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# Home Caregiver and Patient Training Packet





# **VOCSN Home Caregiver and Patient Training Checklist**

Photocopy and complete this checklist as a record. Provide a hands-on demonstration of each item, and ensure the home caregiver and/or patient understands how to perform the functions related to it.

VOCSN Overview	
<ul> <li>How to determine VOCSN configuration, and what therapies each provides (V+O+C+S+N+Pro, V+C, etc.)</li> <li>Accessing and using the Home Caregiver and Patient Guide: <u>VentecLife.com/Home</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ventilation</li> <li>Oxygen</li> <li>Cough</li> <li>Suction</li> <li>Nebulizer</li> </ul>
Buttons and indicators	
<ul> <li>On/Off button</li> <li>Audio pause button</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Touchscreen</li> <li>Screen Lock</li> </ul>
Inputs and outputs	
<ul> <li>High-pressure O2 inlet</li> <li>Low-pressure O2 inlet</li> <li>Removable battery slots</li> <li>Remote alarm connection port</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patient circuit connection port</li> <li>O2 tube connection port</li> <li>Suction canister interface</li> <li>Nebulizer drive port</li> <li>Active exhalation valve connection port</li> </ul>
Power	
<ul> <li>A/C Power</li> <li>D/C Power</li> <li>Removable rechargeable batteries</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Internal rechargeable battery</li> <li>On-screen power indicators</li> <li>Turning the device on and off</li> </ul>
Patient circuits	
<ul> <li>Active circuits</li> <li>Passive circuits</li> <li>Mouthpiece circuits</li> <li>Valveless Circuits</li> <li>Humidifer Bypass</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Oxygen</li> <li>Bacterial filters</li> <li>Humidifiers and HMEs</li> <li>Nebulizers</li> <li>Suction catheters and canisters</li> </ul>
Touchscreen	
<ul><li>Home screen</li><li>Monitor screen</li></ul>	<ul><li>Therapy screen</li><li>Menu screen</li></ul>
Providing therapy	
<ul> <li>Ventilation</li> <li>Pre-Use Test</li> <li>Cough</li> <li>Suction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nebulizer (internal with filter and external, and disconnecting the nebulizer between uses)</li> <li>Oxygen</li> <li>Changing presets</li> </ul>
Alarms	
<ul> <li>High-priority alarms</li> <li>Medium-priority alarms</li> <li>Low-priority alarms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What to do when you hear an alarm</li> <li>Alarm log</li> <li>Alarm Silence</li> </ul>
Emergencies	
Emergency situations	What to do in an emergency
Cleaning and maintenance	
<ul> <li>Device cleaning</li> <li>Accessory cleaning</li> <li>Suction canister</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Air filters</li><li>Maintenance</li></ul>

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# **Patient Safety Reminders**

Read the *Home Caregiver and Patient Guide*, available online at <u>VentecLife.com/Home</u>. Carefully read all warnings and cautions. Keep the following patient safety reminders in mind when providing therapy to the patient.

## **General Safety Reminders**

- If critical to patient care, always have an alternative means of ventilation, oxygen, cough, nebulization, and secretion management available.
- Unplug VOCSN from external power before cleaning it. Lock the VOCSN touchscreen during cleaning to ensure controls on the touchscreen are not unintentionally pressed.
- Only use spare parts and accessories recommended by Ventec Life Systems. Only Ventec One-Circuits are approved for use with VOCSN.
- Do not use VOCSN if it has evident signs of damage.

#### **Placement Warnings**

- Do not cover VOCSN, place it in an area in which the vents may become obstructed (such as on its back or on top of compliant bedding), or use it in hazardous environments (such as atmospheres containing pollutants). If necessary, discuss a showering protocol with clinicians.
  - Do not use VOCSN within magnetic resonance (MR) environments.
  - Keep VOCSN out of reach of children or use the screen lock feature.

## **Patient Circuit Safety Reminders**

Do not use heated wire Ventec One-Circuits on, within, or under localized heat sources or insulating materials such as blankets or thermal chambers.

#### **Therapy Warnings and Tips**

- Inspect all patient circuit filters frequently for signs of increased resistance or blockages, and ensure alarms are set appropriately to verify the accuracy of delivered Ventilation therapy.
- Do not bleed oxygen into the Ventec One-Circuit from an external source without connecting it to one of the VOCSN oxygen input ports.
- Do not smoke near VOCSN when Oxygen therapy is used. Do not use VOCSN near an open flame of any kind during Oxygen therapy.
  - Before delivering Cough therapy when using a heated humidifier, verify a Ventec Humidifier Bypass is installed.
- Use only 6 L/min nebulizer cups with VOCSN. Ventec Life Systems recommends using Sunset nebulizer cups for optimal performance.

# **Alarm Warnings**

Set the Alarm Volume loud enough to be heard over expected ambient noise. Connect VOCSN to a nurse call system if necessary.

#### **Power Safety and Tips**

- Check the batteries and external power supply regularly.
- Do not damage the rechargeable Lithium-ion batteries. Do not use or charge the battery if it appears to be damaged. Signs of damage include, but are not limited to, discoloration, warping, and leaking battery fluid. Do not expose the battery to fire or high temperature. Do not immerse the battery in water. Do not use or store the battery inside a vehicle during hot weather. Do not drop or puncture the battery. Do not open the battery or short-circuit its contacts.
- Replace VOCSN batteries when the absolute charge (visible on the My VOCSN screen) is less than 50%.



## **Maintenance Reminders**

The low-priority Maintenance Due alarm will activate when VOCSN is needs maintenance. The low-priority Service Concentrator Soon alarm will activate if internal O2 Concentrator maintenance should be scheduled. Contact your local Ventec Life Systems representative for service if you see these alarms. Also, be sure to review the maintenance schedule described in the *Home Caregiver and Patient Guide*.

# **Knowledge Check**

After providing training, ask the home caregiver(s) and/or patient to perform each of the following tasks, and record the result. Provide additional training on any task that is not performed correctly.

Task	Pass	Fail	N/A
Finding and using the Home Caregiver and Patient Guide (VentecLife.com/Home)			
Attaching, securing, and removing the VOCSN power cord.			
Turning VOCSN On and Off.			
Removing and replacing the batteries.			
What is the projected battery life of VOCSN when running only Ventilation therapy?			
What is the projected battery life of VOCSN when using all therapies?			
Identifying and describing the importance of the air inlets and vents.			
Locking and unlocking the touchscreen.			
Replacing the external bacterial filter.			
Replacing the patient circuit, including connecting an active valve and an integrated oxygen tube.			
Running a Pre-Use Test.			
Switching Ventilation therapy presets.			
Clearing the Alarm Log.			
Which therapies cause Oxygen therapy to pause?			
Changing the Vacuum control and starting Suction therapy.			
Starting Cough therapy.			
Using Cough + Suction therapy both during and after Cough (if applicable).			
Connecting a Nebulizer Filter and nebulizer cup to VOCSN, using internal Nebulizer therapy and/or External Neb. Compensation. Disconnecting the nebulizer after therapy.			

Trainer Name:

Date:

#### Trainee Name(s):\_

#### Trainee Signature(s):

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