

New Products

FitLife Face Mask is new from Philips Respironics. The total face mask provides a good seal around the outer face, from above the eyebrows to below the lower lip, and a mask alternative for people who are hard-to-fit. It does not restrict vision. Available in two sizes: large and small. Available globally in late 2009. <http://fitlife.respironics.com>

Monnal T30 is a new bilevel ventilator from Air Liquide Medical Systems, S.A. (the company recently acquired the French ventilator manufacturer Taema). The Monnal T30 offers four inspiratory and three expiratory sensitivity triggers and up to 30 cm H₂O inspiratory pressure. It is not available in the U.S. www.airliquidemedicalsystems.com

Venise Nasal Pillows, also from Air Liquide Medical Systems, S.A., is available in small, medium and large sizes. The headgear enables three different configurations for comfortable use. www.airliquidemedicalsystems.com

Freedom Vent Systems provides carrying and mounting accessories for ventilators and battery packs, as well as rain, shower and circuit covers. The products were developed by Dan and Kay Wilson to enable mobility and independence for their son Adam. Contact info: 910-947-3806; freedomventsystem@yahoo.com; www.freedomvent.com/products.htm

Disability Rights

U.S. Signs U.N. Convention on Disabilities

On July 30, 2009, President Obama marked the 19th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act with the announcement that the U.S. would become a signatory to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The 32-page Convention is a blueprint for ending discrimination against people with disabilities in education, jobs and everyday life. It requires countries to guarantee freedom from exploitation and abuse, while protecting rights already secured, such as voting procedures for those who are blind and wheelchair accessibility to buildings. It also advocates keeping people with disabilities within their communities, instead of institutionalizing them or educating them separately.

The second session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place in New York, September 2-4, 2009. www.un.org/disabilities ▲



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