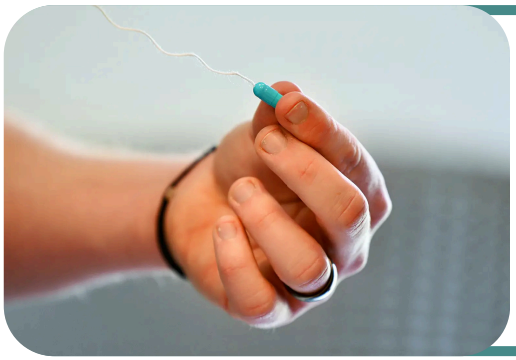
WHEN TO USE A SMALL VS MEDIUM CAPSULE?



SMALL CAPSULE (DEFAULT)

- Capsule Size Comparison - TicTac®
- 75 centimeters of string
- Recommended Height - up to 6′3″

MEDIUM CAPSULE

- Capsule Size Comparison - Ibuprofen Caplet
- 100 centimeters of string
- Recommended Height - 6′3″ and above



Standard Practice

Use the **SMALL** capsule (75 cm) for the vast majority of patients.

Typical esophageal length is approximately 20–30 cm. Accounting for approximately 7 cm of oral/external string, the 75 cm capsule provides more than sufficient margin.

When to Consider **MEDIUM** (100 cm)

- Patients > 190 cm (> 6’3”)
- Exceptionally large body frame
- Explicit clinician preference for additional distal margin

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