

From Around the Network

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New Products

Stellar™ 150 from ResMed offers a new ventilation mode: iVAPS or intelligent Volume-Assured Pressure Support. This mode maintains a target alveolar ventilation by automatically adjusting pressure support. Other features include a test for circuit problems, SlimLine™ tubes, interface selection and fitting, and adjustable trigger/cycle sensitivities and rise and fall times. Weight is 2.1 kg (4.6 lbs). The internal battery life is up to two hours; the external battery with ResMed Power Station II provides up to eight hours capacity. www.stellar150.com

TrueBlue gel nasal mask from Philips Respironics utilizes Auto Seal technology for a flexible seal. Other features include a forehead pad with a soft premium blue gel, free-form spring and angled exhalation micro ports that rotate 360 degrees and redirect air away from a bed partner. Easy to remove the mask and lock in the same fit. Available in five sizes. www.healthcare.philips.com/us_en/homehealth/sleep/trueblue/index.wpd



Philip Respironic's TruBlue Gel Nasal Mask

Home Care

IVUN participates in the Healthcare at Home Initiative, a broad alliance of organizations representing disability groups, consumer advocates, family caregivers and companies that provide medical care and equipment. Spearheaded by the American Association for Home Care, the group urges legislators to reject budget cuts that will restrict access to the home-based services and support needed by millions of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

“While not a panacea, home-based care is a highly cost-effective part of our healthcare system that fosters quality of life and helps millions of seniors and people with disabilities to live independently in their own homes. Americans overwhelmingly report that the home is their preferred setting for receiving care.”

For more information, go to www.aahomecare.org. ▲