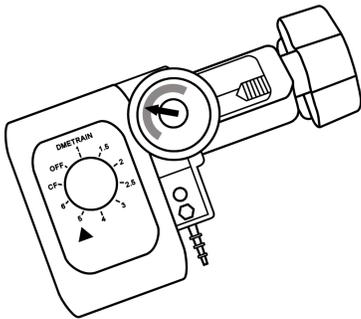




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OXYGEN CONSERVING DEVICES



PURPOSE: An oxygen conserving device is typically prescribed for active patients who will be away from home and their stationary unit or oxygen concentrator. Because oxygen is released only during inhalation with a conserving device and not a continuous flow, the oxygen in your cylinder (portable system) will last much longer.

PRESCRIPTION: A conserving device is by prescription and is not suited for all patients.

USE: Because the oxygen conserving device responds to each individual's breathing patterns in pulse dose mode, the use time will vary. Depending on your cylinder size, conserving device type and your breathing pattern, the usage time will vary. Your Allay Home Care representative will give you general guidelines as to the approximate time your cylinder should last. Always carry an additional full cylinder with you.

OPERATION: There are two types of conserving systems: pneumatic (oxygen or gas powered) and electronic (battery powered). Before installing the oxygen conserving regulator, position the cylinder so the valve outlet is pointing away from you or any other person(s). Open the cylinder valve slightly and then close. Be sure the conserving regulator is in the OFF position. Use the yoke seal that is provided with your conserving device and do not substitute seals. Attach the conserving device to the oxygen cylinder by lowering the device over the post of the cylinder and align the pins in the conserving device over the holes in the cylinder and *hand tighten* by turning the T handle until secure. Never use a tool to tighten. Attach the nasal cannula. Always use the carrying bag provided.

CLEANING: Clean exterior of device periodically with a clean, lint free cloth. Store device in a clean area free from grease, oil and other sources of contamination.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR CONSERVING DEVICE:

- Do Not use cleaning solutions.
- Do Not immerse product in any kind of liquid.
- Do Not attempt to repair device.
- Do Not place the conserving unit under clothing while in use.
- Do Not drop the unit or place in a position where it could fall over.

Always follow Oxygen Safety Precautions when using your conserving device. Oxygen Safety Precautions are found on your Oxygen Therapy education sheet.

