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Leading the way in respiratory equipment **Providing a Breath of Fresh Air for Sleep Disorder Sufferers**

Home Care Medical's Respiratory Care Center is a busy place these days. As more individuals are diagnosed with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), Home Care Medical's sleep therapy experts are seeing more people who want, and need, a good night's sleep.



The right product and correct fit are critical to compliance with sleep therapy. Home Care Medical's experts take the time to select the right mask with the right fit.

stroke and diabetes. Left untreated, OSA can be life-threatening.

“Too many patients with OSA give up on treatment because they feel confined by a mask over their face and straps around their head,” states Donna Smith, Home Care Medical's director of respiratory care services. “Our respiratory therapists will take all the time needed to identify and properly fit the facial appliance. It needs to be a comfortable fit to ensure the patient wears it every night.”

During their initial appointment at the Respiratory Care Center, patients are also told that Home Care Medical will be following up with them on a regular basis. They will get phone calls asking them if they are using their CPAP machine as prescribed and if they are experiencing any skin or sinus irritation, for example. Patients are also required to download information stored on their machines. This information lets the treating physician know if the patient is using the machine as prescribed, if there have been any mask leaks and if the patient has experienced any apnea events.

The Respiratory Care Center (RCC) located in Home Care Medical's retail store, has three private fitting rooms and an inventory of the latest machines, masks and related products for the treatment of OSA.

CPAP therapy, or continuous positive airway pressure, is the most accepted and effective treatment for OSA. CPAP therapy, just like any other therapy, is effective only if patients follow their prescribed treatment plan. There are several reasons patients don't comply with their therapy. Uncomfortable or poorly fitting masks and noisy machines are two of them. However, patients need to know there are several health conditions associated with OSA including high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure,

“OSA is a very serious condition,” states Paul Schlueter, respiratory therapist working at the Respiratory Care Center. “We opened the RCC to provide more comprehensive service to our OSA patients and to be a resource to those individuals who may think they have sleep apnea. We encourage anyone with questions about the diagnosis and/or treatment of sleep apnea to contact us. We can recommend sleep labs where diagnostic testing can be done and physicians who can diagnose and prescribe treatment.”

Home Care Medical also hosts two ‘Good Sleep Fairs’ each year. Patients and family members are invited to the Respiratory Care Center to see new products, try out new masks or have their mask refit and have pressure checks done on their CPAP machines.

Sleep disorder accessories can also help ensure compliance. PAPillows are created with a molded area for the head, allowing the mask to extend beyond the edge of the pillow.

CPAP masks have come a long way in design. With many masks on display, Home Care Medical offers one of the widest varieties to choose from in southeastern Wisconsin. A large variety ensures that each client will have a mask that best fits their needs.



PAPillows make sleeping with apnea equipment more comfortable



The proper, comfortable fit of a mask helps ensure compliance