CPAP / BIPAP Machine Cleaning and Maintenance Suggestions

DAILY CLEANING

Place the CPAP/BIPAP tubing, your nasal mask or pillows and headgear into a sink with warm soapy water. (Use a small amount of mild dish detergent) Agitate these supplies in the water for approximately 5 minutes. Rinse well with warm water and allow to dry until all moisture is gone.

Helpful hints:

Hang the tubing over your shower rod or towel bar to air dry.
Place the mask and headgear on a towel to air dry.
Hanging the headgear from a clothes hanger or wall hook will help it to dry faster.
Wash your tubing, mask or nasal pillows and headgear every morning. This will allow enough time for your supplies to completely dry.
Wipe down the CPAP/BIPAP machine with a damp cloth weekly.

WEEKLY CLEANING

The filter at the back of your machine should be washed with tap water weekly. Simply rinse the filter under running water, squeezing the filter to make sure that all dust is eliminated. Next, blot the filter with a clean towel to remove most of the moisture. Now it is ready to be placed back in your machine. We also recommend that you replace your filter at least annually.

The white filter is disposable and should be replaced monthly or sooner if it becomes really dirty. Replace the white filter with one from your replacement filter pack. THE WHITE FILTER IS NOT TO BE WASHED. (Not all machines have a white filter)

HUMIDIFIER CARE

Clean once weekly with warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly. To disinfect, place vinegar/water solution (1 part vinegar 3-5 parts water) in clean humidifier. Soak for 30 minutes and rinse thoroughly, or place in top rack of dishwasher if applicable.

YEARLY MAINTENANCE

We recommend that you have your machine serviced at least once a year by a durable medical equipment company to make sure that the pressure is set correctly and everything is working properly. Pressure can be changed any time with a doctor’s prescription.

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