Nebulizer Compressor Instruction Sheet

How Compressor-Driven Nebulizers Work

The purpose of a compressor-driven nebulizer is to create an aerosol, or a very fine mist, from a liquid. The compressor directs a flow of air through the hand-held nebulizer, which contains liquid medication. This creates an aerosol, which is then delivered to the lungs by using a mouthpiece or a mask and inhaling slowly and deeply.

Operating Instructions

1. Make sure that the ON/OFF switch is in the “OFF” position.
2. Plug in power cord.
3. Remove nebulizer cap from medication cup.
4. Measure medication or empty premixed medication into medication cup.
5. Replace nebulizer cap onto medication cup.
6. Connect mouthpiece, or mask, to nebulizer cap.
7. Connect one end of the tubing to the nebulizer and the other end to the air outlet of the compressor.
8. Turn ON/OFF switch to the “ON” position. Check for adequate mist.
9. Take the mouthpiece between your teeth, surround it with your lips and breathe in and out slowly through your mouth or place the mask in a position over nose and mouth and breathe slowly in and out through your mouth. When the cup begins to sputter, the treatment is finished. You can tap on the side of the cup to help the medication dispense. There will always be a small amount of medication left in the medication cup.

Cleaning Instructions

After each treatment:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly.
2. Remove/disassemble medicine cup, mouthpiece, or mask; rinse with hot tap water and let air dry thoroughly.

Daily:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly.
2. Wash parts in warm soapy (mild liquid dish soap) water (do not wash tubing)
3. Rinse thoroughly.
4. Let pieces air dry in a clean, dry place.

Weekly:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly.
2. Soak medicine cup, mouthpiece, or mask in 1 part vinegar, 3 parts water for 30 minutes.
3. Rinse with warm water.
4. Let pieces air dry in a clean, dry place.

Do not ever wash tubing for the nebulizer; only wipe down with a damp towel or disinfectant wipe if soiled.

Helpful Tips

1. Check with physician for any drug sensitivity and ensure medication is compatible with all other current medications you may be taking.
2. Never use expired medication or medication not prescribed for you.
3. Wash hands before each treatment.
4. Keep nebulizer level to prevent spilling medication.
5. Rinse nebulizer after each treatment.
6. Store the nebulizer you are not using in a clean, dry plastic bag.
7. Routinely wipe off the compressor with a clean, damp cloth.
8. Make sure all nebulizer parts are dry before reassembling nebulizer.
9. Place compressor on a hard surface to ensure proper airflow for cooling the compressor.
10. If problems arise with the compressor, call for service.

Please review the user manual provided for more detailed instructions regarding your new equipment or contact HME. Thank you.