

# Medical Air

## Medicinal gas, compressed

### Package Leaflet: Information for the User

#### Medical Air

Oxygen 20.9% +/-0.5%, Nitrogen Balance  
Medicinal gas, compressed

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.**

- Keep this leaflet as you may need to read it again.
- If you have further questions, ask your healthcare professional (doctor, nurse or pharmacist).
- This medicine has been prescribed for you.
- Do not pass it on to others as it may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects become serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your healthcare professional immediately.

#### **This leaflet gives you information about:**

1. What is Medical Air and what is it used for
2. Things to consider before use
3. How to use Medical Air
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Medical Air cylinders
6. Further Information

### **1. WHAT IS MEDICAL AIR AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR**

Medical Air is a medicinal gas, supplied in cylinders filled to a high pressure.

Medical Air is used:

- to provide clean air in ventilators and incubators.
- to power air driven medical equipment such as resuscitators.

### **2. THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE USE**

Medical Air is only given to you in a hospital or clinic under the supervision of a healthcare professional. Ensure that your healthcare professional is aware of any medical conditions that you may have.

#### **Pregnancy and breast feeding**

Medical Air will not affect you or your baby if used during pregnancy or whilst breast feeding.

#### **Driving and using machines**

You may drive and use machines after using Medical Air providing that your healthcare professional considers that you are both fit and capable.

### **3. HOW TO USE MEDICAL AIR**

#### **Instructions for use**

Your healthcare professional will ensure that your Medical Air supply is suitable for your use and that the equipment has been set up correctly so that you receive the right amount of air.

When you are given your Medical Air it will be supplied via a facemask or an endotracheal tube (a tube inserted into your airways).

If you have any further questions on how this product is used, ask your healthcare professional.

#### 4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

There are no side effects with Medical Air

##### Reporting of side effects

If you experience any side effects not listed in this leaflet, contact your healthcare professional immediately.

You can also report side effects directly via

HPRa Pharmacovigilance

Earlsfort Terrace,

IRL - Dublin 2;

Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517.

Website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie); e-mail: [medsafety@hpra.ie](mailto:medsafety@hpra.ie).

By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

#### 5. HOW TO STORE MEDICAL AIR CYLINDERS

##### Expiry date

Medical Air should not be used after the expiry date stated on the batch label on the cylinder.

Product should be used in strict rotation so that cylinders with the earliest filling date are used first

##### Cylinder storage

Cylinders should be securely stored, in a well ventilated, dry and clean area, away from oils, greases, flammable materials and sources of extreme temperature.

The healthcare professional in the hospital or clinic will be responsible for making sure the cylinders are stored correctly.

**DO NOT SMOKE or have a naked flame near your near your Medical Air cylinder.**

**NEVER use oil based moisturising creams with your Medical Air equipment.**

#### 6. FURTHER INFORMATION

##### What Medical Air contains:

Your Medical Air cylinder contains compressed atmospheric air which is made up of 20.9% Oxygen +/- 0.5% with Nitrogen completing the mixture.

There are no other ingredients in Medical Air.

#### Medical Air Cylinders

Medical Air is supplied in the following size cylinders:

Cylinder Size	Cylinder Contents (Litres)
AZ	160
E	640
F	1280
G	3200
J	6400

The shoulder of Medical Air cylinders are colour coded black and white. The body is colour coded grey.



Shoulder of cylinder viewed from above



Body of cylinder viewed from the side

All cylinders require separate pressure regulators to be fitted to the cylinder valve before use.

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