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**IVUN Member Survey Observations**

Many thanks to those of you who returned the IVUN Member survey. It revealed that health professionals find IVUN's educational, networking and advocacy mission valuable. So do our to our core Members – the users of home mechanical ventilation. While many of our readers use a vent due to polio, many report using a vent due to other conditions, which supports our goal of making IVUN an organization that is cross-disability.

Members want product announcements, product reviews, information about assistive devices and research updates. They want to see more information on research, pharmaceuticals and symptom management. Those (almost one-third) who acknowledged our advocacy work were enthusiastic in asking us to do more.

What was surprising was the high number who had never visited the IVUN website! It appears that the mass email messages sent to Members are what attract most people to the site. Currently, the IVUN site (www.post-polio.org/IVUN) is accessed through Post-Polio Health International’s site, but that will change this summer. Watch for the email announcement of the new IVUN site – www.ventusers.org.

**VUME Project**

Ginny Brickley, Project Leader for the Ventilator Users’ Medical Emergency (VUME) Project, reports that the health professional medical advisors are finessing the final documents in response to concerns raised by ventilator users. Everyone involved in the project is convinced that the resulting advice, worksheets and checklists will meet the goal of “improving the often traumatic outcome of medical emergencies experienced by individuals with a neuromuscular disease who use home mechanical ventilation.”

The VUME Project is funded by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.
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