



Airway Shield™  
**SAFER INTUBATION**  
for patients and clinicians



AIRWAY SHIELD™: A novel device to facilitate intubation



# ENDOTRACHEAL INTUBATION

An Unresolved Medical Challenge



## Endotracheal Intubation (ETI)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Common Medical Procedure in Hospitals around the World  
A High-Risk Life-Saving Procedure

**45%**

of intubations in critically ill patients end up in  
**major complications**  
(hypoxemia, cardiovascular instability or cardiac arrest)

**+100M**

intubations per year **worldwide**  
for all surgical and critically ill patients

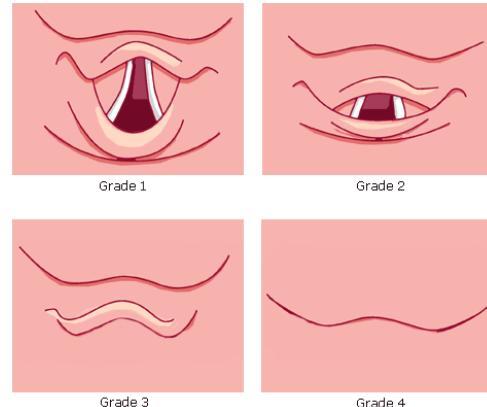
**\$5.94B**

of **annual national cost** of  
peri-intubation morbidity and complications  
in the U.S.

## Normal vs Difficult Airways (DA)

Difficult airway are the ones where those **complications are more probable to happen**. The manage of a **difficult airway** requires advanced planning and alternative tools and techniques, and presents increased risks of complications.

### ANATOMICAL DA



### PHYSIOLOGICAL DA



### SITUATIONAL DA



Most cases of DA in  
Anaesthesia



± 5% of ETI are DA

Most cases in  
ICU



± 90% of ETI are DA

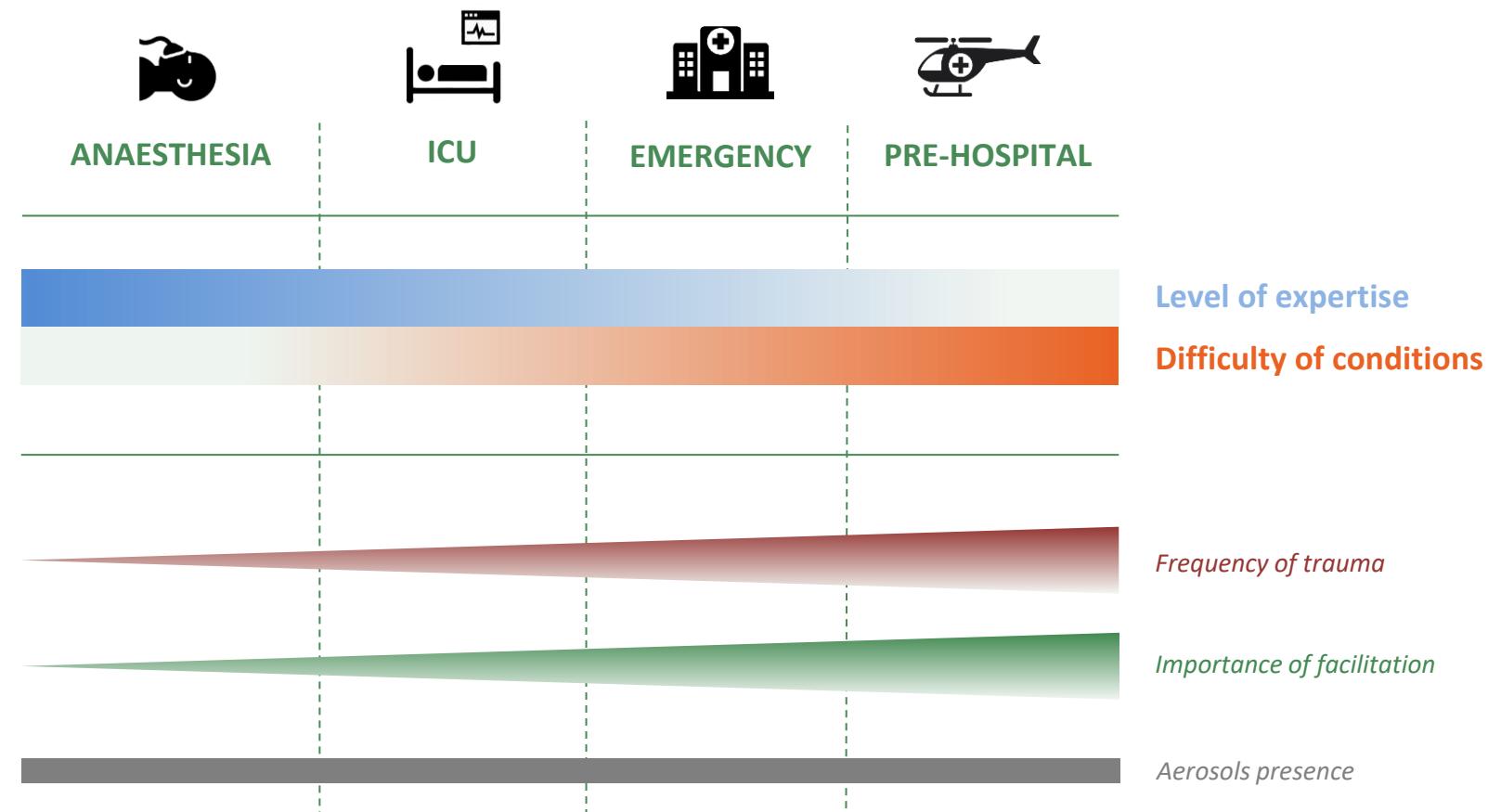
Most cases in  
Emergency and Pre-Hospital



± 100% of ETI are DA

## ETI – Where is Performed?

Endotracheal Intubation (ETI) is performed during anaesthesia in Operating Rooms (ORs), in Intensive Care Units (ICUs), Emergency Rooms (ERs), and pre-hospital settings. Operators' level of expertise generally decreases outside the ORs, while the difficulty of conditions generally increases, particularly in pre-hospital settings.



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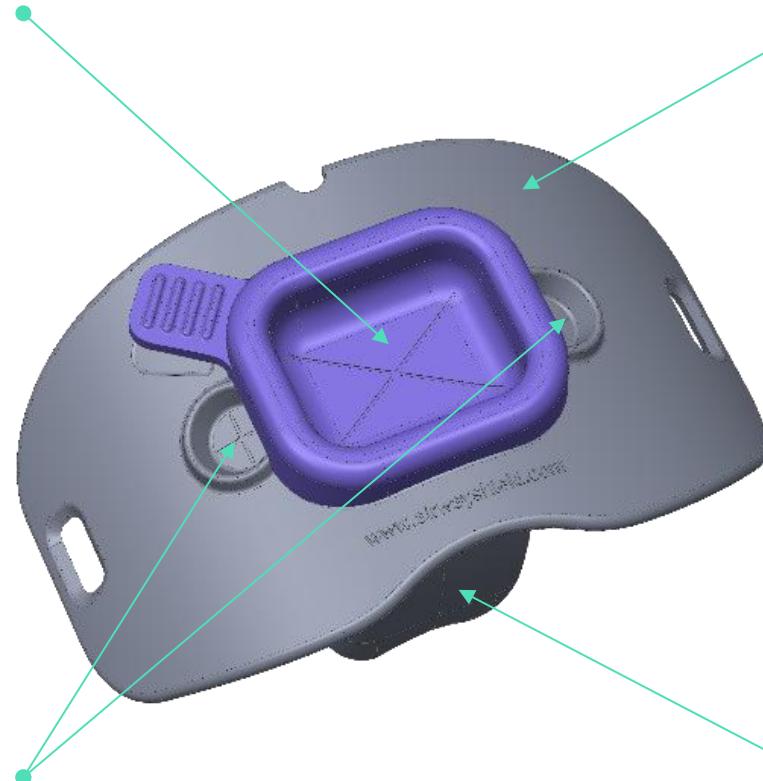


# SOLUTION

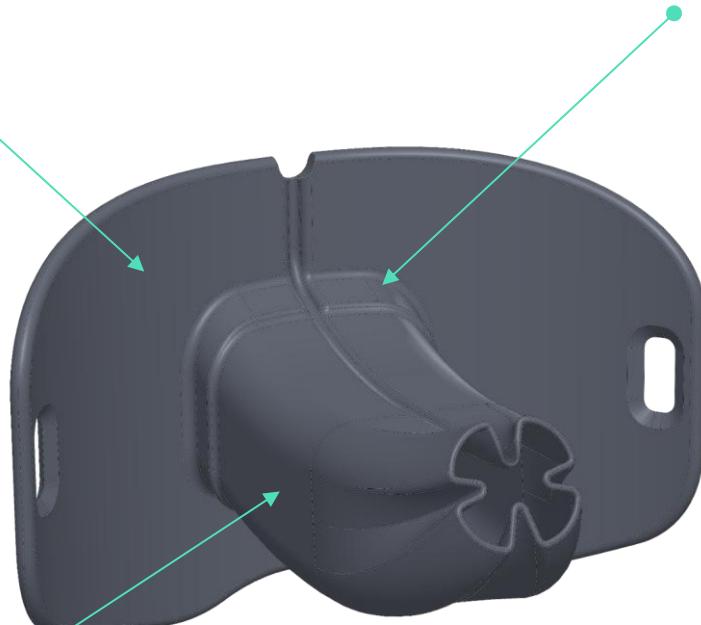
## The SOLUTION for a Safer ETI: Airway Shield™

The world's first device **for endotracheal intubation that protects patients from dental and mucosa trauma, clinicians from aerosols, and guides the endotracheal tube** easily and simply into the trachea.

Sealed '**Central Opening**' to introduce the laryngoscope blade, followed by the ETT, to perform ETI



The '**Shield**' covers the patient's mouth and protects the operator from infection



A '**Reinforced Area**' also protects the teeth from damage during the ETI procedure

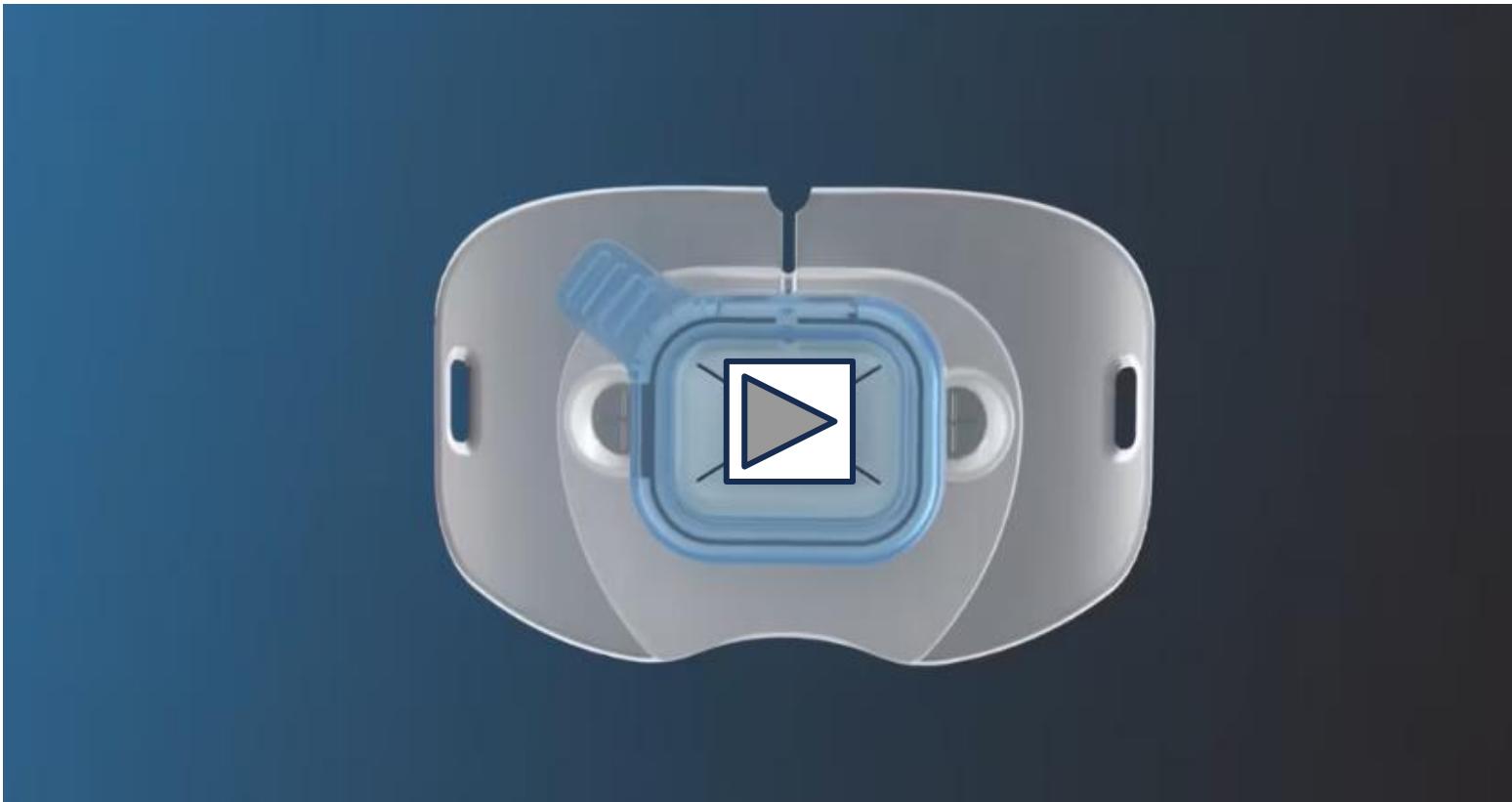
Sealed '**Lateral Openings**' to allow oxygenation and aspiration of secretions and/or aerosols

The '**Guiding-Channel**' facilitates intubation by guiding the endotracheal tube towards the larynx

Shield-Guided Technique™



The Airway Shield™



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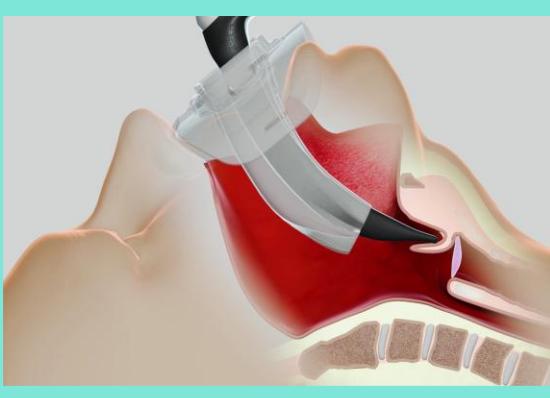
The simple yet innovative operating mechanism behind the **Airway Shield™** consists in supporting the tongue while creating a pathway for the endotracheal tube (ETT), so it can easily follow the direction set by the laryngoscope blade towards the larynx



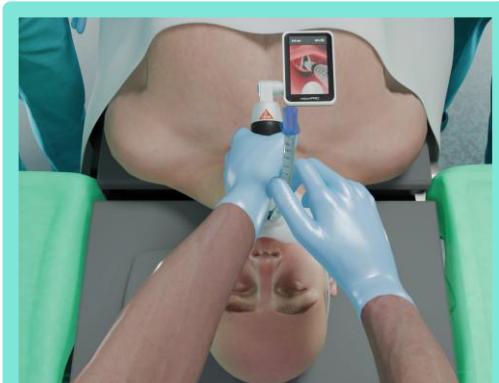
1. Placement of the **Airway Shield™**



2. Introduction of the videolaryngoscope



3. [Ensure correct view of the glottis]



4. Introduction of the Endotracheal Tube

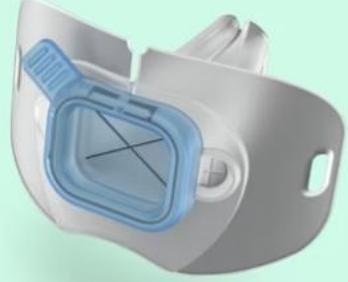


5. Removal of the videolaryngoscope



6. Removal of the **Airway Shield™**

The Airway Shield™



# AIRWAY SHIELD™

INTUBATION MASK



**C-MAC Large Monitor**  
VIDEOLARYNGOSCOPE

D-BLADE Blade



## Endotracheal Intubation (ETI)



**Airway Shield.** What problem(s) we are solving?

1.

### Complications: Adverse Events (AE)

**45% (severe AE)**  
in Emergency  
Intubations

- Death or disability
- Prolonged hospital stays
- Significant patient claims

2.

### Complications: Airway Trauma

**30% of total**  
Anaesthetics  
Claims in US

- Patient pain and discomfort
- Frequent patient claims
- Extra costs for the hospital

3.

### Health Systems: High Costs Access

Prehospital,  
Rural and  
Remote Areas

- Training costs
- Availability of Highly skilled Specialist
- System access



## Easier, Faster and Safer Intubation

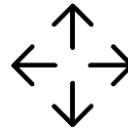


### PATIENT PROTECTION

Protects patient's teeth and mucosa

**Dental injuries** are frequent and much more likely in patients with difficult airway<sup>1</sup>

**Laryngeal injuries** (19-27%), dysphonia (13-60%) and dysphagia (23-33%)<sup>2</sup>.



### GUIDED INTUBATION

Reducing intubation time by 50%<sup>3</sup>  
Increases the first pass success

Increasing risk of **bradycardia and desaturation** as time increases<sup>4</sup>



### CLINICIAN PROTECTION

Protects clinician from infection by decreasing 95% aerosols exposure<sup>5</sup>

5% hospitalized patients with COVID-19 were health care providers<sup>6</sup>

Up to **10%** of healthcare workers involved in COVID-19 ETI were infected<sup>7</sup>

1. Tan, Y. et al., 2018

2. Kelly, E. et al., 2023

3. Alonso, Jm. et al., 2021

4. Nadler, I. et al., 2016

5. Alonso, JM. et al., 2022

6. Kambhampati, AK. et al., 2020

7. Weissman, DN. et al., 2020

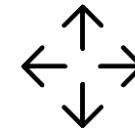
# The Airway Shield™



Easier, Faster and Safer Intubation



## PATIENT PROTECTION



## GUIDED INTUBATION



## CLINICIAN PROTECTION



### Easy to use

For less experienced operators



### Easy to learn

Minimal Training required



### Low-cost

Simple solution to a complex problem.



### Disruptive technology

Revolutionary and innovative design



### Patented

Design and method protected by an international patent.

## Additional advantage of the Airway Shield™



**Airway Shield™** reduces Dental Trauma during Endotracheal Intubation, the most common anaesthetic-related medical claim

Dental injuries are the most common anaesthetic-related event reported, accounting for up to 33% of the incidents<sup>1,2</sup>

86% of the injured teeth are the upper incisors, laryngoscopy being the major factor<sup>3</sup>

Dental injuries are much more likely in patients who are difficult to intubate (increasing chances from x3 to x20)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Owen, H. & Waddell-Smith, I. (2000). Dental trauma associated with anaesthesia. *Anaesthesia and intensive care*, 28(2), 133–145. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0310057X0002800202>.

<sup>2</sup> Ranum, D. (2020). Anesthesiology Closed Claims Study. <https://www.thedoctors.com/articles/anesthesiology-closed-claims-study>.

<sup>3</sup> Ansari, S., Rajpurohit, V. & Deo, V. (2016). Dental Trauma due to Intubating during General Anaesthesia: Incidence, Risks Factors, and Prevention. *Oral Health and Dental Management*. 15(6). 377.

<sup>4</sup> Tan, Y., Loganathan, N., Thinn, K. K., Liu, E. H. C., & Loh, N. W. (2018). Dental injury in anaesthesia: a tertiary hospital's experience. *BMC anesthesiology*, 18(1), 108. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12871-018-0569-6>

## Changing the intubation paradigm

Airway Shield<sup>TM</sup> is a **disruptive technology**. Since the introduction of the laryngoscope in 1943 by Sir Robert Macintosh, there has been no change in the intubation paradigm.



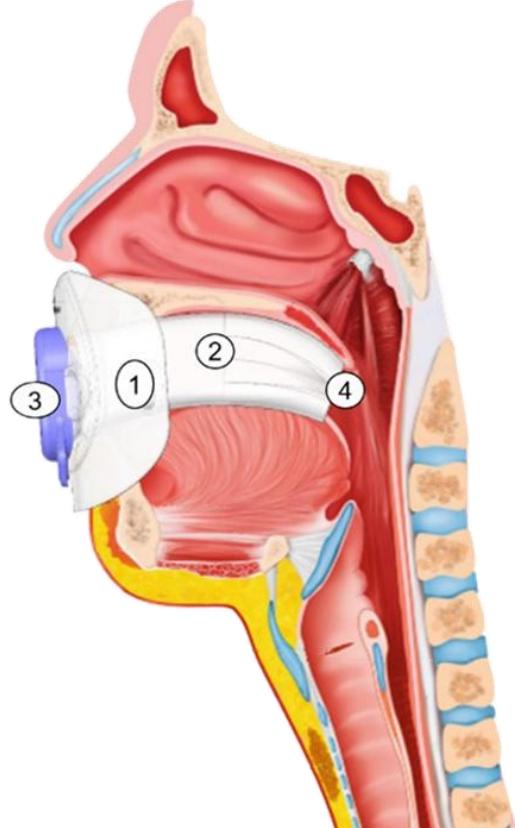
**Sir Robert Macintosh**  
1943 – Laryngoscope



**Macintosh laryngoscope**

For the first time in history, a medical device, Airway Shield<sup>TM</sup>, allows successful intubation with the patient's mouth covered.

## Airway Shield<sup>TM</sup>



According to Grape & Schoettker, 2017, the “ideal” device as an intubation aid should:

Be inexpensive, readily available, single-use, easy to store and transport, and simple to handle.

Be firm enough to maintain its shape after bending (memory effect), but soft enough not to cause airway trauma.

Allow emergency oxygenation.

Be compatible with videolaryngoscopy.

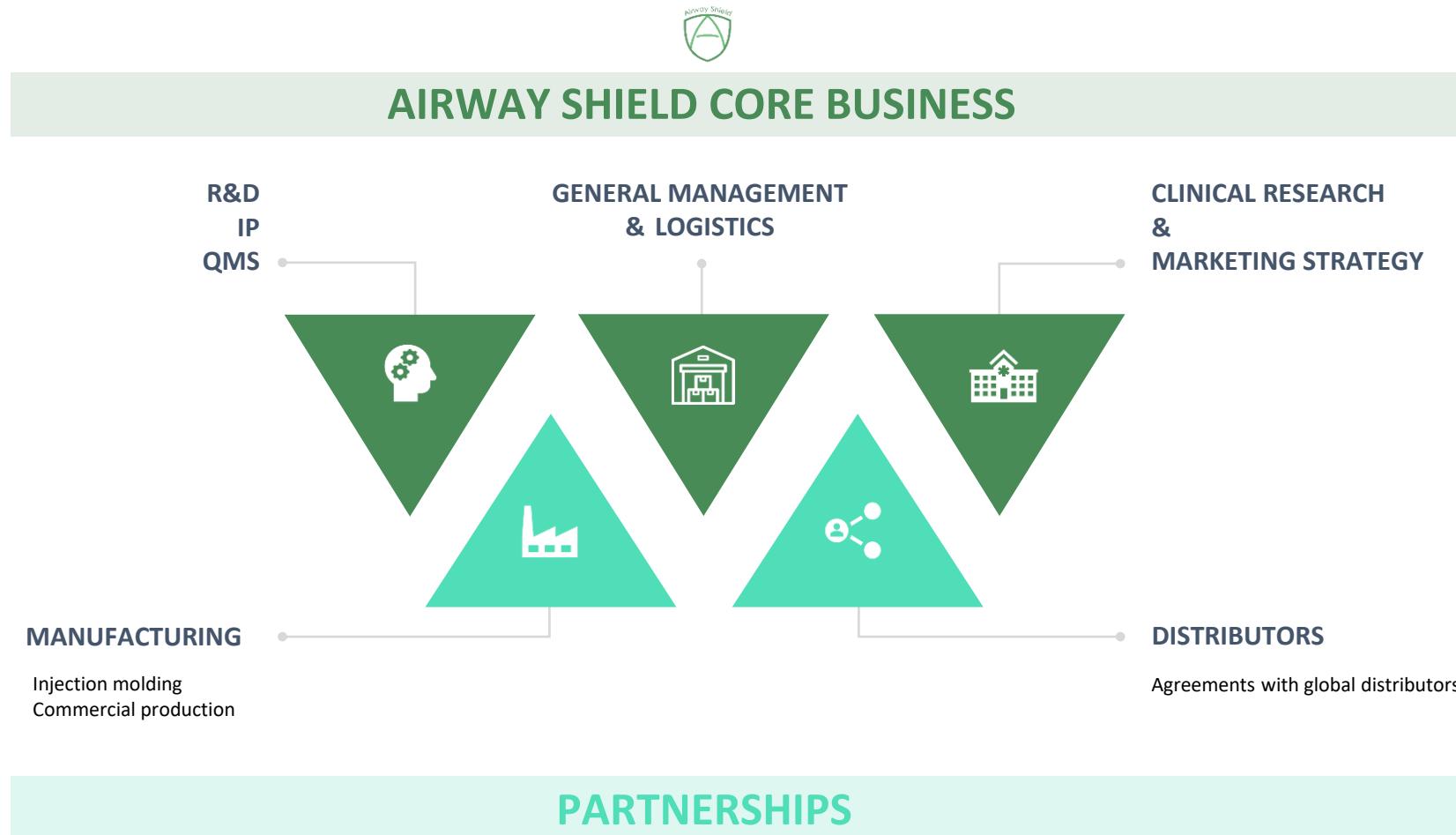
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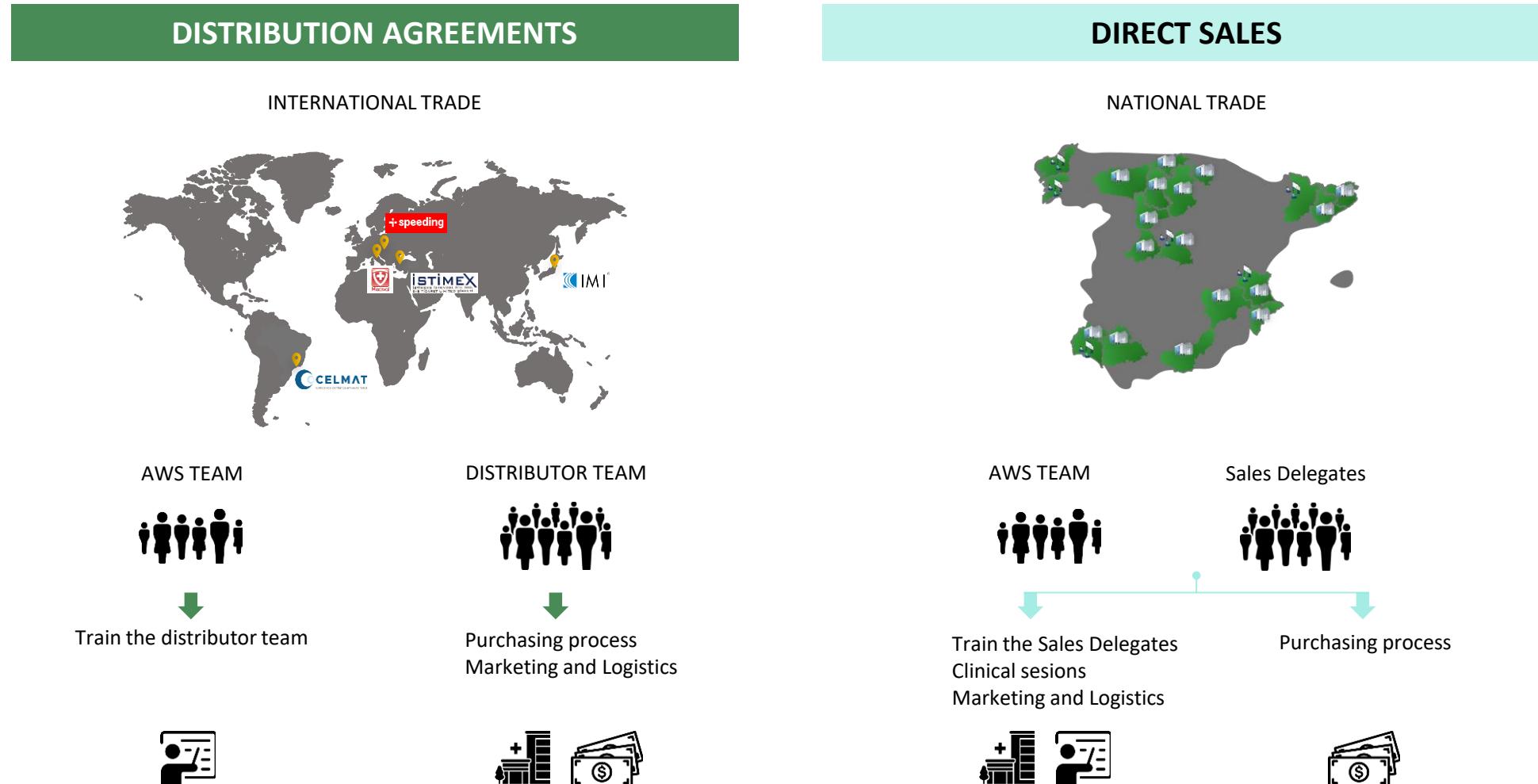


# BUSINESS MODEL

## Business Model

Airway Shield S.L. follows a B2B model. Our core business is IP management, R&D, Clinical Research and Marketing, and overall management and logistics, while manufacturing and distribution is externalized and tightly controlled by the company under an ISO13485 based QMS.

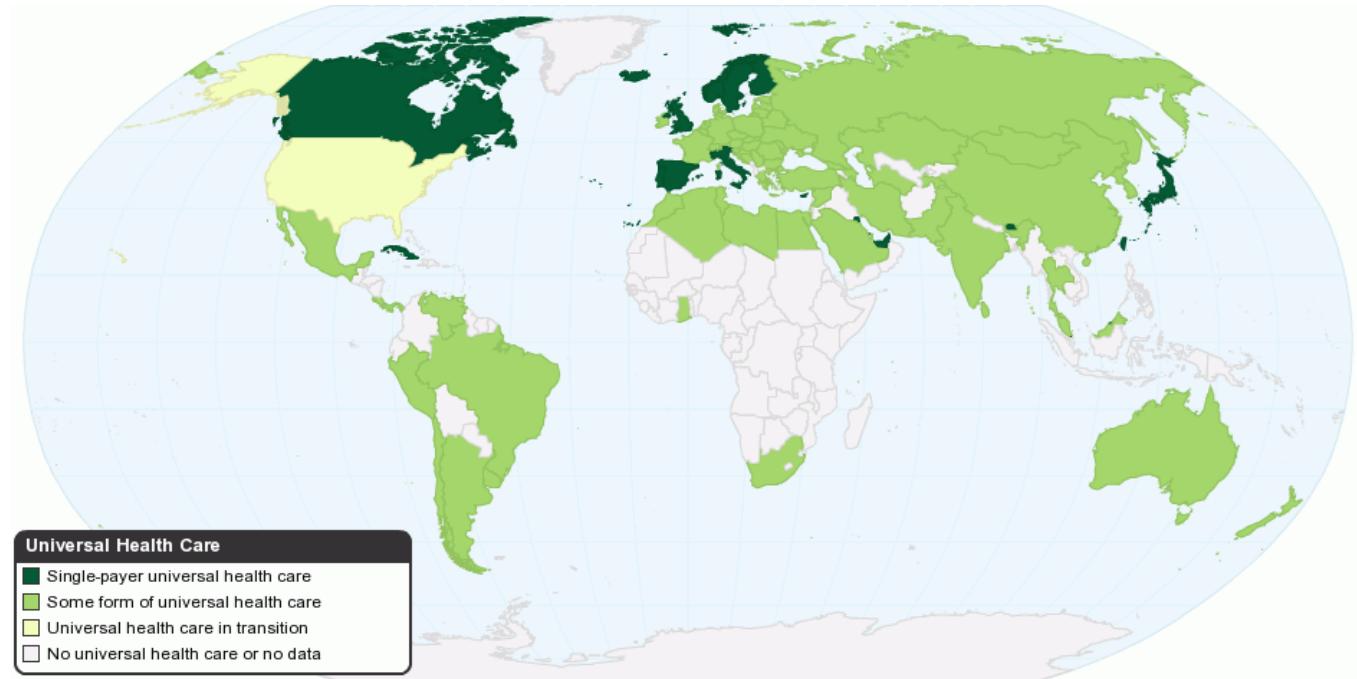




- ▶ Every healthcare system is different around the world.
- ▶ Our smart business model takes this into account.
- ▶ To this purpose:

We work with the best distributors in each country, who know and manage their health model.

Airway Shield will recruit experts in international commercialization.



WHO 2008, *The world health report 2008 : primary health care now more than ever*, ISBN 978 92 4 156373 4, World Health Organization, Geneva 27, Switzerland.



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# IP

# Airway Shield™ is Patented Worldwide



→ The international patent we hold is **strong** and **robust**.

→ Patent protects not just the device but also  
The **unique intubation technique**:

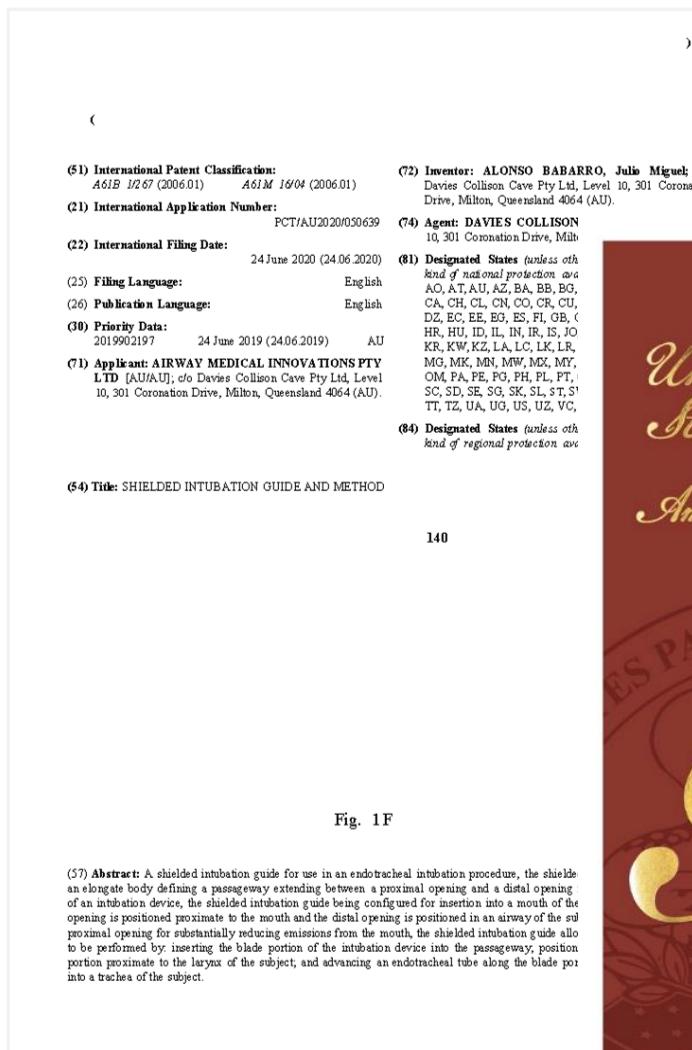
- Covering the mouth,
- intubating through a channel,
- with videolaryngoscope (this is the only viable method of intubation when the mouth is covered)

→ The patent covers 90% of the **world market**.

→ **National phases advanced worldwide. US and Japanese Patents already granted in 2025. The remaining jurisdictions are expected to be completed by 2026.**



International Publication Number: WO 2020/257851 A1  
Jurisdiction: International (PCT)



[Link to the patent via PATENTSCOPE](#)

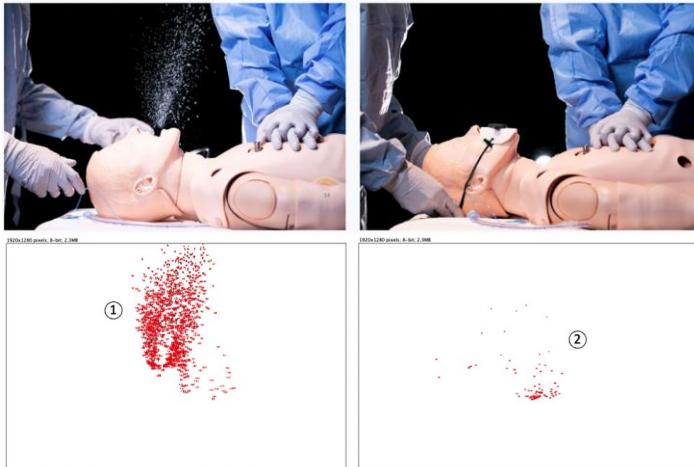


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# CLINICAL STUDIES

## Phase I Aerosol Protection



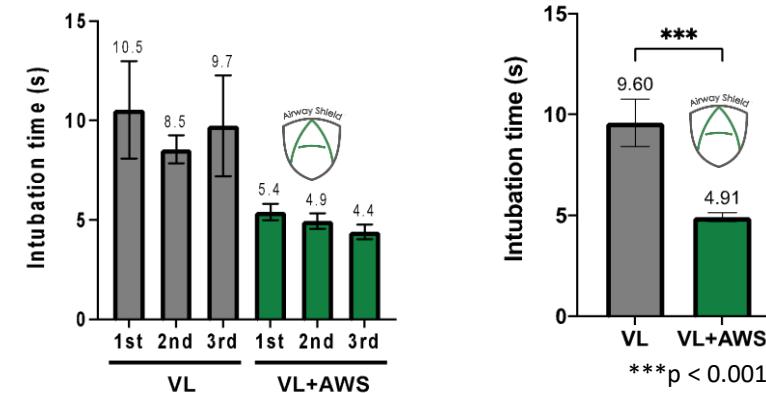
**95%**  
*reduction in exposure  
to aerosols*

Alonso, J. M. et al. (2022). *European Journal of Anaesthesiology*, 39(11), 900-903. <https://doi.org/10.1097/EJA.0000000000001731>

CLINICIANS PROTECTED

## Phase II Feasibility of the new technique

Mean duration of each ETI attempt without & with **Airway Shield™**



**50% *Intubation time reduction***  
**100% *Intubation success rate***

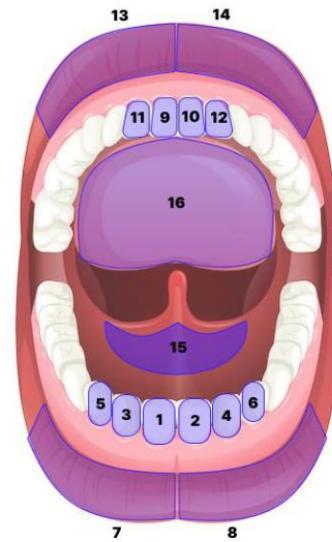
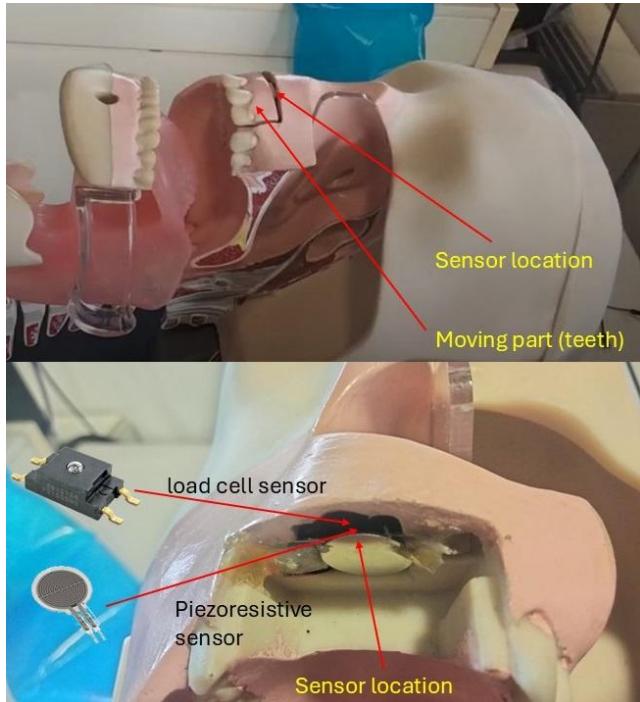
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## Pre-clinical Study

### Phase III – Trauma Protection

Sensorized manikin for trauma analysis during ETI: comparison between videolaryngoscopy with and without the Airway Shield™ device.



- **70% reduction in the total force applied over the incisors**
- **50% Intubation time reduction**
- **100% Intubation success rate (versus 80,77% Success rate without the Airway Shield™)**

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## Pilot Study in OR

for safety evaluation

**20 Patients**



Hospital Universitario Marqués de  
Valdecilla. Santander, Spain



## Comparative Study

vs. Traditional Technique in OR

**102 Patients**



Hospital Universitario de Araba.  
Vitoria, Spain



**Airway Shield is Safe and Effective**

for ETI by experience anaesthesiologist in OR

## TESTIMONIALS from Anaesthesiologists involved in the Studies



**Dr Ana Mendiguren**

Anaesthesiologist,  
Araba University Hospital, Vitoria

*"Simple, intuitive and easy to use. This device facilitates intubation and protects healthcare professionals against the risk of infection".*



**Dr Mikel Bibanko**

Anaesthesiologist,  
Araba University Hospital, Vitoria

*"An innovative device that will be crucial in the protection of healthcare workers".*



**Dr Jon Renteria**

2<sup>nd</sup> year resident in Anaesthesia,  
Araba University Hospital, Vitoria

*"A revolutionary idea in the field of safety combined with a technology that is easy to use, even for those with less experience."*



**Dr Fidel de Celis**

Anaesthesiologist,  
Araba University Hospital, Vitoria

*"Easy to use, easy to fit and easy to intubate. And at the same time protects against aerosols. Brilliant."*



## Clinical Studies



*Spain, Italy, Sweeden,  
Poland, Brazil and  
Qatar*



## Multicenter Study

### Comparative Study

vs. Bougie and Stylet in OR

750 Patients

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# GLOBAL AIRWAY MARKET

## Global Airway Management Market



### Globally 140,000 Hospitals & health providers

Potential Target Customers and Users of Airway Shield, including Departments of Surgery and Anaesthesia, Emergency Medicine Services, Intensive Care Units, and Pre-hospital Care and Military Services.

*Intubation rate increasing due to aging population, chronic illnesses and increase of emerging respiratory diseases such as COVID-19.*

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

*most common medical procedure  
in hospitals*

**+100 Million**

*Intubations yearly worldwide*

**\$ 2.3 Billion**

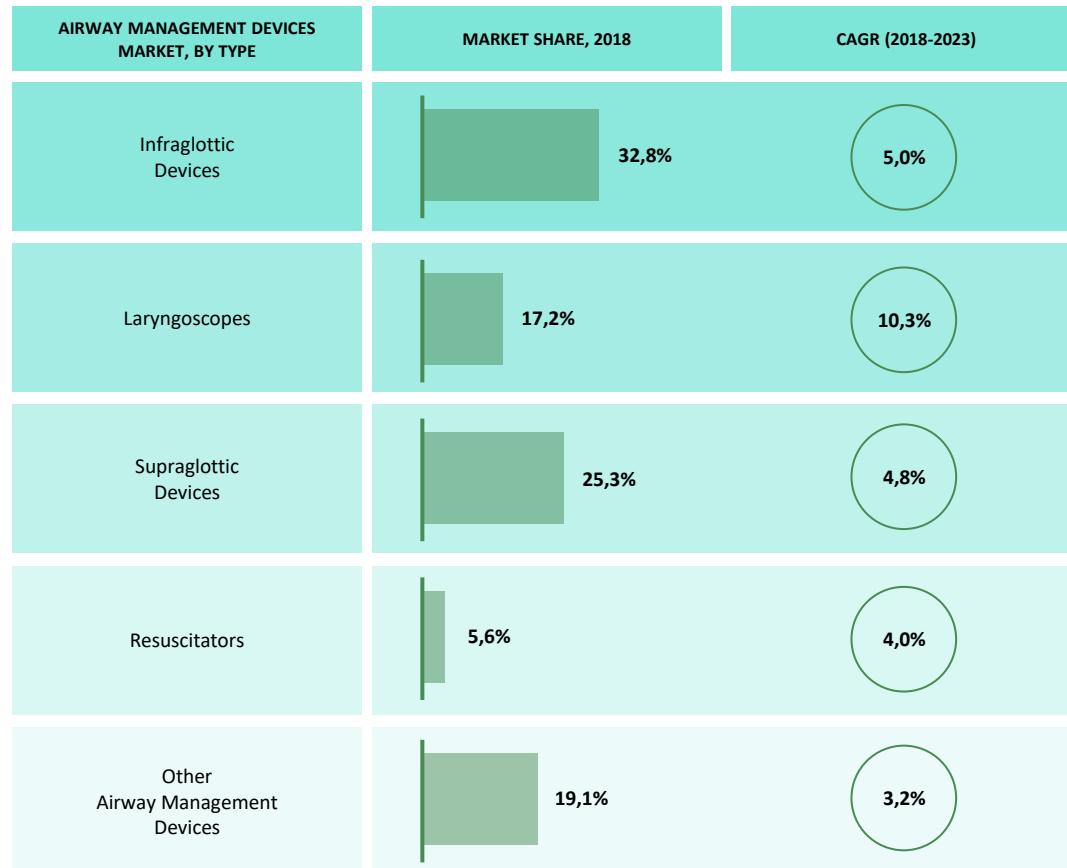
*Global Airway Management Market  
value estimation for 2025*

# Airway Management Market



The global airway management devices market is projected to reach USD 2.3 Billion by 2025 from an estimated USD 1.6 Billion in 2018, at a CAGR of 5.6%.

## The airway management devices market segmented by type



**Airway Shield** is the disruptive medical device that will replace all devices used when endotracheal intubation is difficult. This is the case of supraglottic, resuscitation and other devices, which represent 50% of the market share and were born as a response to the difficulty of the endotracheal intubation procedure

The Airway Shield is the ultimate complementary device to be used for all endotracheal intubations



**Competing for 50% of the Global Airway Management Market**

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# COMPETITORS

## Direct Competitors



|                 | Airway Shield™  | Bougie  | Stylet  |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| Price           | 10 €  | 16 €  | 4 €   |
| Easy of use     | Designed for <b>easy use</b> , even by less experienced practitioners, reducing the skill barrier.<br>(Alonso, JM. et al., 2022).   | Simple to handle but <b>requires skills</b> for optimal performance<br>(Jaber et al., 2021).  | <b>Requires advanced technique</b> to properly shape and maneuver<br>(Tollman & Ahmed, 2022).   |
| Time efficiency | <b>50% reduction</b> in intubation time<br>(Alonso, JM. et al., 2022)   | Increases time  | Increases time  |
| Safety          | <b>Protects</b> patients' oral mucosa and teeth from trauma and protects clinicians from respiratory aerosols, reducing complications and infection risks.<br>(Alonso, JM. et al., 2021). | <b>Risk of airway trauma</b> , including airway perforation, haemorrhage, and bronchoalveolar injury<br>(Arndt et al., 2008; Grape & Schoettker, 2017). | <b>Risk of trauma</b> , accidental extubation, and other complications like stylet breakage.<br>(Gray et al., 2018; Chalhoub et al., 2013). |

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# TEAM

# Airway Shield Team

Airway Shield Team combines a deep expertise in the medical field with a solid knowledge and experience in quality, commercialization and business development.



**in Dr. Julio Alonso, M.D.**

*Founder and CEO*

Internationally recognised Intensive Care Specialist since 2011, with an extensive expertise in airway management and the development of new medical devices



**in Cambell Smith**

*CPO*

With 20+ years in industrial design, founder of Metric Studio, expert in CAD/CAM/CAE and product development, leading Airway Shield's 3D design.



**in Jose Luis Martín, MBA.**

*CFO*

With extensive experience in biotech, venture capital, and finance. Professor at ICADE and startup mentor.



**in Natalia Moracho, Ph.D.**

*Director of Medical Communication*

PhD in Health Sciences and specialized in Clinical Research. 6 years of extensive scientific background, with several journal publications and MSc in pharmaceutical industry.



**in Joanne Zusieh, MBA.**

*Director of Business Development*

Specialist in transition of innovative MedTech from research to commercialization. Background in go-to-market strategy and global commercialization collaborations since 2018



**in Carlota Muñoz, MSc.**

*Director of Quality and Regulatory Department*

Experienced in Quality Assurance, supplier coordination and scientific research with 4 years experience in Basic Science and quality technician.



**in Nieves Espinosa**

*Director of Business Management*

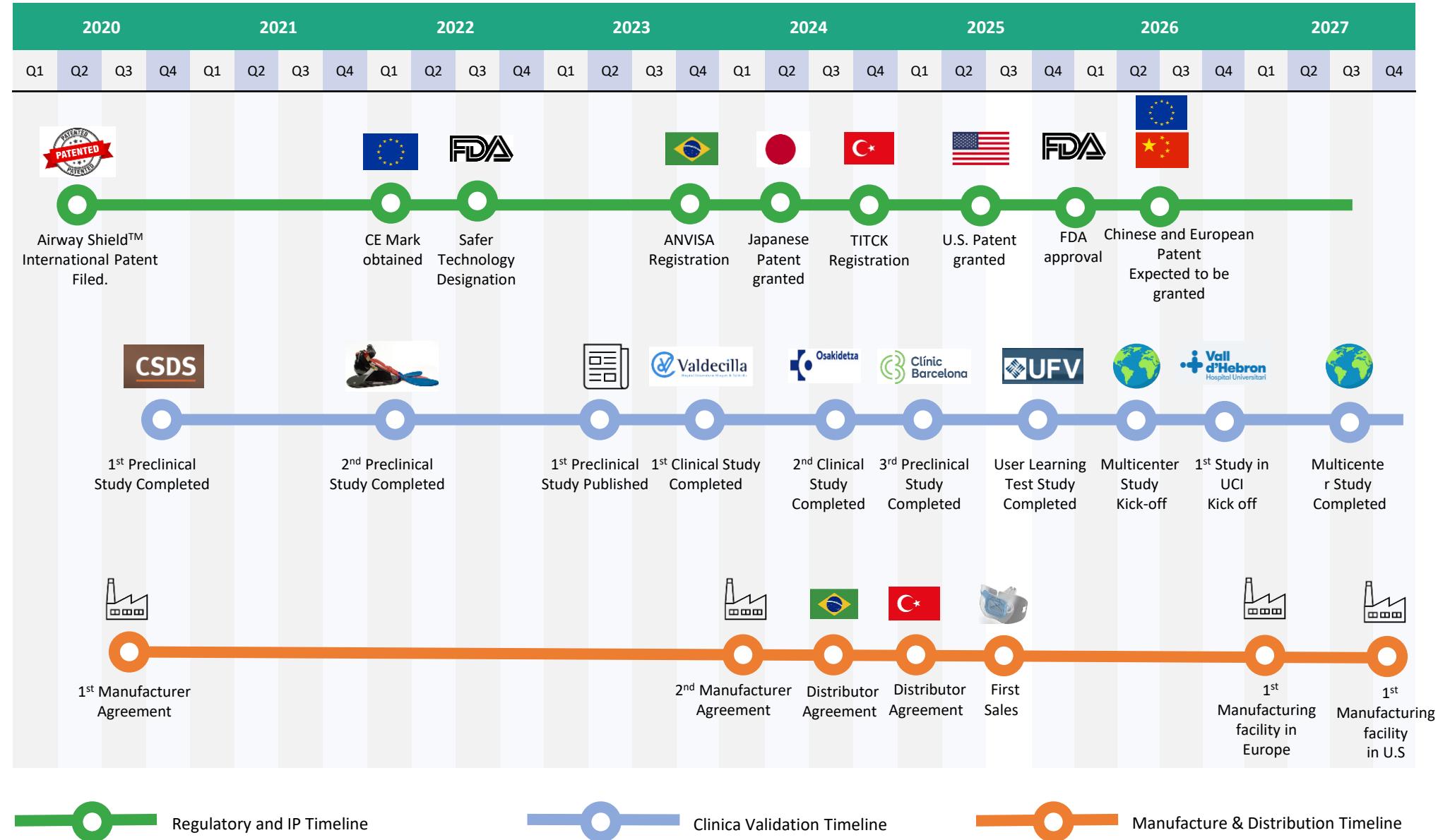
Strong background in Corporate Journalism, specialized in communication strategy with hospitals and KOLs

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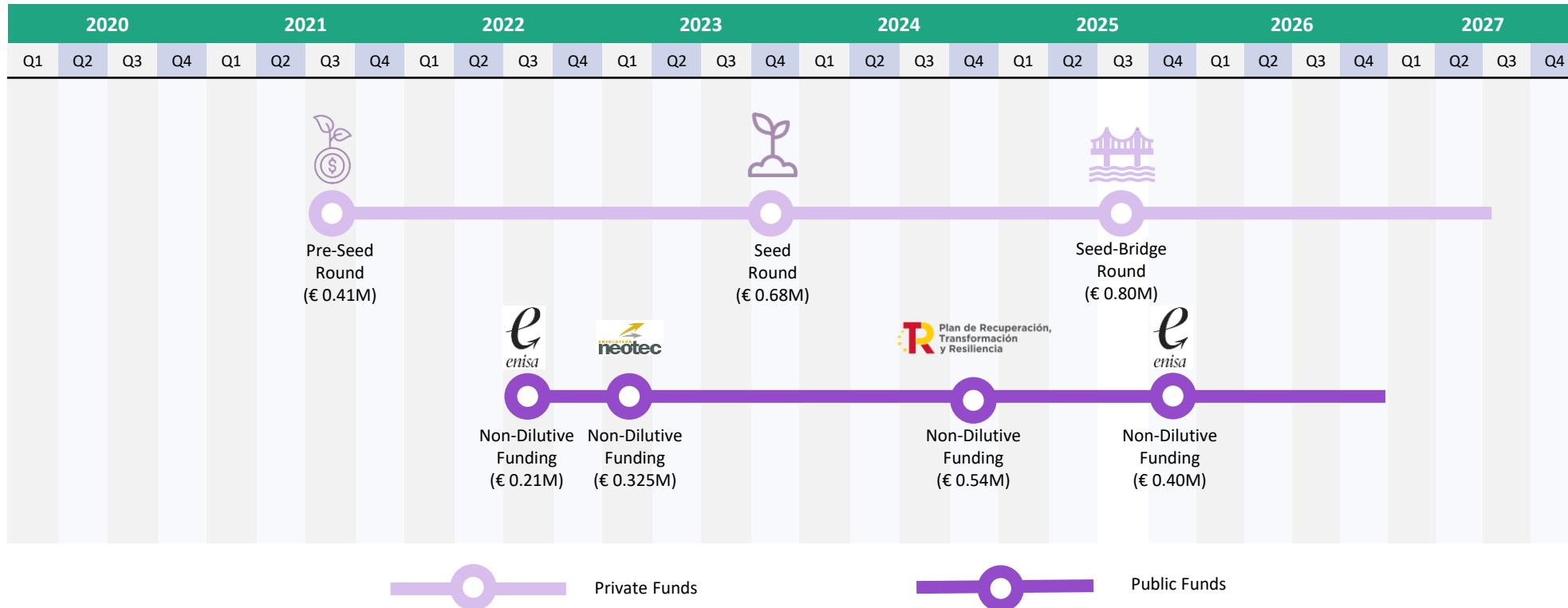
# MILESTONES AND FUNDING

## Achieved and near future milestones



# Public and Private Funds

June 2020 - December 2027



## Validations



### Public institutions trusted on us



Financiado por  
la Unión Europea  
NextGenerationEU

### Awards

#### Winners Cantabria 2022



#### Global Winners 2023



#### Global Winners 2024



## Validations



### Entrepreneur Events

IV AI-Andalus Innovation Venture Edition (Seville, Spain)



X B-Venture Edition (Bilbao, Spain)



4YFN (Bcn, Spain)



### Acceleration Programs

Healthtech 2023 Program (Boston, US)



AceleraStartup 2024 Program



S2B Health&Care 2024 Program



Lanzadera 2025 Program



### Recognitions

Safer Technology (2023)



BioExpert Network (2023)



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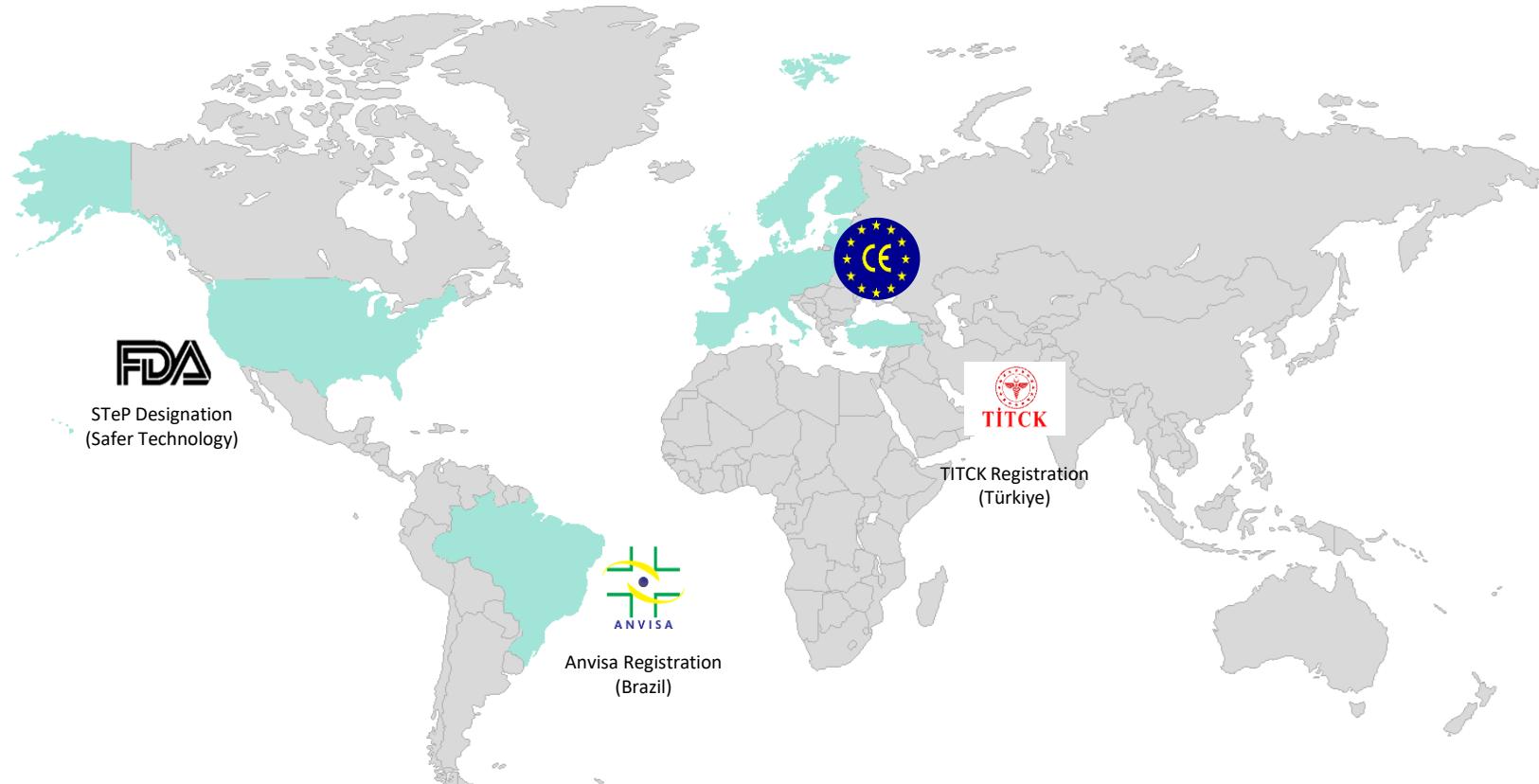


# GO-TO-MARKET AND REGULATORY

## Regulatory Achievements

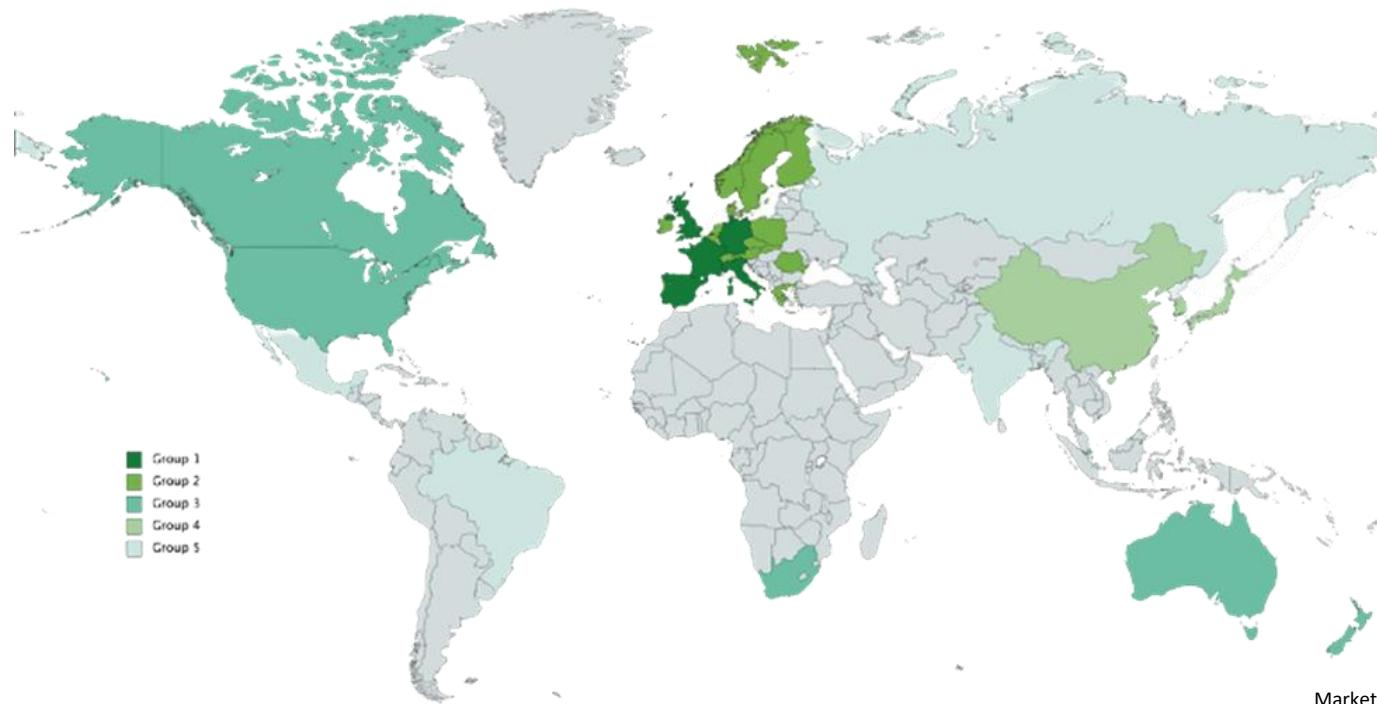


**Airway Shield™** is a device with CE Mark, ready for commercialization in Europe



**Airway Shield™** has received the designation of “**Safer Technology**” by the FDA, which will facilitate the commercialization in US

## Go-to-Market Strategy



Estimated Number of Intubations per group of countries\*

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| GROUP 1 | 5.5M / yr  |
| GROUP 2 | 2.9M / yr  |
| GROUP 3 | 7.7M / yr  |
| GROUP 4 | 27M / yr   |
| GROUP 5 | 31.2M / yr |

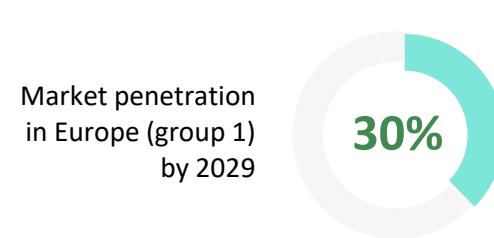
Estimated market penetration in each group of countries over the next 5 years

|                               | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Market penetration in Group 1 | 0,1% | 0,5% | 1,5% | 10%  | 30%  |
| Market penetration in Group 2 |      |      | 0,7% | 5%   | 27%  |
| Market penetration in Group 3 |      |      | 0,2% | 3%   | 18%  |
| Market penetration in Group 4 |      |      |      | 0,3% | 7%   |
| Market penetration in Group 5 |      |      |      |      | 0,3% |

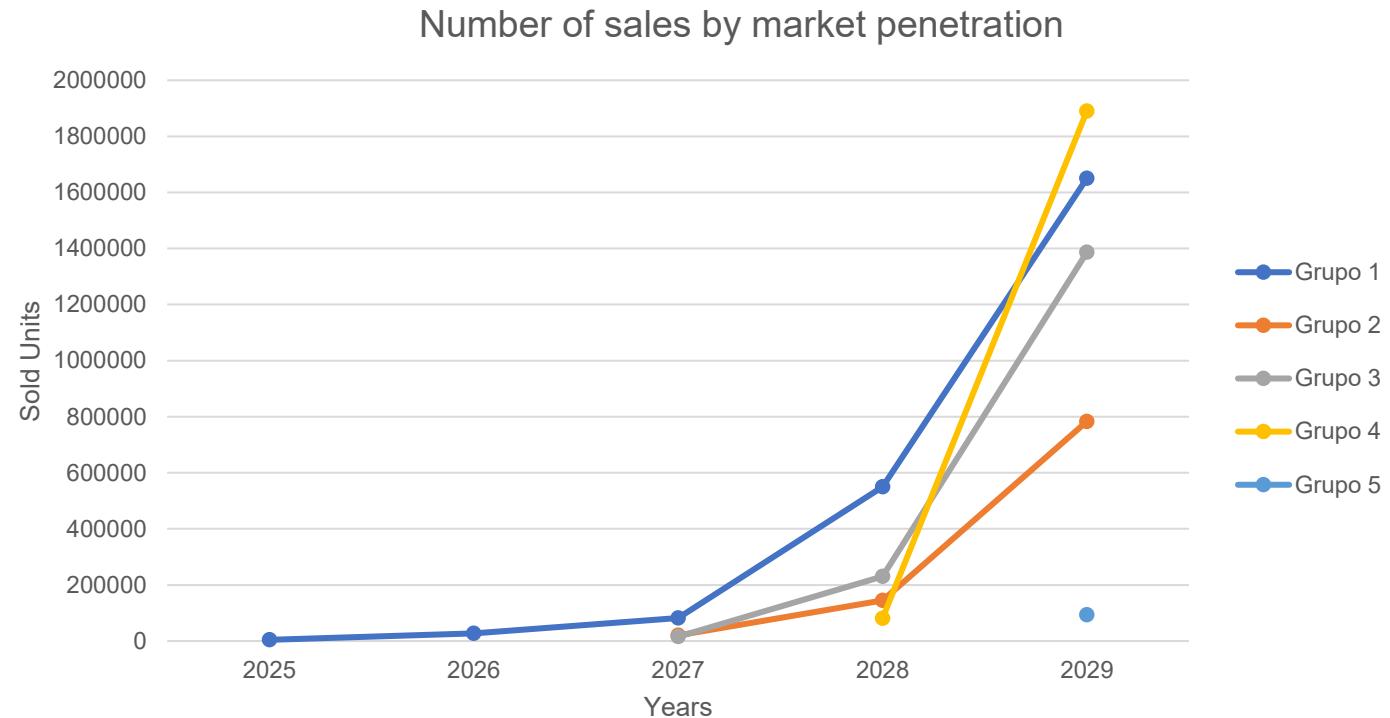
\*According to the 4th National Audit Project, 1.1 million ETI procedures are performed per year in the UK. The total population in UK is 66 million. We extrapolate this proportion to the other countries to obtain the estimate of intubation per year in each country and groups of countries. It is a conservative estimation (based on numbers from 2013).

## Market: Financial Projection

*We will achieve 30% market penetration in Western Europe and 18% market penetration in USA by 2029.*



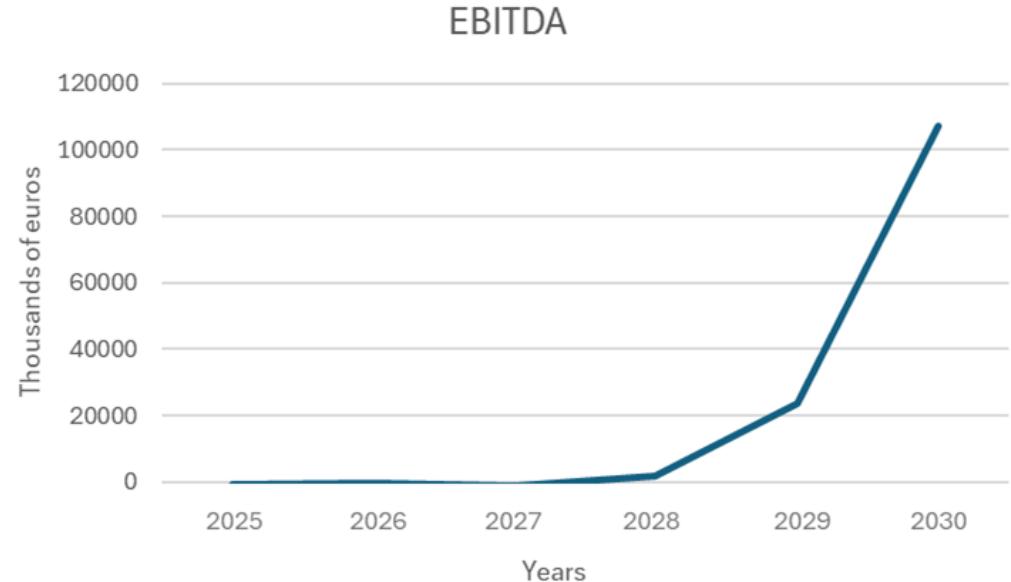
**€38M** Worldwide sales by 2029



## Market: Financial Projection

*We will achieve positive EBITDA and Cash Flow by 2028.*

| Figures in thousands of euros | 2025   | 2026  | 2027     | 2028    | 2029     | 2030      |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Revenues                      | 42,0   | 189,0 | 758,7    | 6.439,2 | 39.039,6 | 165.684,1 |
| Expenses                      | 836,0  | 500,4 | 1.689,2  | 2.440,4 | 3.861,5  | 10.019,4  |
| EBITDA                        | -532,9 | -96,4 | -1.148,3 | 2.038,6 | 23.534,5 | 107.149,7 |



## Future Roadmap



|    | 2026   | 2027   | 2028  | 2029                                   | 2030                |
|----|--|--|---|--|---------------------|
| Q1 | FDA approval<br>Recurrent sales in Spain & Portugal        | New Manufacturing facility in Europe<br>New devices ready for regulatory process |   | Market Launch in the rest of the world |                     |
| Q2 | Market launch in Europe, rest of Big 5 (DE, UK, IT and FR) | Recurrent sales in Europe<br>1 <sup>st</sup> sales in U.S                        | Recurrent sales in U.S<br>Multicenter study completed |  | Global distribution |
| Q3 |  | Open Subsidiary in Hong Kong   |   |  |                     |
| Q4 | Open Subsidiary in U.S.<br>Market launch in U.S.           | Market launch in Asia<br>New Manufacturing facility in U.S.                      |   | Continue exponential growth            |                     |

## New Developments

### Pediatric sizes

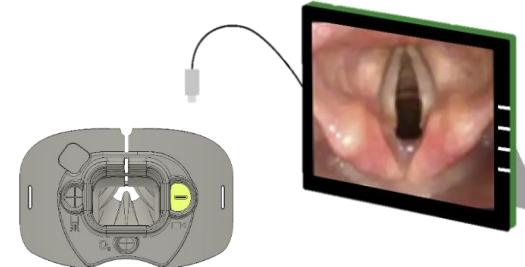


Actual device's size



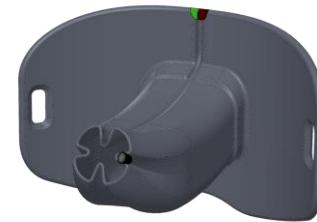
New pediatric sizes

### Video Airway Shield™



An advanced version of the AWS™ that integrates video capabilities, allowing its use with direct vision laryngoscope and making it accessible in any department, even in the absence of a video laryngoscope.

### Airway Shield™ + AI



In combination with our own image recognition software, it will allow to recognize anatomical structures of the airway and thus, confirm the correct placement of the endotracheal tube in real-time.

### Video-AWS-Scope™

This new development takes the Video- AWS™ a step further by providing the ability to direct the ETT without the need for a laryngoscope or videolaryngoscope, making its use universal and independent of complementary devices. It will reduce costs and increase accessibility in healthcare systems.

As we are **currently working in the IP protection for some of these developments**, we cannot offer more details of their new features and advantages.

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# NEW FUNDING ROUND

## Funding Rounds



### FFF Round via Capital Cell in September 2021

415.000 € raised in less than 24 hours  
Post-money valuation: 2.015.000€

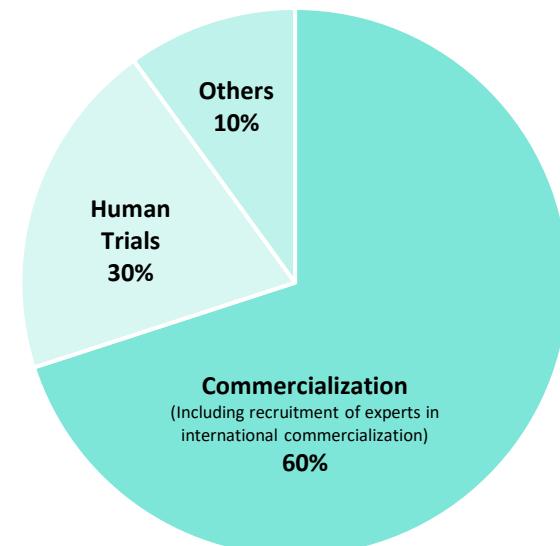
### Pre-Seed Round via Capital Cell in December 2023

680.000 € raised in less than 10 days  
Post-money valuation: 4.680.000€

## Seed-Bridge Round 2025

✓ **Q3 2025**

✓ Objective:  
Raise **800.000 €**



### 30% Human trials:

- Cost-effectiveness
- Multicenter International Study

### 60% Commercialization

- USA Market Access Studies
- Sales network expansion
- Marketing promotional

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# EXIT STRATEGY

Our exit strategy is an acquisition by a "**major player**" in 2028, or  
an initial public offering (IPO) for listing on a public market such as Euronext

### POTENTIAL BUYERS

are big players in the airway management market



## Comparable operations



2012

Teleflex®

Acquires  
all assets of  
LMA International N.V.

\$ 276M

*LMA® Supreme™ Airway*

2013

Ambu®

Acquires  
all assets of  
King Systems Inc.

\$ 120M

*KingVision® Video Laryngoscope*

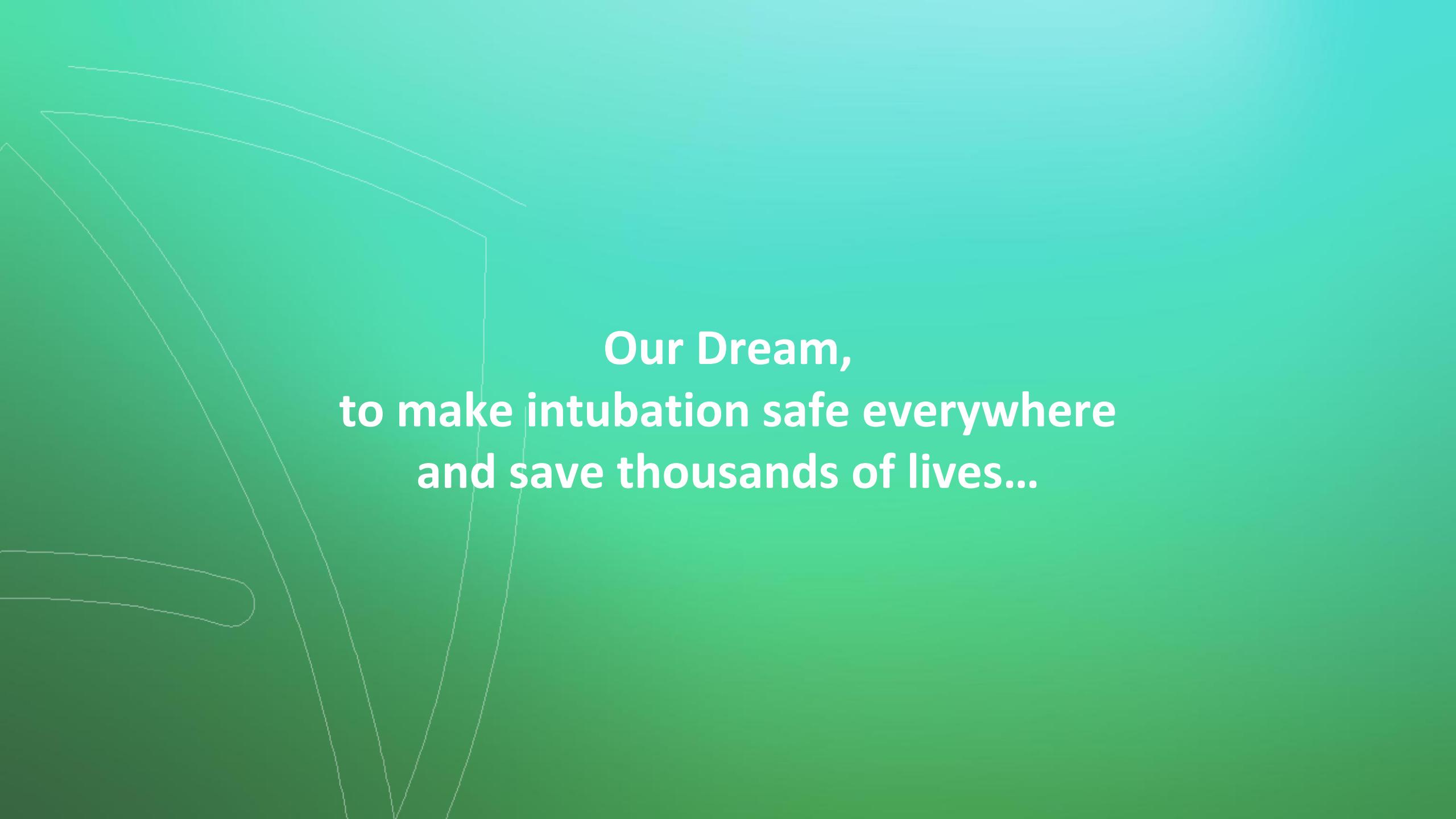
2015

Medtronic

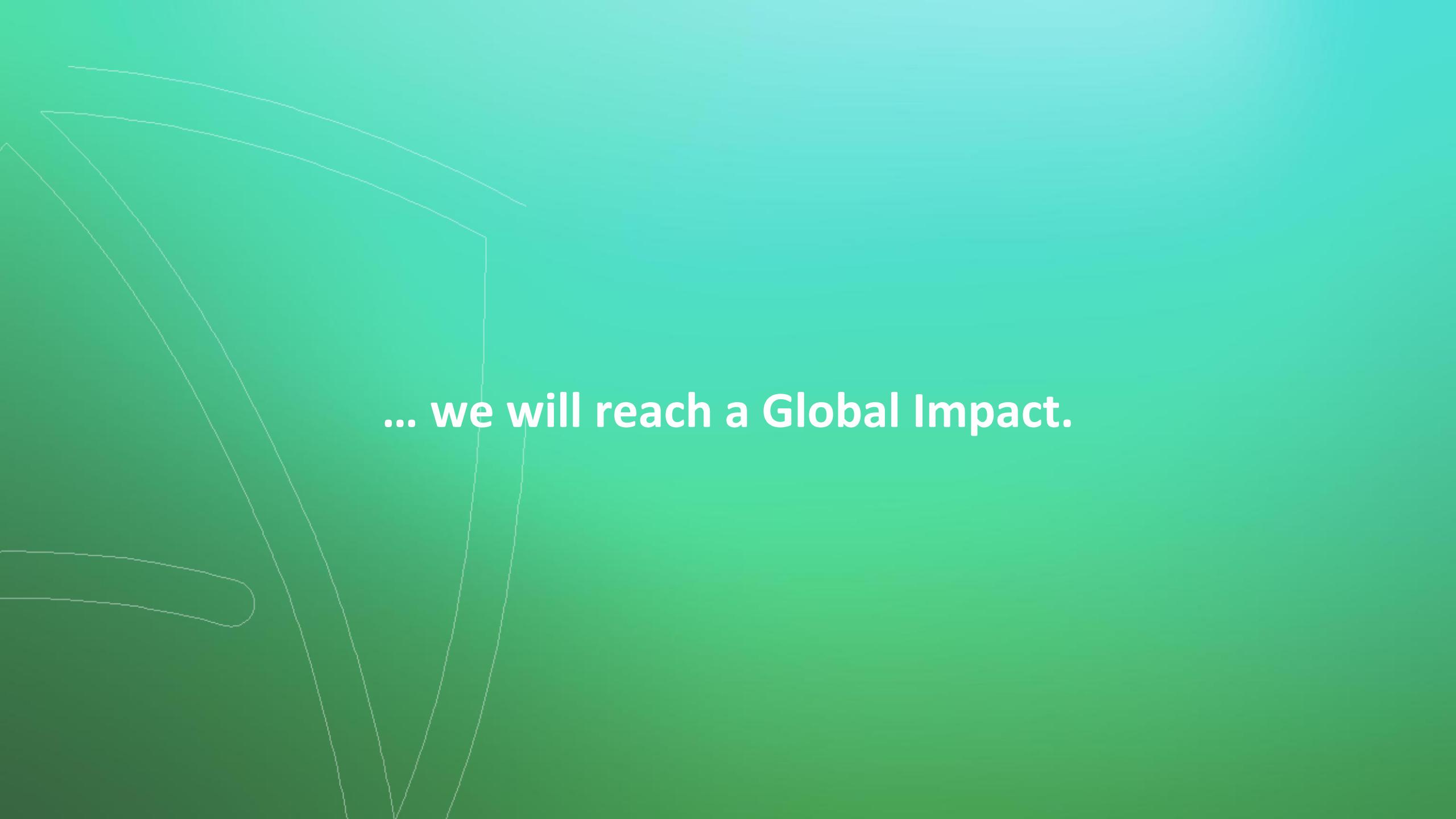
Acquires  
all assets of  
Aircraft Medical L.T.D.

\$ 110M

*McGRATH® MAC Video Laryngoscope*



**Our Dream,  
to make intubation safe everywhere  
and save thousands of lives...**

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**... we will reach a Global Impact.**



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