Mouth Gag

📌 Description:

The **Mouth Gag** is a medical and veterinary instrument used to hold the mouth open during examination, surgical procedures, or treatment. It ensures clear access to the oral cavity without requiring manual effort, minimizing stress on both the patient and practitioner.

📐 Specifications:

- Locking mechanism to keep the mouth open
- Available with adjustable screw or ratchet system
- Non-slip grip ends to prevent slippage during use
- Smooth, rounded tips for patient comfort

📏 Sizes & Shapes:

- Small, Medium, and Large sizes available
- Typically U-shaped or butterfly-shaped design
- Curved or flat versions depending on species and use

🧬 Material:

- Surgical-grade stainless steel
- Optional silicone or rubber padding for soft tissue protection

🧰 Category:

- Surgical Instruments
- Sub-category: Oral & Dental Instruments

📄 Product Form:

- Reusable, mechanical retractor tool
- Autoclavable and corrosion-resistant

🧪 Usage:

- Used to keep the mouth open during oral surgeries or exams
- Prevents involuntary closure of jaws during treatment
- Essential in both veterinary and dental procedures

✅ Advantages:

- Hands-free operation for oral procedures
- Durable and easy to clean
- Adjustable and secure hold
- Reduces risk of injury to practitioner or patient

⚠️ Disadvantages:

- May cause discomfort if not sized correctly
- Prolonged use may lead to muscle fatigue in the jaw
- Requires careful placement to avoid tissue pressure

🛡️ Precautions:

- Select appropriate size for species or patient
- Avoid excessive pressure on the mouth
- Monitor for signs of stress or discomfort

🌐 HS / HSN Code:

- **HS Code:** 9018.49
- **HSN Code:** 9018 (Surgical Instruments)

👊 Handling Instructions:

- Place gently between upper and lower jaws
- Adjust to fit and lock securely
- Clean and sterilize after each use

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🔄 Sterilization Details:

- Autoclave safe (up to 134°C)
- Can be soaked in disinfectant for chemical sterilization

🐾 Veterinary Application:

Widely used in veterinary dental care and oral surgeries for dogs, cats, horses, and other animals requiring controlled mouth opening.

🧍 Human Application:

Used in dental surgeries and ENT procedures to maintain open mouth access for extended periods.

❓ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **What is the purpose of a mouth gag?**
   It holds the mouth open during procedures for better access.
2. **Is it safe for animals?**
   Yes, when the correct size is used and applied gently.
3. **How do you sterilize a mouth gag?**
   Autoclave or soak in chemical disinfectant.
4. **Can it be reused?**
   Yes, it's made of stainless steel and designed for multiple uses.
5. **Does it come in different sizes?**
   Yes, small to large sizes are available based on patient needs.

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