Adjustable MIETHKE Shunt Systems Your Simple Choice for Precise Patient Care





Aesculap Neurosurgery



#### Enhanced Patient Care

The *proGAV*® is the first adjustable gravitational valve for the treatment of pediatric and adult hydrocephalus. In its design it combines the advantages of an adjustable valve with those of a gravitational unit. It is also MR safe up to 3 Tesla.

In combination with the tried and tested Miethke SHUNTASSISTANT®, gravitational unit, the proGAV® offers effective protection against overdrainage.

The gravitational unit assists the adjustable differential pressure unit in maintaining physiological ventricular pressure independent of the patient's body position.

'The *proGAV*® shunt is an adjustable, low resistance valve that is able to limit posture-related overdrainage.

Unlike other adjustable valves, the *proGAV*® cannot be accidentally re-adjusted by external magnetic field such as a 3T MR scanner.' <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Allin DM, Czosnyka ZH, Czosnyka M, Richards HK, Pickard JD. In vitro hydrodynamic properties of the Miethke *proGAV* hydrocephalus shunt. *Cerebrospinal Fluid Res. 2006 Jun;3:9doi:10.1186/1743-8454-3-9.* 





- I The patented adjustment and verification tools allow easy, fast and uncomplicated treatment at any location, without having to expose the patient to X-ray.
- The unique 'Active-Lock' mechanism protects the proGAV® against inadvertent readjustments caused by external magnetic fields.
- The unequalled opening pressure adjustment range of the proGAV®, 0-20 cmH<sub>2</sub>O, opens up more treatment options for the neurosurgeon, while the large adjustment radius of 300° ensures excellent adjusting precision.



#### Enhanced Treatment Options

- Wide range of pressure settings between 0 and 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0
- Integrated gravitational unit for effective protection against overdrainage
- 'Active-Lock' mechanism to reduce inadvertent pressure level readjustments caused by external magnetic fields
- 3 Tesla MR safe
- X-ray-free verification of the pressure level setting

- Patented instruments for easy and quick adjustment of the pressure level
- Titanium shell allowing reliable operation independent of external or subcutaneous pressures

'From the clinical point of view, the programmable gravity-assisted valve  $proGAV^{\circ}$  is an indispensable development in the valve manufactory technique, offering a new standard in the management of iNPH.'

Meier U, Lemcke J, Al-Zain F. Clinical experiences in the treatment of idiopathic normal-pressure hydrocephalus using the programmable gravity assisted valve  $proGAV^{\otimes}$  Aesculap. Neurosurg 0. 2007;17(1):52-5.





#### Our Recommendation

#### ■ Adjustable differential pressure unit

Standard (NPH-patients)	5 cmH <sub>2</sub> 0
Defensive (e.g. patients with extremely wide ventricles and highly elevated ICP or	10 cmH <sub>2</sub> 0
aqueductal stenosis)	

#### Gravitational unit

Children up to 5 years	20 cmH <sub>2</sub> 0
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years	25 cmH <sub>2</sub> 0
Adults over 60 years	20 cmH <sub>2</sub> 0

#### Mobility

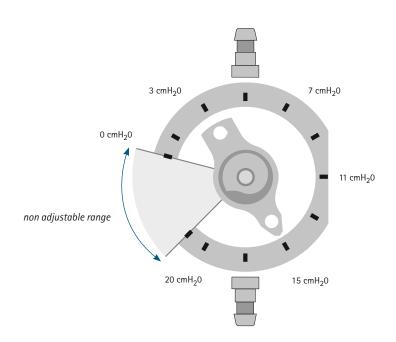
Standard pressure levels are suitable for active people. Bedridden patients should not be treated with a gravitational unit.

#### Height

The hydrostatic suction effect normally depends on the height. For adults we therefore recommend the following corrections for the gravitational unit:

< 1.60 m height: 5 cmH $_2$ 0 below recommendation > 1.80 m height: 5 cmH $_2$ 0 above recommendation

### proGAV® in X-ray view

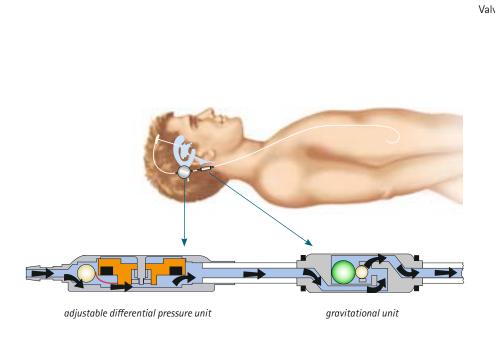


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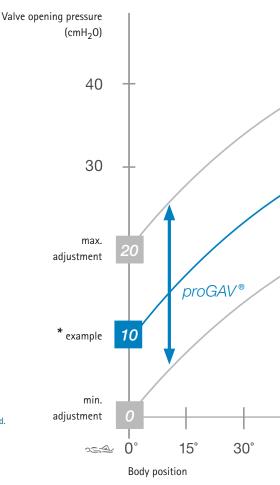
#### Supine Function

The  $proGAV^{\circledast}$  is a position-dependent valve. The opening pressure of the valve varies continuously with the patient's body position. To adapt the  $proGAV^{\circledast}$  to the individual patient, one opening pressure is selected for the supine position and one for the upright position.

- The opening pressure for the supine position is defined exclusively by the adjustable differential pressure unit. The gravitational unit does not influence the opening pressure in this body position.
- The opening pressure can be set to a value between 0 and 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0, depending on clinical presentation and indication.



\* Example: The adjustable unit is adjusted to 10 cmH<sub>2</sub>O and a gravitational unit with an opening pressure of 25 cmH<sub>2</sub>O is used. The total valve opening pressure in the supine position is 10 cmH<sub>2</sub>O. (10 cmH<sub>2</sub>O + 0 cmH<sub>2</sub>O = 10 cmH<sub>2</sub>O)
The total valve opening pressure in the upright position is 35 cmH<sub>2</sub>O. (10 cmH<sub>2</sub>O + 25 cmH<sub>2</sub>O = 35 cmH<sub>2</sub>O)

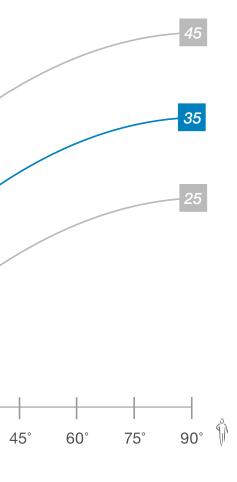


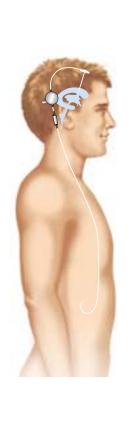


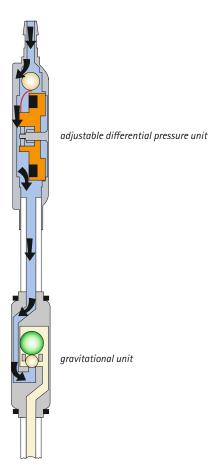
#### **Upright Function**

The gravitational unit is activated whenever the patient moves to an upright position.

- As the patient moves to an upright position, the tantalum weight ball is activated and provides a gradually increasing opening pressure of the shunt system.
- In this mode the shunt opening pressure is the sum of the pressure level set at the adjustable differential pressure unit and the increasing opening pressure of the gravitational unit.
- I The continuous increase of the opening pressure, up to the maximum when the patient is fully upright, offers effective protection against overdrainage.







#### Instruments for Valve Adjustment

#### Localisation

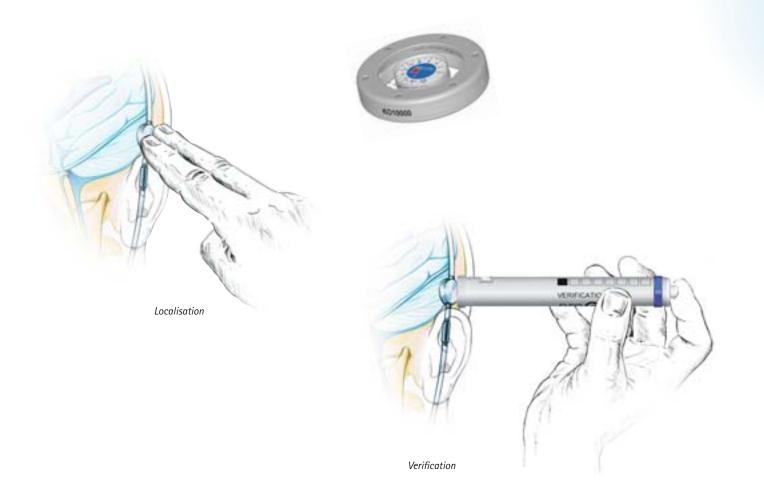
The  $\ensuremath{\textit{proGAV}}^{\ensuremath{\$}}$  is located by palpation.

This procedure is aided by the *proGAV® Compass* which can also be used for reading the actual opening pressure setting.

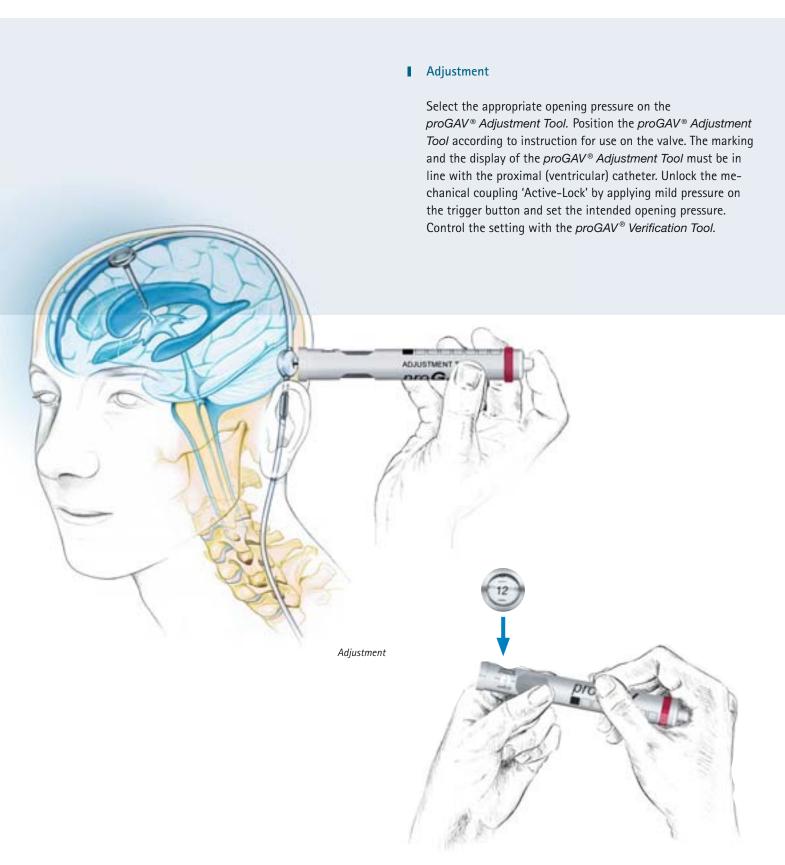
The *proGAV® Compass* is an auxiliary instrument for locating the *proGAV®*. As the compass is held above the valve implant site, the floater aligns over the adjustable *proGAV®* valve. The present opening pressure setting can be read from the compass scale.

#### Verification

Position the *proGAV® Verification Tool* according to instruction for use on the valve. The marking and the display of the *proGAV® Verification Tool* must be in line with the proximal (ventricular) catheter. Press the trigger button to see the actual opening pressure setting displayed in the display window.







### proGAV®

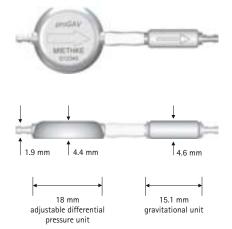
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between 0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

 $d_{\circ} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ 

Without gravitational unit:



With gravitational unit:



Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV413T **	20
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: FV414T **	25

FV410T	-
FV411T	10
FV412T	15
FV415T	30
FV416T	35

<sup>\* 1</sup> cm $H_2O = 0.74$  mmHg

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

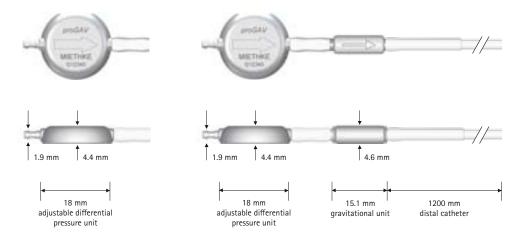


#### proGAV® with distal catheter

- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated distal catheter only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

Without gravitational unit:

With gravitational unit:



Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV420T **	20
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: FV421T **	25

FV417T	-
FV418T	10
FV419T	15
FV422T	30
FV423T	35

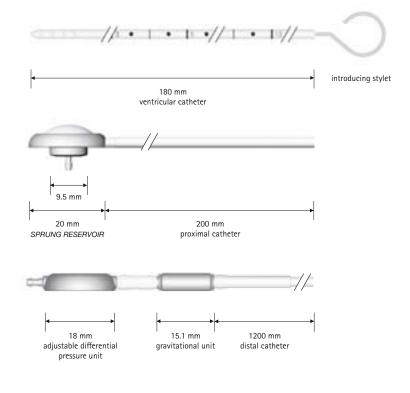
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with SPRUNG RESERVOIR

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet
- SPRUNG RESERVOIR\* with integrated distal catheter, design acc. to Dr. Sprung
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with distal catheter only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between 0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

 $d_{\circ} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ 



Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV427T **	20
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: FV428T **	25

FV424T	-
FV425T	10
FV426T	15
FV429T	30
FV430T	35

<sup>\* 1</sup> cm $H_2O = 0.74$  mmHg

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.



#### proGAV® with CONTROL RESERVOIR

- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only with integrated CONTROL RESERVOIR\*
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.
- Adjustable between 0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

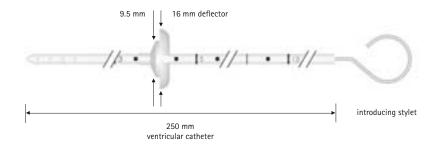
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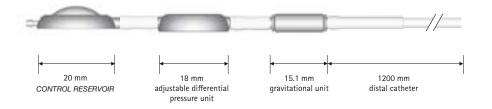


Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
FV467T	-

#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with CONTROL RESERVOIR

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet and deflector
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between  $0 20 \text{ cmH}_20$
- With integrated distal catheter and CONTROL RESERVOIR\*
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.





Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV434T **	20
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: <b>FV435T</b> **	25

FV431T	-
FV432T	10
FV433T	15
FV436T	30
FV437T	35

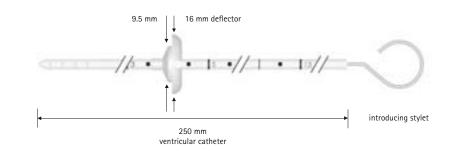
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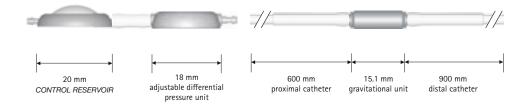
<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.



#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with CONTROL RESERVOIR

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet and deflector
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only or in combination with gravitational unit
- With integrated CONTROL RESERVOIR\*
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.
- Distal catheter and proximal catheter with integrated gravitational unit





Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV462T**	20
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: FV463T**	25
Special pressure levels	
FV459T	-
FV460T	10
FV461T	15
FV464T	30
FV465T	35

<sup>\* 1</sup> cm $H_2O = 0.74$  mmHg

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

#### proGAV® with pediatric prechamber

- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only with integrated pediatric prechamber
- Adjustable between 0 - 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

18 mm adjustable differential prechamber pressure unit

Connector: d<sub>o</sub> = 1.9 mm  $d_o = 4.4 \text{ mm}$   $d_i = 1.2 \text{ mm}$ Adj. diff. pressure unit: Catheter:

d<sub>o</sub> = 2.5 mm

**Gravitational unit** (not adjustable / cmH<sub>2</sub>0\*)

Scale 1:1

Cat. no. FV466T

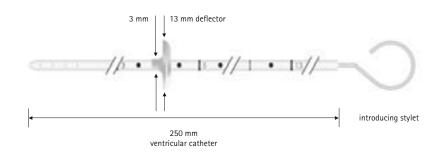


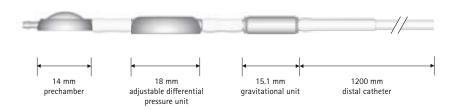
#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with pediatric prechamber

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet and pediatric deflector
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between  $0 - 20 \text{ cmH}_2 \text{ 0}$
- With integrated distal catheter and pediatric prechamber

Connector: d<sub>0</sub> = 1.9 mm Adj. diff. pressure unit: Gravitational unit: Catheter: d<sub>i</sub> = 1.2 mm  $d_{\circ} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ 

d = 4.4 mm d = 4.6 mm





Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV441T **	20
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: FV442T **	25

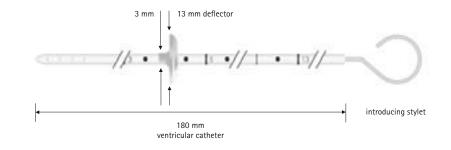
FV438T	-
FV439T	10
FV440T	15
FV443T	30
FV444T	35

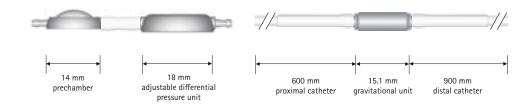
<sup>\* 1</sup>  $cmH_2O = 0.74 mmHg$ 

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with pediatric prechamber

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet and pediatric deflector
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated pediatric prechamber
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0
- Distal catheter only (1200 mm) or in combination with integrated gravitational unit and proximal catheter





Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV455T **	20
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: <b>FV456T</b> **	25

FV452T	-
FV453T	10
FV454T	15
FV457T	30
FV458T	35

<sup>\* 1</sup> cm $H_2O = 0.74$  mmHg

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#### proGAV® with pediatric burrhole reservoir

- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated pediatric burrhole reservoir only or in combination with integrated gravitational unit
- Adjustable between 0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

 $d_{\circ} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ 



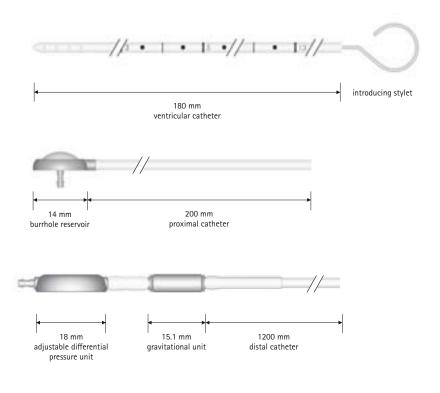
Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: <b>FV485T</b> **	20
Special pressure levels	
FV490T	
FV483T	10
FV484T	15
FV488T	25
FV486T	30
FV487T	35

<sup>\* 1</sup> cm $H_2O = 0.74$  mmHg

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with pediatric burrhole reservoir

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet
- Pediatric burrhole reservoir with integrated proximal catheter
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0



Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)	
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV448T**	20	
Children over 5 years and adults up to 60 years: FV449T**	25	
Special pressure levels		
FV445T	-	
FV446T	10	
FV447T	15	
FV450T	30	

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FV451T

<sup>\* 1</sup> cm $H_2O = 0.74$  mmHg

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

Other specifications may be preferable depending on the individual patient and anamnesis.



#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with pediatric burrhole reservoir

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between  $0 - 20 \text{ cmH}_2 0$
- With integrated distal catheter and pediatric burrhole reservoir

Connector: Adj. diff. pressure unit: Gravitational unit: Catheter: d<sub>i</sub> = 1.2 mm  $d_{\circ} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ 

d<sub>0</sub> = 1.9 mm d = 4.4 mm d<sub>o</sub> = 4.6 mm

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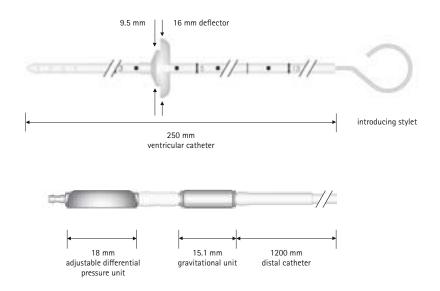
Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV471T**	20
Special pressure levels	
FV468T	-
FV469T	10
FV470T	15
FV472T	25
FV473T	30
FV474T	35

<sup>\* 1</sup>  $cmH_2O = 0.74 mmHg$ 

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with distal catheter

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet and deflector
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated distal catheter and gravitational unit
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0



Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV489T**	25

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

Other specifications may be preferable depending on the individual patient and anamnesis.



#### proGAV® with SPRUNG RESERVOIR

- Adjustable differential pressure unit only with SPRUNG RESERVOIR\* without connection
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

Connector:  $d_o = 1.9 \text{ mm}$ Adj. diff. pressure unit:  $d_o = 4.4 \text{ mm}$ 



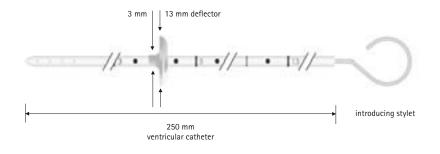
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Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV475T	-

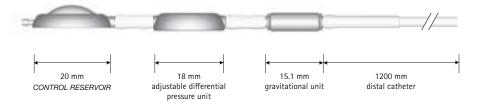
#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with CONTROL RESERVOIR

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet and pediatric deflector
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit only or in combination with gravitational unit
- Adjustable between 0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0
- With integrated distal catheter and CONTROL RESERVOIR\*
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Connector:} & & & & d_{\circ} = 1.9 \text{ mm} \\ \text{Adj. diff. pressure unit:} & & d_{\circ} = 4.4 \text{ mm} \\ \text{Gravitational unit:} & & d_{\circ} = 4.6 \text{ mm} \\ \text{Catheter:} & & d_{i} = 1.2 \text{ mm} \\ \end{array}$ 

 $d_{\circ} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ 





Scale 1:1

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)	
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV482T**	25	
Special pressure levels		
FV481T	20	

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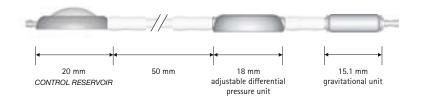
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Other specifications may be preferable depending on the individual patient and anamnesis.



#### proGAV® with CONTROL RESERVOIR

- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated CONTROL RESERVOIR\* only or in combination with gravitational unit
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0



Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
FV491T	-
FV492T	30

#### proGAV® with CONTROL RESERVOIR

- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated CONTROL RESERVOIR\* with integrated gravitational unit
  - \* Flushing reservoir allows for the checking of the ventricular catheter's patency and ensures only distal drainage.
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0

20 mm 18 mm 15.1 mm

CONTROL RESERVOIR adjustable differential gravitational unit pressure unit

Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV479T**	25
Special pressure levels	
FV476T	10
FV477T	15
FV478T	20

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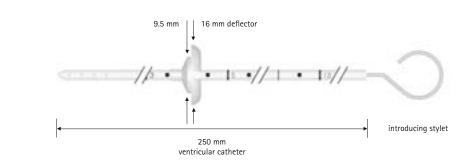
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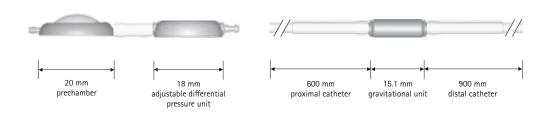


#### proGAV® SHUNTSYSTEM with prechamber

- Ventricular catheter with introducing stylet and deflector
- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated prechamber
- Adjustable between0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0
- Proximal catheter with integrated gravitational unit and distal catheter

 $d_{\circ} = 2.5 \text{ mm}$ 





Scale 1:1

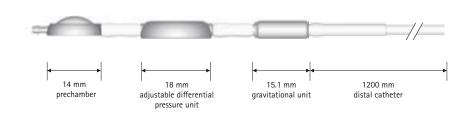
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Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV496T**	25			
■ Special pressure levels				
FV493T	10			
FV494T	15			
FV495T	20			
FV497T	30			
FV498T	35			

<sup>\* 1</sup> cm $H_2O = 0.74$  mmHg

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.

#### proGAV® with pediatric prechamber

- Available as adjustable differential pressure unit with integrated gravitational unit
- Adjustable between 0 20 cmH<sub>2</sub>0
- With integrated distal catheter and pediatric prechamber



Cat. no.	Gravitational unit (not adjustable / cmH <sub>2</sub> 0*)
Children up to 5 years and adults over 60 years: FV480T**	20

<sup>\* 1</sup>  $cmH_2O = 0.74 mmHg$ 

<sup>\*\*</sup> Standard pressure levels. These guide values are not binding.



### proGAV® Tools

## Tools for valve adjustment

- proGAV® Adjustment Tool for setting the required opening pressure
- proGAV® Verification
  Tool for reading the
  actual opening pressure
  setting



proGAV® Adjustment Tool



proGAV® Verification Tool

Cat. no.	Tools
FV400T	proGAV® Adjustment Tool
FV401T	proGAV® Verification Tool



#### proGAV® Tools

### Tools for valve adjustment

- proGAV® Masterdisc for calibrating the verification tool
- proGAV® Compass for locating and measuring the proGAV®
- proGAV® Adjustment Disc for setting the required opening pressure
- proGAV® Check-mate sterilisable, for reading and setting the opening pressure in the operating room



proGAV® Compass



proGAV® Masterdisc



proGAV® Adjustment Disc



proGAV® Check-mate

Cat. no.	Tools
FV402T	proGAV® Masterdisc
FV403T	proGAV® Compass
FV404T	proGAV® Tool Set (comprising FV 400T - FV403T)
FV407T	proGAV® Adjustment Disc
FV408T	proGAV® Adjustment Disc Set (comprising FV 405T - FV407T)
FV409T	proGAV® Check-mate



### Our Shunt Systems – Your Choice

Shunt System		Description		Indication				ient	Grav	MR
		adult HC	ped. HC	NPH	F	active	recumbent	assist.	Condi- tional 3 Tesla	
proSA®	-	Adjustable gravitational unit with differential pressure valve	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
proGAV®		Adjustable differential pressure valve with gravitational unit	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
GAV®		Gravitational valve for adult hydrocephalus	X		X		X		X	X
paediGAV®		Gravitational valve for pediatric hydrocephalus		X			X		X	X
SHUNTASSISTANT®	-	Gravitational unit for integration in shunt systems, to prevent overdrainage	X	X	X		X		X	X
DUALSWITCH VALVE®		Gravitational valve for extra large CSF flow volume	X		X	X	X		X	X
miniNAV®	-	Differential pressure valve especially for premature and newborn infants or recum- bent, non-active patients	X	X			*	X		X
MONOSTEP® VALVE	3	Differential pressure valve with a relatively large flow volume	X	X			*	X		X
Accessories	214									

<sup>\*</sup> in combination with  $SHUNTASSISTANT^{\scriptsize @}$  or  $proSA^{\tiny @}$ 





#### Alliance for Innovation

When two strong partners combine their expertise, innovative and groundbreaking solutions frequently arise that would scarcely have been possible working alone.

Aesculap and Miethke have followed this path and have been cooperating since 1999. In 2010 the successful partnership has been further strengthened, with the shareholding by Aesculap AG in Miethke GmbH & Co. KG. The goal was and is to develop better solutions for the difficult treatment of hydrocephalus and to make them available all over the world.

This vision has inspired and motivated everyone involved. An intensive dialogue was initiated with customers, doctors and patients about the problems associated with this complex medical condition. New solutions were developed and discussed in small circles of experts and scientific symposia.

The eventual outcome of this fruitful process was the market introduction of a gravitational unit – which can effectively reduce overdrainage of cerebrospinal fluid. A unique product worldwide and a milestone in modern hydrocephalus therapy.

What has already been achieved is only the beginning. For us, it is a duty and a necessity to continue along the path we have begun. In the patients' interest we will carry on our extensive investment into research and development and will not tire of learning more, collecting new insights and remaining open for future developments.

We will continue to venture in new directions and cross frontiers in order to be able to help where no solutions have yet been found.

Manufacturer acc. MDD 93/42/EEC

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