Pressure that’s good for you

Threshold PEP and IMT

With a flow-dependent, one-way valve, threshold devices maintain a constant pressure, regardless of the patient’s airflow. This eliminates the need for a pressure indicator. The Threshold PEP, an expiratory pressure trainer for airway clearance, bronchiol hygiene or chest physical therapy, and the Threshold IMT, an inspiratory muscle trainer for muscle strength and endurance, are easy to set with adjustable pressure in cm H2O.

When patients exhale through Threshold PEP, the resistive load creates positive pressure that helps open the airways and allows mucus to be expelled during ‘huff’ coughing, or Forced Expiratory Technique (FET). Threshold PEP may also help improve gas exchange and medication deposition when used in conjunction with nebulizer treatments. When patients inhale through Threshold IMT, a spring-loaded valve provides a resistance that exercises respiratory muscles through conditioning.
**Common features of Threshold PEP and Threshold IMT**

- Provides effective therapy when held in any position
- Can be used with a mouthpiece or mask
- Accuracy and reproducibility assured for a minimum of two years
- All products are quality-control inspected at the factory before shipment and are backed by one-year unconditional warranties

**Threshold PEP**

- Improves mobilization and prevents accumulation of secretions
- Promotes effective breathing patterns and improves gas exchange
- Improves central and peripheral airway function
- Prevents or reverses atelectasis
- Optimizes bronchodilation when combined with respiratory drug delivery via nebulizer or MDI spacer devices

**Threshold IMT**

- Increases respiratory muscle strength
- Increases respiratory muscle endurance
- Increases exercise tolerance

**Cleaning**

Use warm water and a mild liquid detergent to thoroughly clean your Threshold PEP and Threshold IMT and any attachments you have used. To rinse, flush clear water through both ends of the device and the attachments. Shake out excess water and allow to air dry. Do not boil or heat. After allowing the device and attachments to dry completely, store them for your next therapy session.

1 Information on file with Philips Respironics

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