

 <p>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</p>	<p>SECTION D: PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION CHAPTER 13: BASIC NEEDS</p> <p>POLICY AND PROCEDURE 13.6.1 The Companion O2 Portable Unit</p>
<p>Authorization: Nursing Executive Committee</p>	<p>Date Effective: May 1, 2018 Scope: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses</p>

Standard of Practice:

The registered nurse will provide the patient with a portable unit called the Companion 1000. The unit will be utilized for but not limited to, the following conditions:

- a. Medical appointments, off unit
- b. Activities, off unit
- c. Fresh air, off unit
- d. Performing ADLs on unit, whether in a wheelchair or ambulatory. Concentrator shall be utilized for all other activities while on unit for patients in need of continuous O₂.

Standard of Care:

The patient can expect that his or her need for portable oxygen, while off the unit, will be assessed.

Policy:

1. The system is to be used to deliver medical grade (USP) oxygen when prescribed by the medical provider.
2. Companion 1000 is supplemental and is not to be considered life-supporting and should not be used during medical emergencies.

Procedure:

1. All patients admitted to CVH who require a portable oxygen unit will receive this equipment through a respiratory equipment vendor.
2. Request for portable oxygen is made by calling Ambulatory Care Services (ACS) x 5526 during regular business hours Monday – Friday. Off hours during the week until 11 pm and on Saturdays during the day, the E-Man can be contacted through Telecommunication Dispatchers.
3. Staff will bring portable tank to be filled to the shed behind Woodward Hall.

4. The Companion O₂ Portable Units will remain on the units for the designated patient in need. Patients utilizing portable O₂ units will have one assigned to them on the unit. Patients should not share portable O₂ units.

5. Portable tank liquid oxygen content may be checked by the tank indicator. Place the bottom end of the tank on the floor down and then lift by the carrying strap to check indicator.
6. If a patient requires portable O₂ only for an off unit appointment or activity, this is arranged via ACS x 5526 in advance.
7. Place the oxygen tube on the oxygen adapter and adjust the cannula to receive oxygen comfortably.
8. Turn the flow controller to the prescribed rate.
9. The patient may wear the portable O₂ on either side of the body, either over the shoulder or across the body. An adjustable shoulder strap and pad are provided for maximum comfort.
10. Wipe down the outside of the portable unit with a dry cloth daily in order to prevent dust buildup.
11. Document use of the Companion 1000 in the integrated progress notes when utilized.
12. Educate the patient regarding safe use of the equipment and document the patient's understanding in the progress note.
13. Unit should be stored in the treatment room when not in use.