

Infection Control Risk Reduction in light of Coronavirus

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Dear Customer,

In light of the risk of Coronavirus, we are contacting you to reassure you about the efficacy of Bedfont's bacterial/viral filters for its mouthpieces and remind you of our Infection Control and Maintenance Guidelines which can help to reduce risk of cross-infection when using Bedfont[®] monitors and consumables.

The NObreath[®] Mouthpiece has an infection control filter, which has been tested vigorously by Public Health England to prove it removes and trap 96.8% and 95% of airborne bacteria and viruses respectively.

The NObreath[®] Mouthpiece is a single-patient use mouthpiece, meaning it should be disposed of according to local waste guidelines immediately after testing to further minimise the risk of cross infection.

Furthermore, when taking a FeNO measurement with the NObreath[®], the sampling method is unique compared to other FeNO monitors, which means the patient **does not** inhale through the device or mouthpiece before exhaling, again reducing the risk of cross-infection.

As standard practice, Bedfont[®] recommends that the monitors are wiped down with the non-alcoholic antibacterial/viral wipes, provided with the monitor, after each breath test.

We also remind you that years of research and vigorous testing ensures our Bedfont[®] products are not only safe for consumer use, but compliant with Medical Device Regulations. They employ methods such as moisture/bacteria/virus removal, flow control, airtight fitment (very important for accuracy), back pressure, flow dynamics and biocompatibility with human tissues. Use of counterfeit or non-Bedfont[®] approved accessories and consumables may result in loss of performance and/or damage to your device. This risk of incorrect results could adversely affect patient care. We also remind you that counterfeit and/or non-Bedfont[®] accessories and consumables do not possess the quality and reliability of the original manufacturer products, nor have they undergone the Toxicology tests to ensure they are fit to be used orally, and therefore their safety and infection control efficacy cannot be guaranteed.

A copy of the Infection Control Maintenance Guidelines are included with the monitor but can also be downloaded from www.bedfont.com.

If you require any single-patient-use NObreath[®] Mouthpieces or non-alcoholic antibacterial wipes, please do not hesitate to contact your local sales representative.

Sincerely,



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