

Where Can I Get More Information?

Should you have any further queries, please contact PACE at 6357 2215.

You may also approach your anaesthetist and/or your respiratory therapist when you arrive for your surgery.

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Contact:
6357 2215 (Main Line)



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Using Your Home Ventilator During Your Hospital Stay



Now that you are scheduled for elective surgery, it is important that you continue to receive your Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) or Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BIPAP) therapy through a ventilator during your hospital stay.

This brochure will provide you tips on preparing your home ventilator for your hospital stay.

Before Your Surgery

To continue using your home ventilator in the hospital during your hospital stay, please:

- Ensure that the **preventive maintenance (servicing), including Electrical Safety Test (EST)** for your home ventilator has been done within the **last 6 months**.
- Keep a copy of the latest **servicing certification** (servicing stickers affixed to machine are not sufficient).

Please approach the vendor/distributor of your home ventilator for the above.

On the Day of Your Surgery

Please bring the following items:

- Your home ventilator.
- All necessary accessories, i.e. mask, circuits, filters, power supply cord.
- A copy of the servicing certification.

Upon Registration

- Inform our nurses that you are using your own home ventilator.
- Nurses will check on the condition of your home ventilator.
- You will be required to sign an Indemnity Form before proceeding to use the ventilator during your admission.

What Will Happen if I am Unable to Perform Preventive Maintenance/Servicing Before I Arrive?

If you are unable to schedule preventive maintenance or service before surgery, the ventilator may not be safe to use, especially if routine servicing has not been done.

There are two options at this point in time:

- Sign an Indemnity Form to use your home ventilator at the hospital, at your own risk.
- The hospital can try to provide you with a hospital-owned machine, subjected to availability and additional costs.

It may not be safe to proceed with the elective surgery if a ventilator is not available for use after your surgery.

Can I Choose Not to Bring my Home Ventilator during My Hospital Stay?

The hospital can try to provide you with a hospital-owned machine, **subjected to availability and additional costs**.

As a reminder, it may not be safe to proceed with elective surgery if a ventilator is not available after your surgery.