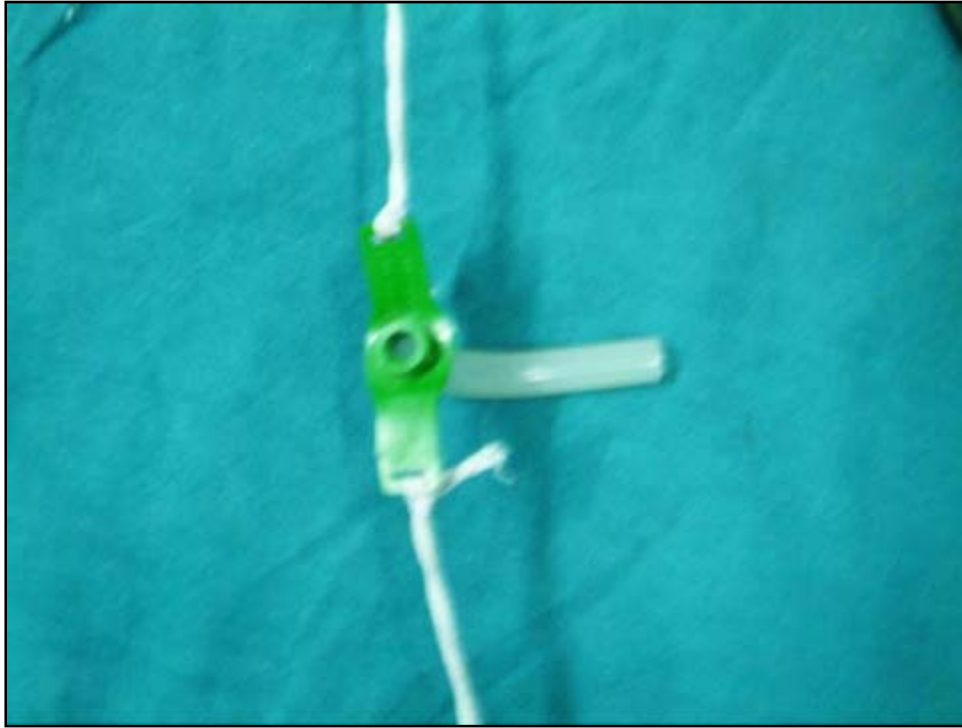


Ramson's Tracheostomy Tube



Commonly used non-metallic tracheostomy tubes are either made of plastic or portex. These two tubes are single and it does not have a speaking valve. One advantage of this tube is that patient with this tube can be connected to a ventilator for assisted ventilation. The problem starts when decannulation is planned because it cannot be spiggeted as it does not have a speaking valve. Hence if decannulation is planned the tube must be changed to Fuller's Biflanged one.