

From Around the Network

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Product News

Vent users interested in changing their interface and/or ventilator should discuss the change with their pulmonologist and home health care provider.

GoLife for Men and GoLife for Women, new nasal pillows from Philips Respironics, conform to the different contours of the male or female face. Featuring soft facial “arms” that hug the cheeks, the pillows maintain a secure seal, even during movement. GoLife for Women includes petite, small and medium cushion sizes. GoLife for Men has small, medium and large cushions included.

www.healthcare.philips.com/us_en/homehealth/sleep/golife/index.wpd



Newport Medical Instruments, Inc., the manufacturer of the HT50® and HT70® ventilators, was acquired by Covidien (which had previously acquired Puritan Bennett) in late March. The acquisition is expected to be completed in June 2012.

www.ventilators.com; www.covidien.com

Discontinued vents reminder. PLV®-100 vents have been discontinued but units still in use will be serviced through December 31, 2014. Philips Respironics is transitioning PLV users to the Trilogy100.

<http://trilogy100.respironics.com>

Puritan Bennett™ Legendair vents, also discontinued, will be serviced until May 2015. Legendair users are being transitioned to the Puritan Bennett™ 560.

www.covidien.com/rms/pages.aspx?page=OurBrands/PuritanBennett

Cough Devices. Three new units are on the market, but none are available yet in the United States. Comfort Cough™ is manufactured by Seoil Pacific Group in South Korea (www.seoilpacific.co.kr) and anticipates 510K clearance from the FDA in May. Nippy Clearway is manufactured by B & D Electromedical in the United Kingdom (www.nippyventilator.com). The Pulsar is a Siare® Engineering International Group product from Italy (www.siare.it).

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