



## Teleflex Launches the LMA® Gastro™ Airway for Airway Management During Endoscopic Procedures

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*Global airway management provider launches innovative technology to address airway management challenges associated with endoscopic procedures.*

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WAYNE, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 10, 2017-- Teleflex Incorporated (NYSE:TFX), a leading global provider of medical technologies for critical care and surgery, has today announced the launch of the new LMA® Gastro™ Airway with Cuff Pilot™ Technology – the first laryngeal mask specifically designed to facilitate esophageal access and promote airway control during endoscopic procedures.

The use of moderate-to-deep sedation during endoscopy is a common practice around the world. Respiratory depression from sedative drugs and airway obstruction requiring intervention are known risks associated with endoscopic procedures, with studies demonstrating that hypoxemia can occur in 11-50% of cases.<sup>1-3</sup> In the United States there are more than 6.9 million upper endoscopies performed each year.<sup>4</sup> Today, many of these are undertaken without an airway management device in place.

The LMA® Gastro™ Airway is the latest innovation by Teleflex under the LMA® Brand. Indicated for airway management in adult patients undergoing endoscopic procedures, the LMA® Gastro™ Airway is designed to maintain a patent airway throughout the procedure to support patient safety.

The LMA® Gastro™ Airway also features Cuff Pilot™ Technology – an integrated, cuff pressure indicator that constantly monitors cuff pressure detecting changes resulting from fluctuations in temperature, nitrous oxide levels and movements within the airway. It provides at-a-glance feedback, highlighting changes that could affect patient safety.<sup>5</sup> The continuous control of intracuff pressure through in-line (or integrated) cuff pressure monitoring has been clinically shown to reduce the risk of post-operative airway morbidity or leaks.<sup>5,6</sup> In addition, the LMA® Gastro™ Airway has an integral bite block to reduce the potential for damage to the endoscope due to biting, helping to avoid costly repairs.

"Teleflex has a rich history of innovation focused on solving unmet clinical needs and this latest innovation under the LMA® Brand is testament to that," said Justin McMurray, President of the Teleflex Anesthesia & Emergency Medicine Division. "Our LMA® Brand revolutionized airway management with the development of the original laryngeal mask airway. We are excited to continue this tradition with the introduction of the LMA® Gastro™ Airway to empower clinicians to achieve airway control during endoscopic procedures."

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