

## Home Care Equipment, Inc.

# MEDICATION COMPRESSOR WITH NEBULIZER INSTRUCTION SHEET

Your doctor has ordered a Nebulizer Machine to be used by you when needed. This machine will help you breathe easier. The prescription states that you should use this Nebulizer Machine \_\_\_\_\_ per day or \_\_\_\_\_.

## TREATMENT PROCEDURE

Prior to the use of this equipment, WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY with soap and warm water.

### A. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place unit on firm horizontal surface so that controls are within easy reach. Lift cover and remove power cord.
2. Make sure the power switch is in the Off position. Then plug power cord into 120 Vac - 60 Hz outlet.
3. Start the compressor by turning the switch to the On position.
4. Run the compressor for 1 1/2 minutes to clear out any condensation inside the compressor.
5. Stop the compressor by turning the switch to the Off position.
6. Connect one end of plastic tubing to compressor air outlet and the other end to Nebulizer.
7. Place prescribed medication in Nebulizer. Secure T-Piece to top of Nebulizer. Slide Mouthpiece into either end of T-Piece. If using an Aerosol Mask, attach mask directly to Nebulizer. T-Piece and Mouthpiece are not used.
8. Start the compressor again by turning the switch to the On position.

### B. MEDICAL COMPRESSION PROCEDURE

9. Place Nebulizer Mouthpiece between teeth and close mouth. If using an Aerosol Mask, place mask over mouth and nose.
10. As aerosol starts flowing, inhale deeply and slowly through mouthpiece or through mask.
11. When treatment is over, stop the compressor by turning the switch to the Off position. Disconnect Nebulizer from tubing. Clean Nebulizer as noted in Cleaning Instructions.
12. NOTE:
  - This compressor is fitted with a thermal protection device. If the motor begins to overheat, it will automatically shut itself down. The compressor will restart when the motor cools. To prevent overheating, use the compressor on a flat solid surface.

### C. CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

If properly maintained, the Disposable Nebulizer will last beyond one usage. Follow the cleaning instructions that were included with the nebulizer. If the nebulizer does not come with instructions, the nebulizer should be cleaned as follows:

1. Remove the tubing and inspect. If dirty or cracked, replace the tubing. Tubing cannot be cleaned.
2. Disassemble all nebulizer parts and rinse thoroughly under hot tap water.
3. Prepare a solution of three parts hot tap water to one part white vinegar. Soak nebulizer parts for 30 minutes.
4. Remove nebulizer parts from solution and rinse thoroughly under tap water.
5. Allow nebulizer parts to air dry only. Do not use a towel as fibers may enter nebulizer.
6. Reassemble nebulizer parts. If any parts appear cracked, discard the nebulizer and replace with a new one.

Note: Do not boil or place in dishwasher.

#### **D. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHANGING THE AIR FILTER**

1. This appliance is equipped with a filter which captures the impurities present in the air.
2. The filter must be changed in the following cases:
  - When the filter is completely dirty (consider that the filter is originally white).
  - When reduced performance is noted check its condition and replace it if found to be dirty.
3. As the life of the filter depends on the frequency of use of the appliance we recommend periodically checking its condition.
4. To change the filter follow Manufacturer's specifications.

#### **E. IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS**

When using this electrical product, especially when children are present, basic safety precautions should always be followed, according to Manufacturer's regulations.