



Home Care Equipment Inc.

OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR INSTRUCTION SHEET

Your doctor has ordered oxygen for you to use while at home. Use of oxygen will help to minimize the feeling of breathlessness during exercise or physical exertion.

The prescription states that you should use your oxygen concentrator at _____ liters per minute by nasal cannula. Use oxygen only at the prescribed liter flow. Treat oxygen as you would other medications. Remember, "More is not necessarily better."

OXYGEN USE

A. EQUIPMENT PREPARATION

1. Be sure unit is secure, away from heat, direct sunlight, open flames, smoking or combustible materials.
2. Plug in power cord to 115 volt household outlet.
3. If needed, screw on humidifier (water bottle) attachment tightly to concentrator oxygen outlet.
4. Connect oxygen tubing securely to humidifier outlet.
5. Set flow meter to the prescribed liter flow.
6. Turn power switch on.
7. Install the oxygen delivery device to the patient (nasal cannula, mask, etc.)

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1. Check unit filter (check with unit instructions) for cleaning if dusty (once per week). Remove filter, clean in warm water, rinse, allow to dry completely before replacing.
2. Replace oxygen delivery equipment (i.e., nasal cannula, mask, etc.) at least at the end of each week, or sooner if dirty or contaminated with secretions.
3. Replace humidifier every two weeks.

C. TROUBLESHOOTING

NO FLOW OF OXYGEN

1. Check that power cord is plugged into 115 volt household outlet.
2. Check that unit power switch is on.
3. Check unit circuit breaker. Reset button if it has popped out.
4. Check that flow meter is on and adjusted to proper flow setting.
5. Check that humidifier is tightly screwed to unit outlet.
6. Check that bubbles are observed in humidifier bottle
7. Check that oxygen tubing is securely attached to humidifier bottle.
8. Check that oxygen tubing is not crimped or pinched off by heavy objects: between furniture, under wheel, etc.
9. Check that oxygen tubing is free of water which may be blocking oxygen flow.
10. Check circuit breaker on equipment.
11. Check household circuit breaker or fuse to see if blown. Reset or replace if necessary or use another outlet.

If steps (1) through (11) do not correct the problem, contact Home Care Equipment, Inc.

D. PRECAUTIONS

1. Be sure that concentrator is kept secure in a ventilated area, away from heat, direct sunlight, open flames, smoking or combustible materials, or electrical sparks.
2. Use care if concentrator is moved. Avoid dropping.
3. Never permit grease, oil or other combustible materials to come into contact with oxygen delivery equipment.