

# Adult Suction Units, Electrical Humidification and Respiratory Consumables - Funding Criteria



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<b>Included Equipment</b>	
Suction unit pack (including tubing and filters). A second suction unit will be considered for people who are invasively ventilated continuously	1 only
Electrical humidification unit for use with ventilation – with electrical adaptors, temperature probes. A second humidification unit will be considered for people who are invasively ventilated continuously	1 only
Test Lung for people who are invasively ventilated continuously	1 only
Manometer for people with a cuffed tracheostomy	1 only
<b>Included Ventilation Consumables</b>	
<b>N.B. This is the standard annual allocation. Actual quantity may vary depending on packaging.</b>	
Disposable wet circuit only	Disposable: 52/yr
Disposable dry circuit only <b>OR</b> Non-disposable dry circuit only	Disposable: 52/yr <b>OR</b> Non-Disposable: 3/yr
Disposable wet <b>AND</b> Disposable dry circuit <b>OR</b> Disposable wet <b>AND</b> Non-disposable dry circuit	Disposable: 26 wet/yr <b>AND</b> Disposable: 26 dry/yr <b>OR</b> Disposable: 26 wet/yr <b>AND</b> Non-Disposable: 3/yr
Humidifier chamber	As per circuit supply
Ventilator Circuit Accessories e.g. Catheter mount, connectors and elbows, adaptors etc.	Disposable: 12/yr <b>OR</b> Non-Disposable: 3/yr
Water bag for heated humidifier	12/yr
Manual resuscitator (disposable) for people who are on life support ventilation only	1/yr
<b>Suction Consumables</b>	
Y suction catheter <b>OR</b> Closed suction system (only for people on invasive ventilation)	Up to 2160/yr <b>OR</b> Up to 120/yr
<b>Tracheostomy Consumables – Recurrent supply</b>	
Heat Moisture Exchangers (HME)	365/year
Tracheostomy tubes	Non-disposable: 3/yr <b>OR</b> Disposable: 12/yr <b>OR</b>
Tracheostomy inner cannula	Disposable: 12/yr
10ml syringe for use with a cuffed tracheostomy tube (cuff deflation)	1 x box of 100 once only
Tracheostomy securing equipment (If not included in kit): Velcro Tapes (neck strap) <b>OR</b> Cotton Tape	20/yr <b>OR</b> 1 roll/yr
Speaking Valves	2/yr
<b>Exclusions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humidification equipment that is not for use in conjunction with ventilation equipment</li> <li>• Yankuer suckers</li> <li>• Nebulisers, Cough-assist equipment and associated consumables</li> <li>• Tracheostomy tubes for tube changes as an admitted patient</li> <li>• Equipment for a person who has a short term need for equipment and consumables (less than 12 months)</li> <li>• Equipment for a person who has not completed an appropriate trial as detailed in Equipment Eligibility criteria</li> <li>• Allocation over and above the listed annual supply</li> <li>• Suction equipment and consumables for short term, intermittent, episodic or emergency use</li> </ul>	
<b>Contracts in place</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 956 Electromedical</li> <li>• 318 Respiratory Consumables</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>914 Anaesthetic consumables</li> </ul>
<b>Ineligible Groups</b>
<p>People who are eligible for services and equipment from any of the following will not be eligible to receive equipment through EnableNSW (see EnableNSW Policy).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Aged Care Package e.g. Home Care Packages (levels 1-4)</li> <li>ADHC owned and operated supported accommodation facility or services</li> <li>Respite or temporary care facilities</li> <li>Transitional Aged Care Package</li> <li>Lifetime Care and Support Authority</li> <li>Dust Disease Board</li> <li>Department of Veteran's Affairs Gold Card holder</li> <li>Department of Veteran's Affairs White Card holder if the requested assistive technology is for an injury/condition developed during/or as a result of time in service</li> <li>Third party/Worker's Compensation/other compensation related to the injury/disease</li> <li>People in hospital whose respiratory condition has not stabilised and/or require the equipment for discharge</li> <li>Equipment and consumables for the first month after a person has been discharged</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Prescribers</b>
<p>The primary prescribing team may include: Specialist physician in respiratory medicine, sleep medicine, spinal cord injury, ENT or intensive care in consultation with the multidisciplinary care team (e.g. clinical nurse consultant, clinical nurse specialist, occupational therapists, physiotherapist, biomedical engineer, speech pathologists). It is recommended that a multidisciplinary service advise on the person's setup and equipment requirements. Centres with limited or no experience with the management of complex, ventilator dependent people should liaise with a recognised tertiary institution to assist in planning home discharge.</p>
<b>Recommended Review Timeline</b>
<p>It is recommended that a review is performed every 6-12 months, or as determined by the stability of the underlying clinical condition and where there are changes in products required. Reviews may be conducted in a variety of settings e.g. Home, clinic or hospital admission.</p>
<b>Other Considerations</b>
<p>If the person is prescribed other items of respiratory equipment, ventilation, a separate equipment request will need to be made for those products as per the relevant equipment Clinical Criteria. All Clinical Criteria can be found on the EnableNSW website.</p>
<b>EQUIPMENT ELIGIBILITY</b>
<p>This Clinical Criteria refers to person's <math>\geq 16</math> years of age with a demonstrated long term need (<math>\geq 12</math> months) for respiratory equipment and consumables with regular and frequent usage on a daily basis.</p> <p><b>Suction Units (airway bypassed/non-bypassed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The person is unable to maintain their airway and independently clear secretions <b>AND</b></li> <li>The person / carer is competent in the use of the equipment <b>AND</b></li> <li>A copy of a 2-week usage log of a trial with the equipment which documents             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The reason for each suction episode</li> <li>The number of suction episodes per day, including date and time</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Tracheostomy Tubes, HME's and attachments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The person will require the prescribed equipment on a long term basis (<math>\geq 12</math> months) <b>AND</b></li> <li>The trache tubes will not be changed in hospital (as an admitted patient) <b>AND</b></li> <li>A minimum 2 week trial on the equipment ensuring it is effective and compatible with other equipment</li> </ul> <p><b>Customised Tubes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each new or repeat order requires the submission of a new prescription/template proforma (available from the supplier)</li> </ul>

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## Ventilation related equipment/consumables

- Must be eligible to receive ventilation equipment via EnableNSW

## Electrical Humidification for use with ventilation equipment

- The person is ventilated continuously ( $\geq 16$ hrs/day invasively or non-invasively) or ventilated invasively nocturnally ( $\geq 6$ hrs/night) **AND**
- The person has sputum retention, plugging and secretions that require thinning **AND**
- The person/carer is competent in the use of the equipment **AND**
- A trial has been completed in conjunction with the ventilator trial

### The responsibility of the Prescribing/clinical team is to ensure that:

#### Social/carer factors

- The person and/or relevant users (family/primary carer) have been trained by the clinical team and are capable of using the equipment safely and appropriately, including basic equipment care and trouble shooting.
- The person will comply with equipment usage as prescribed
- Information is provided to the person about their ongoing treatment plan, clinical review and assessment requirements in relation to mechanical ventilation. This may include information about regular follow-up as per the Recommended Review Timeline

#### Equipment factors

- Any change to the prescription (change in size, ventilation circuits or catheters etc.) is to be communicated to all relevant parties including EnableNSW.
- EnableNSW is to be contacted if the equipment is no longer required. EnableNSW can be contacted to coordinate repairs and/or replacement within business hours (9am-5pm, Monday-Friday)  
NB: EnableNSW and contracted equipment suppliers do not provide a 24 hour equipment support contact line
- The person and/or carer has an emergency plan in the event of respiratory equipment failure outside of business hours

#### Environmental factors

- The equipment prescribed is compatible with the person's home environment and is suitable for safe management of the person in the community

### The responsibility of EnableNSW is to ensure that:

The equipment supplier arrangements include:

- Appropriate equipment and/or consumables that meets the person's clinical and safety needs as per the prescription
- Delivery of the equipment to the person or Health Service
- Delivery of consumables to the person's home
- The provision of equipment that complies with the Therapeutic Goods Act (TGA) and has a valid Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) number
- Where relevant, a contractual service and preventative maintenance agreement as per manufacturer's recommendations including provision of an identical loan unit if equipment is to be removed for repair, maintenance or testing
- The collection of serial numbers/service history of the equipment