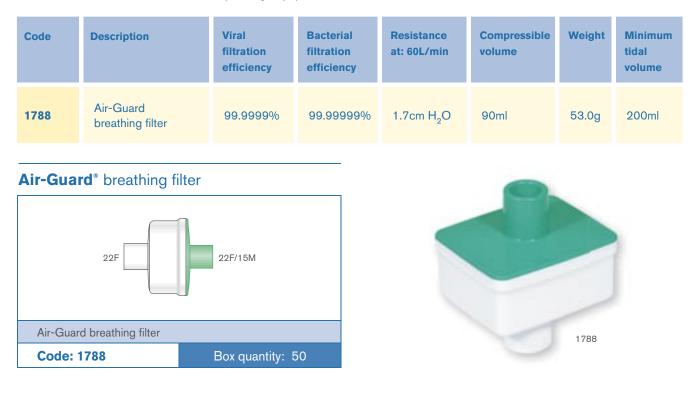
Clear-Therm[®] 3 angled filter

Clear-Guard® 3 angled filter



Air-Guard[™] breathing filter

The Air-Guard breathing filter is a hydrophobic pleated membrane filter, designed for the protection of oxygen concentrator machines and other respiratory equipment.



Filter Protocols available on request

A 24 hour test protocol and evaluation of Intersurgical's Filta-Therm and Filta-Guard as bacterial filters.

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A test protocol and evaluation of the Intersurgical Filta-Guard as a filter preventing the transmission of Hepatitis C.

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A test protocol and evaluation of the Intersurgical Clear-Guard II as a filter preventing the transmission of Hepatitis C.

SE Speight MPhil, G Hatch BSc, S Parks, centre for applied microbiology and research, Porton Down, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

An evaluation of Intersurgical's Filta-Therm, Clear-Therm and Hydro-Therm as heat and moisture exchangers.

ISO 9360 'Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment - heat and moisture exchangers for use in humidified inspired gases in humans'.

Test protocols and evaluations of Intersurgical's Filta-Therm, Clear-Guard and Filta-Guard as filters against Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

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A 24 hour test protocol and evaluation of Intersurgical's Clear-Therm Mini as a bacterial filter.

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Test protocol and evaluation of Intersurgical's Clear-Guard Midi as a bacterial filter for 6 hours.

J.E.Benbough PhD., A. Bennett BSc., biosafety testing section, biologics division, centre for applied microbiology and research, Porton Down, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Test protocol designed to evaluate Intersurgical Clear-Guard II as a Viral Filter over prolonged periods.

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Evaluation of Intersurgical Hydro-Guard Mini as a bacterial filter before and after simulated use for 24 hours.

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Pleated membrane fibre release test protocol and results *Author Lynne Palmer, development scientist.*



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