

OXYGEN THERAPY

Some patients may be prescribed supplementary oxygen. Your doctor will assess whether you would benefit from medical oxygen therapy. The medical or nursing team can organise the provision of medical oxygen to you, by directly contacting the home oxygen supply company or through your local public health nurse.



Home oxygen concentrators, portable oxygen cylinders, back-up oxygen cylinders, oxygen conservers, masks, nasal cannulae, humidifiers, filters, and tubing are available from companies that supply oxygen for medical purposes. Most companies will provide educational/patient booklets upon installation of equipment.

The 2 main companies that supply medical oxygen are:

AIR PRODUCTS IRELAND LTD.

18H Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 11.

Tel: (01) 809 1800 or Lo-call: 1850 240 202

Oxygen Cylinder Refill Hotline: 1800 240 202

Website: www.airproducts.com/medical/ir/home E-mail: apmi@airproducts.com

BOC VITALAIR

Blyry Industrial Estate, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

Tel: (09064) 70910 or Lo-call: 1890 220 202

Clinical Specialist: 087 228 2619 Website: www.vitalair.co.uk

Email: sean.hourihan@boc.com

Warning ! Oxygen is combustible. Do not use your oxygen near a naked flame or other sources of heat. Make sure your home is fitted with a working fire alarm.

Tips !

- ✓ Remember to order replacement oxygen cylinders before your stock runs low or at least 3 days before a new cylinder is needed.
- ✓ Always remember to have sufficient oxygen supplies over a bank holiday weekend.

PAYMENT OF OXYGEN

There is a rental fee to cover the costs of medical oxygen. An invoice will be sent to your home address. Once your invoice has been paid, contact your local health authority in order to claim a reimbursement under the Drug Payment Scheme.

Rental costs are covered if you have a medical card. Once a medical card is obtained, you should contact the Appliances Section at your local health authority. You may have to request that your oxygen supply company write to your local health authority informing them of your oxygen prescription.