

Oxygen Concentrator Operating Instructions

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Instructions:

- 1. Plug the electrical cord into an outlet. Do not use an extension cord.
- 2. Keep back and sides of concentrator at least 12 inches from walls, drapes and bedding.
- 3. If using a humidifier bottle (4LPM or more) attach the half-filled bottle to the outlet on the concentrator.
 - a. Line up the top of the humidifier bottle to the outlet of the machine and turn the top piece counter-clockwise to screw the bottle to the concentrator.
- 4. Attach the nasal cannula to the concentrator.
- 5. Turn the concentrator on. You will hearn an "alarm" which is normal and will stop in a few seconds.
- 6. Make sure the flow rate is set at the prescribed rate.
- 7. Place the nasal cannula in your nose ("prongs" should be pointing downward when inserting).
- 8. If you cannot feel the oxygen in your nose, fill a glass with water and slip the cannula in. If you see bubbles, there is oxygen flow. If there are no bubbles, check for kinks or replace tubing immediately.

Troubleshooting:

Alarms: Your oxygen concentrator has alarms, which tell you if the machine is not functioning properly. Your clinician will explain the alarms to you. If there is a power outage or machine malfunction, turn the concentrator off. Attach yourself to the back-up cylinder.

Oxygen Cylinders

Instructions:

- 1. Open the cylinder by turning the cylinder valve handle/wrench counter-clockwise as instructed.
- 2. The contents/pressure gauge will register the amount of oxygen in the cylinder (a full cylinder registers approximately 200 psi).
- 3. Adjust the flow control knob until the flow indicator is at the prescribed flow rate.
- 4. Attach the oxygen tubing to the nipple adapter.
- 5. Fit the cannula to your face so that it is comfortable.
- 6. When not using, close the cylinder by turning the valve handle/wrench clockwise all the way.
- 7. The flow of oxygen will cease when all the oxygen pressure is released from the regulator.