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Dear Sleep Center Patient:

This week we were informed of a recall of CPAP/PAP equipment made by Phillips, a PAP (Positive Airway Pressure) manufacturer. Philips has recalled their machines due to the danger of inhalation of certain toxic materials used in the Phillips machines.

If you are currently using a CPAP/PAP machine made by Phillips and one of our Sleep physicians is involved in your Sleep care, please contact us as soon as possible. We will guide and assist you through the steps required to replace your current machine.

If you are no longer under our care, please contact your current Sleep Care provider as soon as possible, with the information we attach to this note.

Please note that this recall does not apply to CPAP/PAP machines made by other manufacturers including Resmed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



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URGENT: Medical Device Recall

Philips Respironics CPAP and Bi-Level PAP Devices

Sound Abatement Foam
Susceptibility to Degradation and Volatile Organic Compound Emission

Dear Device Customer,

Philips Respironics is voluntarily recalling the below devices due to two (2) issues related to the polyester-based polyurethane (PE-PUR) sound abatement foam used in Philips Continuous and Non-Continuous Ventilators: 1) PE-PUR foam may degrade into particles which may enter the device's the air pathway and be ingested or inhaled by the user, and 2) the PE-PUR foam may off-gas certain chemicals. The foam degradation may be exacerbated by use of unapproved cleaning methods, such as ozone (see [FDA safety communication](#) on use of Ozone cleaners), and off-gassing may occur during initial operation and may possibly continue throughout the device's useful life.

These issues can result in serious injury which can be life-threatening, cause permanent impairment, and/or require medical intervention to preclude permanent impairment. To date, Philips Respironics has received several complaints regarding the presence of black debris/particles within the airpath circuit (extending from the device outlet, humidifier, tubing, and mask). Philips also has received reports of headache, upper airway irritation, cough, chest pressure and sinus infection. The potential risks of particulate exposure include: Irritation (skin, eye, and respiratory tract), inflammatory response, headache, asthma, adverse effects to other organs (e.g. kidneys and liver) and toxic carcinogenic affects. The potential risks of chemical exposure due to off-gassing include: headache/dizziness, irritation (eyes, nose, respiratory tract, skin), hypersensitivity, nausea/vomiting, toxic and carcinogenic effects. There have been no reports of death as a result of these issues.

All Devices manufactured before 26 April 2021, All serial numbers	
Continuous Ventilator, Minimum Ventilatory Support, Facility Use	E30 (Emergency Use Authorization)
Continuous Ventilator, Non-life Supporting	DreamStation ASV
	DreamStation ST, AVAPS
	SystemOne ASV4
	C-Series ASV
	C-Series S/T and AVAPS
OmniLab Advanced+	
Noncontinuous Ventilator	SystemOne (Q-Series)
	DreamStation
	DreamStation Go
	Dorma 400
	Dorma 500
	REMstar SE Auto

Immediate Actions to be taken by You, the User:

1. Discontinue use of your device and work with your physician or Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider to determine the most appropriate options for continued treatment. To continue use of your device due to lack of alternatives, consult with your physician to determine if the benefit of continuing therapy with your device outweighs the risks identified in this letter.

2. Register your device on the recall website www.philips.com/src-updates
 - d. The website provides you current information on the status of the recall and how to receive permanent corrective action to address the two (2) issues.
 - e. The website also provides you instructions on how to locate your device Serial Number and will guide you through the registration process.
 - f. Call 1-877-907-7508 if you cannot visit the website or do not have internet access.

Permanent Corrective Action to be Taken by the Company:

Philips is deploying a permanent corrective action to address the two (2) issues described in this Recall Notice. As part of the registration process above, you will be provided information on the next steps to implement the permanent solution.

Other Information:

If you need any further information or support concerning this issue, please contact the recall support hotline or visit the website:

1-877-907-7508

www.philips.com/src-update

Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, or by regular mail or fax.

This notice has been reported to the appropriate Regulatory Agencies.

Philips regrets any inconveniences caused by this problem.

Sincerely,

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