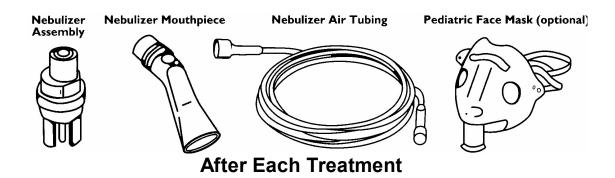
## **HOW TO TAKE A BREATHING TREATMENT**

- 1. Put the nebulizer administration kit together as instructed by your Enos Home Oxygen and Medical Supply Representative.
- 2. Attach the tubing to the nebulizer compressor.
- 3. Take the lid off the nebulizer cup and set the lid aside.
- 4. Before opening a tube of medication, make sure all the liquid is in the bottom of the tube.
- 5. Remove the top of the plastic medication tube and squeeze in one vial of your prescribed medication into the medication cup. You may need to squeeze the tube 2 or 3 times to assure all medication is out of the tube.
- 6. If you are using a dropper, place the correct amount of medication in the nebulizer cup (as well as the correct amount of normal saline prescribed by your physician).
- 7. Put the top back on the nebulizer cup and turn on the compressor.
- 8. Sit up straight and exhale completely.
- 9. Insert the mouthpiece into your mouth and seal your lips around the mouthpiece.
- 10. Breathe normally in and out through the mouthpiece. If you are using a mask to take the treatment, make sure you are breathing through your mouth and not through your nose.
- 11. Every 4th breath, take a slow deep breath in and hold it in for a count of 5. Let the breath out slowly and continue to breathe normally.
- 12. Toward the end of the breathing treatment, you will hear a sputtering sound. At this point, tap the side of the nebulizer cup with your finger or lightly tap the nebulizer unit on a table. This will allow more of the medication to turn into an aerosol for your breathing treatment.
- 13. Continue to do this until the majority of all medication has been used.
- 14. After the treatment, take a slow deep breath in and cough several times. This should assist you in getting some mucus out of your lungs.
- 15. Rinse mouth after every treatment
- 16. You are finished! Rinse out the nebulizer and let it dry according to the instructions you were given at the time of delivery.

## **NEBULIZER CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS**



- 1. Remove the tubing from the nebulizer cup and disassemble the parts.
- 2. Rinse of the all parts (except the tubing) with warm tap water.
- 3. Allow the nebulizer cup and parts to air-dry on a clean, lint free cloth (paper towels are fine).
- 4. Reassemble the cup when dry and store in a zip lock bag until your next breathing treatment.

## Once a Week

- 1. Remove the tubing from the nebulizer cup and disassemble the parts.
- 2. Soak all parts (except the tubing) in a basin filled with 1 part distilled white vinegar and 3 parts hot tap water for at least 30 minutes.
- 3. Then rinse all parts of the nebulizer thoroughly with warm water and allow it to air- dry on a clean lint free cloth.
- 4. Discard the solution when the disinfecting is complete.
- 5. Once the nebulizer cup is clean, store it in a zip lock bag until your next breathing treatment.
- 6. Every week, wipe down the outside housing of the nebulizer compressor (make sure it is unplugged) with a slightly damp, clean cloth. You can also wipe down the tubing that attaches the nebulizer to the compressor.
- 7. Be sure to dry off both the tubing and housing.

## **Nebulizer & Filter**

- Disposable nebulizer set ups need to be discarded after 2 weeks of use
- ProNeb set ups (side stream, aeroeclipse) are discarded after 6 months of use
- > Filters:
- Should be changed monthly or when they appear grey & dirty
- Some nebulizers have filters that last 6mo.