**OXYGEN THERAPY OVERVIEW OF SITE**

<https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy>

Oxygen is a gas that is vital to human life. It is one of the gases that is found in the air we breathe. If you have a chronic lung disease, you may need additional (supplemental) oxygen for your organs to function normally.

Here are some conditions that may require supplemental oxygen, either temporarily or long-term:

* [COPD](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/copd) (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
* [Pulmonary fibrosis](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/pulmonary-fibrosis)
* [Pneumonia](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/pneumonia)
* A severe [asthma](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/asthma) attack
* [Cystic fibrosis](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/cystic-fibrosis)
* [Sleep apnea](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/sleep-apnea)

Oxygen therapy is a treatment that provides you with supplemental, or extra, oxygen. Although oxygen therapy may be common in the hospital, it can also be used at home. There are several devices used to deliver oxygen at home. Your healthcare provider will help you choose the equipment that works best for you. Oxygen is usually delivered through nasal prongs (an oxygen cannula) or a face mask. Oxygen equipment can attach to other medical equipment such as CPAP machines and ventilators.

Oxygen therapy can help you feel better and stay active. Learning all you can about oxygen therapy can help you feel more comfortable and confident. Use the links below to learn more.

[**THINGS TO KNOW WHEN USING OXYGEN THERAPY**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/things-to-know-when-using-oxygen)

[**GETTING STARTED WITH OXYGEN IN METAL TANKS**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/oxygen-in-metal-tanks)

[**GETTING STARTED WITH LIQUID OXYGEN**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/getting-started-with-liquid-oxygen)

[**GETTING STARTED WITH A PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/getting-started-portable-oxygen-concentrator)

[**GETTING STARTED WITH A HOME OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/home-oxygen-concentrator)

[**OXYGEN DELIVERY DEVICES AND ACCESSORIES**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/oxygen-delivery-devices)

[**HOW CAN OXYGEN HELP ME?**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/how-can-oxygen-help-me)

[**GETTING STARTED WITH OXYGEN**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/getting-started-with-oxygen)

[**USING OXYGEN AT HOME**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/using-oxygen-at-home)

[**USING OXYGEN SAFELY**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/using-oxygen-safely)

[**TRAVELING WITH OXYGEN**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/traveling-with-oxygen)

[**SUPPORTING SOMEONE ON OXYGEN**](https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/oxygen-therapy/supporting-someone-on-oxygen)

*If you are on Medicare and have had issues getting your oxygen covered by insurance or getting the amount of oxygen you need, we want to know. Send an email with your story to*[*Oxygen@Lung.org*](mailto:Oxygen@Lung.org)*. Your email will be forwarded to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Thanks for helping us advocate for lung disease patients who need oxygen.*

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