

PHILIPS RECALL

On June 30th, the FDA alerted the public and their health care providers about a recall regarding certain ventilators, BiPAP, and CPAP machines made by Philips Respironics.

According to the AASM, this is the cause of the recall:

The recall is related to the type of foam used to reduce the noise made by the devices. Over time, the foam inside the machine may fall apart into black particles. These particles can enter the humidifier, tubing and mask. As a result, you may inhale the particles when using the device. Philips reports that the potential risks to you include:

- headache
- skin or eye irritation
- asthma

Testing by Philips also found that the foam can produce unsafe chemical levels. These "volatile organic compounds" are released as gases. Exposure to VOCs may cause problems such as:

- irritation of the airway
- headache or dizziness
- skin, eye or nose irritation
- nausea or vomiting

Philips reports that in 2020 the complaint rate for foam particles was low (0.03%). To date, there have been no reports of death. Philips has received no complaints related to chemical exposure.

Philips has begun a process to repair and replace affected devices. How long this process will take is unclear.

Because we are PAP providers, we too are affected by this recall. Our in-house RRT has been in close contact with Respironics and is fully engaged in the tracking measures they're taking, as well as talking to concerned patients about their options. We are strongly advising against using SoClean machines, as this exacerbates the issue. The machines we are currently dispensing are not impacted by the recall.

If your PAP patients have questions or feel uneasy about continuing PAP use, we would be happy to talk to them about their options as well.

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