

## From Around the Network

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### New Products



Swift™ FX

**Mirage™ SoftGel** nasal mask from ResMed Corp. features a unique DoubleGel™ cushion. The clear gel layer gently conforms to individual facial contours, making it easy and quick to fit. The vents on the mask quietly direct air away from the individual.

[www.resmed.com](http://www.resmed.com)



Mirage™ SoftGel

**Swift™ FX** nasal pillows system from ResMed Corp. features a minimal design and flexible tubing that allow users to sleep on their side or back and move around without disturbing the fit. [www.resmed.com](http://www.resmed.com)

**EasyFit™** nasal and full face masks are new from DeVilbiss Healthcare. [www.devilbisshealthcare.com](http://www.devilbisshealthcare.com)

**Vivo™ 50** is a new multi-mode ventilator from BREAS with an internal battery that lasts up to four hours. Available only in Europe, but awaiting FDA 510K clearance. BREAS is a division of GE Healthcare. [www.breas.com](http://www.breas.com)



Falco 202

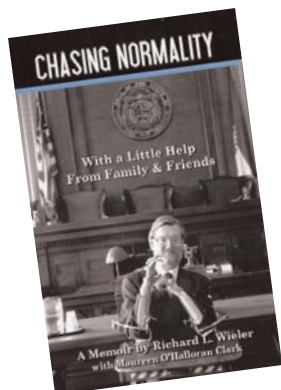
**Falco 51** is a new bilevel ventilator with a backup rate from Siare Engineering International Group, S.r.l.

**Falco 202** (pictured) is Siare's new lightweight multi-mode ventilator. Both are available only in Europe. [www.siare.it](http://www.siare.it)

**Practice Parameter Update: The care of the patient with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis** (an evidence-based review) is a revision of the 1999 *Report of the Quality Standards Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology*. It includes information on the treatment of respiratory problems in people with ALS and a respiratory management algorithm.

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**Chasing Normality**, a memoir by Richard L. Wieler, is subtitled *With a Little Help from Family and Friends*. Wieler recounts his life, interrupted by polio in 1955, from a Nebraska farm kid to an attorney in the Missouri Attorney General's office, often arguing cases before the Missouri Supreme Court. A self-described quadriplegic, Wieler has used many forms of ventilation over the years beginning with an iron lung. Today he has a tracheostomy and a feeding tube. He recently learned to use a sip and puff wheelchair and a voice-activated computer ([richardwieler@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwieler@yahoo.com)). His book can be purchased through [www.chasingnormality.com](http://www.chasingnormality.com). ▲