

Basic Lessons for Understanding Equipment

Oxygen Tanks

Patient: M|SITE.SHIP_TO_NAME

Patient ID: M|CUSTOMER.PATIENT_ID

Model #: Select

Serial #:

Date: M|C|CURRENTDATE

Setting Up Your Equipment

- Secure oxygen cylinder
- Place regulator onto cylinder post
- Attach oxygen tubing to regulator port
- Turn on oxygen flow

Using Your Equipment

- Place oxygen cylinder securely onto cart or stationary stand. (Picture 2)
- Attach regulator to cylinder; note 'pin index' on the yolk of the regulator
- Secure the regulator by tightening the screw handle. (You'll note a slight indentation on post valve of tank. Line up screw with indentation.)
- Attach tubing to regulator port.
- Open flow from tank by turning neck valve counter-clockwise. (Flow from regulator is turned OFF at this stage.)
- Slowly turn liter flow to prescribed level. Open valve on regulator.
- Listen for hissing noise. If you hear oxygen escaping, check the regulator to make sure a washer is in place.
- Check contents gauge making sure that it reads full.



Picture 1



Picture 2

Maintenance

- Replace oxygen cannula once a week
- Wipe tanks down with a damp cloth
- Replace washers on regulator should leaks occur (use only recommended washers)

Oxygen Cylinders



Safety Issues

- DO NOT oil or lubricate the regulator or post valve assembly
- Always secure cylinder when traveling or storing.
- Bleed pressure from tank when not in use by turning off tank and leaving regulator flow on.
- Keep oxygen cylinders stored in a well-ventilated area. If cylinders cannot be secured in an upright position, lay them on their sides.
- DO NOT use oxygen mask with a humidifier on the oxygen cylinder. This may cause severe backpressure.
- DO NOT use O2 mask with flows that are under 6 lpm as this may cause CO2

Frequently Replaced Items

- Oxygen cannula
- Oxygen cylinders

**** Please contact your equipment provider for any questions, adjustments, or repairs. ****

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