



## **Small Volume Nebulizer (SVN) System with Reusable Nebulizer Kit**

A small volume nebulizer is used to deliver medications directly to your lungs. The SVN breaks the medicine into microscopic particles and delivers the medicine to your lungs as you breathe in the mist generated by the SVN. Delivering medicine directly to your lungs is the most effective home therapy for opening airways and delivering pulmonary antibiotics.

- ◆ Your SVN system is composed of a portable compressor, connecting tubing and reusable nebulizer kit; which may include a mask or mouthpiece. If you are using the SVN for an infant, you may be taught to hold the corrugated tubing near the infant's face so the infant breathes in the mist (a mask may cause the infant to fuss).
- ◆ You will learn how to put medication and saline solution into the nebulizer kit. The portable compressor (box-like unit) generates air under pressure that enters the nebulizer (bulb-like plastic section). The nebulizer creates a mist that contains the medicine.
- ◆ To use the SVN effectively, you must breathe the mist into your lungs. If you are using a mouthpiece, breathe in the mist through your mouth taking slow deep breaths. If you are using a mask, make sure that the mask fits securely around your face to minimize the amount of mist that escapes.
- ◆ Always plug your SVN unit into a grounded wall outlet or use a grounded adapter for a three-pronged plug. Do not immerse the portable compressor in water. Clean the outside by wiping it with a damp cloth.
- ◆ Remember to rinse the reusable nebulizer kit after every use by taking the kit apart and rinsing all parts thoroughly for 30 seconds; allow to air dry before using again. Follow the manufacture specific cleaning and disinfecting instructions for your reusable nebulizer to prevent the possible risk of infection when breathing the medication mist into your lungs. The manufacture instruction guide is included with your SVN system.
- ◆ Use your SVN therapy as prescribed by your physician. If you find that you are unable to use the unit as prescribed, please contact your servicing Preferred Homecare or LifeCare Solutions branch so that we can assist you to find solutions to the problems you are experiencing. Our goal is to help you to use SVN therapy effectively and safely.



**Portable Compressor**



**Reusable Nebulizer**

### **SVN Supplies-Reorder Guide**

**Nebulizer Kit, Reusable: (1) each allowed every 6 months**

### **Call Toll Free**

**Preferred Homecare:**

**1-800-636-2123**

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