

Single Patient Use and Infection Control



When home oxygen equipment has been ordered for a patient it is imperative that it should only be used by them and not by anyone else.

Our concentrators and cylinders are cleaned when they are removed from use with one patient and before being distributed to another. This includes the cleaning of the internal bacterial filters and exteriors.

If you know a patient has a serious infection, such as MRSA or Clostridium Difficile, please inform Baywater Healthcare so that our staff may take the necessary precautions.

All of our consumables (tubing, firebreaks, masks and nasal cannula) are single patient use only and should not be shared with other patients. They must be disposed of in line with your organisations clinical waste procedures, or by the patient.

Masks last three months and nasal cannula should be replaced monthly, unless there are clinical reasons why they should be replaced more frequently (e.g. getting hard to clean due to infection, or patient damaging them in a way that ruins the integrity but you cannot stop them from doing so).

Non-rebreathe masks should never be immersed in water as the reservoir bag could flood with water and then be inhaled.

Most of our models of concentrators have external filters which should be cleaned once a week (most are by washing, one can be vacuum cleaned – please see your handbook for details).



For good hygiene, the tips of the nasal cannula should be cleaned every day with a damp cloth, but never immersed in water



Oxygen masks should be cleaned daily as well, in hot soapy water, rinsed and left to air dry