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From Around the Network

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Manufacturers' News

Covidien sold its CPAP and bi-level products (GoodKnight™ brand) to PH Invest, a privately held company in Luxembourg. The transaction is expected to be completed in September. The Adam™, Breeze™ and Dreamfit™ interface products will continue to be sold by Covidien. www.covidien.com

Newport Medical offers a free online training program for the HT50 on its website, www.ventilators.com. The excellent three-part program is a fully narrated class which teaches people HT50's clinical capabilities, setup (including circuit configuration), and special application considerations for children and others with airway leaks. It is easy to follow and can be done at any pace, started and stopped as needed, or skimmed through for specific information.

HT50 users who wish to access the training program may request a password through the website or contact Watsa Chaodee, Newport Medical, 800-451-3111, ext. 285, wchaodee@newportmedical.com.

IVUN members who want to learn more about the HT50 can receive a temporary password by clicking on the same link. Fill in the Contact Information box, and in "Comments/Requirements," type in "IVUN Member." (The program is also available on CD for those who have computers but no access to the Internet.)

Pediatric Home Care

"**Making Life Easier**" is the name of a series of educational videos featuring home care tips on children and home mechanical ventilation. Produced by Children's Hospital Los Angeles, it is available in both English and Spanish. Topics include discharge planning, education and home preparation for living at home with a ventilator, and diaphragm pacing for children. Go to www.YouTube.com, and enter "home mechanical ventilation" in the search box.

Home Care of Children on Ventilators: A Parent's Guide, a 55-page booklet, is available from the Pediatric Committee of the California Thoracic Society. The *Guide* is designed to answer frequent questions and help parents comfortably address the challenges of their child's respiratory needs. It includes checklists for discharge, home medical equipment services, safety checks, and establishing a home care routine. www.thoracic.org/chapters/thoracic-society-chapters/ca/publications/resources/respiratory-disease-pediatric/Vent_Dependant_Children_booklet.pdf ▲