

Instructions for a Nebulizing Compressor

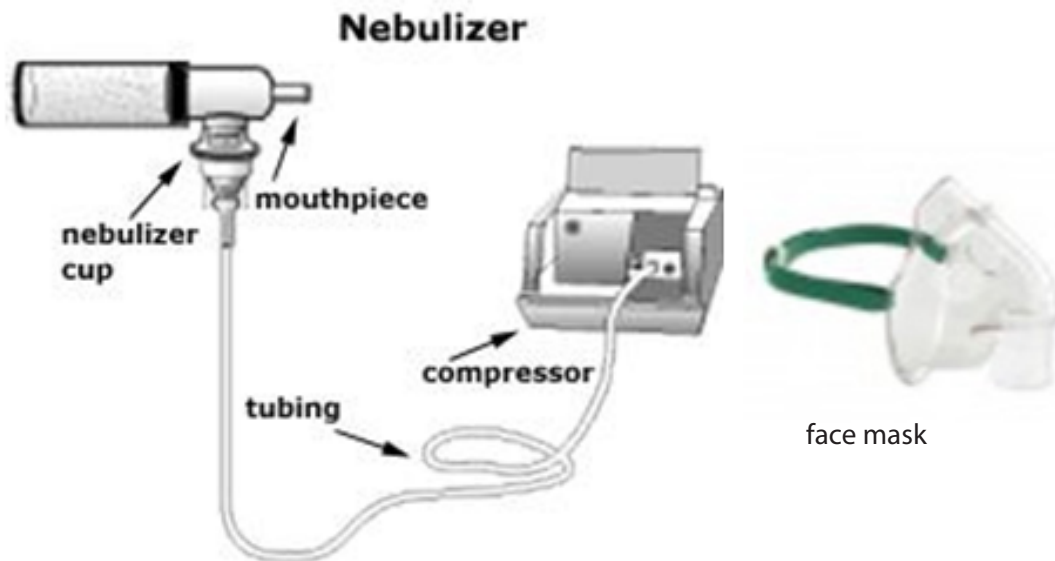


The purpose of a compressor driven nebulizer is to create an aerosol or very fine mist from the liquid medication prescribed by your doctor. The compressor comes with a medication chamber (nebulizer), facemask or mouthpiece and tubing.

It is essential that prior to use you have received:

1. Information on the correct dosage of medication and normal saline to use, frequency of use and when to seek medical attention.
2. Hands-on instruction on how to correctly set up this equipment. If you have not received instructions or are unsure as to the recommended use of this equipment, please contact your doctor for assistance.

CAUTION: It is dangerous to exceed the dose recommended by your doctor. If you fail to respond to the recommended dose, please seek medical care.



Instructions for operation:

1. Place the compressor on a table so that when you are seated you can easily reach the controls.
2. Make sure the compressor ON/OFF switch is in the OFF position and then plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.
3. Connect one end of the plastic tubing to the nebulizer and the other end to the compressor air outlet.
4. Fill the nebulizer with the prescribed medication and normal saline from either separate vials or a pre-mixed solution as prescribed by your physician.
5. Insert the bottom part of the facemask or mouthpiece into the top of the nebulizer.
6. Place the facemask over the mouth and nose or place mouthpiece in the mouth.
7. Switch the compressor "ON" and begin treatment as prescribed, breathing normally.
8. When the treatment is completed and there is no more fluid in your nebulizer cup, switch the compressor "OFF".
9. Disconnect the facemask or mouthpiece from the nebulizer and get ready for cleaning.

Cleaning Instructions:

1. After each use, unplug the compressor unit from the wall outlet.
2. Wash the disassembled nebulizer cup and face mask or mouth piece in hot water and mild detergent, then rinse in hot water. **DO NOT BOIL**. Allow it to air dry on a clean cloth.
3. Once a week, soak the disassembled nebulizer cup and face mask or mouth piece in a 1-part vinegar to 4 parts water solution for 30 minutes. **DO NOT BOIL**. Rinse with hot tap water and dry.
4. Tubing does not have to be washed but should be wiped and kept in a clean place where it is not kinked.
5. Wipe the outside casing with a damp cloth.

To reduce the risk of electrocution, burns, fire, or injury to a person:

1. Always unplug the compressor immediately after using.
2. Do not use while bathing, or place the unit where it can fall into a tub or a sink
3. Close supervision is necessary when this unit is used by, on or near children.
4. Do not place the unit on a soft surface such as a bed or couch.
5. Connect the unit to a properly grounded outlet.

Extension Cords:

If it is necessary to use an extension cord, use only a three prong-grounding plug, and a three-slot receptacle that will accept the plug on the unit.

Inspection before using:

1. Check the power cord for nicks and ensure that no bare wires are exposed.
2. Check the Air Input-Filter, Air Outlet/Tubing Connection and mouthpiece to ensure that all airways are clear and free of buildup.
3. Check for cracks in the tubing and on the plastic of the mouthpiece, medicine cup and mask.
4. Ensure that the tubing fits firmly over the Air Outlet/Tubing Connection and that no air escapes from the sides of the tubing at the base of the connection when the unit is on.

Service Center:

A qualified technician must perform all compressor maintenance and repair. Should your compressor malfunction, service may be obtained by calling the Home Care Equipment Branch at 204-945-8611 or 1-877-632-7867, Monday - Friday between 8 am and 4 pm.

Terms and Conditions:

- a) The equipment is the property of the Province of Manitoba and has been loaned to you based on a prescription signed by or under the authorization of a health care professional. Accordingly, the equipment remains the property of the Province of Manitoba throughout the time it is in your possession.
- b) Any intentional damage or loss of the equipment shall require compensation to the Province of Manitoba in that regard.
- c) You agree that a medical equipment technician from the Province of Manitoba may enter your home periodically to check, repair or adjust the equipment as needed. A Medical Equipment Technician will contact you to arrange the home visit.
- d) You are responsible for returning the equipment in good condition when no longer required or upon request.