



Amara Gel

Product News, Masks

Amara Gel and **Amara Silicone** are two new options of a full face mask from Philips Respironics. The smaller, lighter mask with one “click” design is available in petite, small, medium and large to conform to the contours of the face, providing comfort and a seal. In addition to the gel option, a clear silicone option is available. It requires just a single “click” to disassemble and reassemble the cushion and mask frame for cleaning and replacement. <http://amara.respironics.com>



Amara Silicone

Vivo® 50 Approved by FAA

Roger Nyström, Product Manager, GE Healthcare – Respiratory & Sleep/Breas, reports that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliance letter for the New Vivo® 50 has been issued. (See copy at www.ventusers.org/adv/Vivo50FAAcomplianceLtr.pdf.) Note that this FAA certificate is valid for Vivo 50s produced from July 8, 2013. For older Vivo 50s, the company provides a service kit so Vivo 50s can, by service engineers, be updated to also fulfill the requirements, and those units will get individual FAA certificates.

Looking Ahead to 2015 in Lyon, France

The JIVD 14th International Conference on Home Mechanical Ventilation and the ERCA 5th European Respiratory Care Association Congress will meet jointly March 26-28, 2015, in Lyon. Both associations are well known to health care professionals – JIVD in the field of home mechanical ventilation since 1989, and ERCA in the field of respiratory care since 2003. The common objectives of both associations are to promote the knowledge and understanding of disease, to educate and to share experience in order to ensure optimal patient respiratory care.



Don't Forget Your Flu Shot

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine is designed to protect against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season. Getting the flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available each year is always a good idea, and the protection you get from vaccination will last throughout the flu season.

In addition, you can take everyday preventive steps like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading influenza to others. ■

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