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Respiratory Care Expands Beyond Oxygen Tanks

The first thought when people mention respiratory care today is completely different from the old mental picture. Because today's respiratory care encompasses everything from sleep aids to oxygen tanks to nebulizers for children and adults, in shapes and sizes that look complete unlike the items of the past.

According to Lenae Cheek, RRT and Vice President of Reeves-Sain Medical for Reeves-Sain, the family of medical services headquartered in Murfreesboro, there has been a dramatic level of change and innovation in respiratory care, and the resulting products have provided assistance and relief to a wider spectrum of individuals.

"The fundamental goal of any respiratory product is to improve respiration--- whether it's to improve sleep or to clear congestion or to provide air," she said. "Today's equipment is delivering these benefits and doing so affordably and much more efficiently than ever before."

Cheek cited the contrast in oxygen delivery systems, where the huge tanks have given way to lighter, more portable equipment. And the growth in research on sleep issues and their impact on health has created a demand for new and more effective sleep systems to deal with these health concerns.

The key step for anyone dealing with, or who thinks they might have a respiratory problem, is to visit with their physician for an assessment. Then a visit to the respiratory therapist at your pharmacy will insure the right equipment is provided and appropriately fitted.

"We've added several respiratory therapists in the last two months to serve this growing market," Cheek said. "The demand for this equipment---everything from CPAP and BiPAP machines for sleep to nebulizers for adults and children--- continues to grow, and the options available to all patients are increasing regularly. We work closely with the physician and the patient to insure the best match of product and the best possible result."

Whether it's a playful animal-shaped nebulizer or a portable oxygen system, the goal remains the same, according to Cheek. "To breathe more easily and enjoy life. "

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