The Pandemic Ventilator Project

Clarence Graansma, Senior Renal Technologist, Kitchener, Ontario, experienced the 2003 SARS epidemic. Canada takes its pandemic planning very seriously, and in a meeting at the hospital where he is employed, he contemplated what he would do if a friend needed a ventilator during a possible bird flu pandemic and none was available.

Could he build one? Recognizing he could not, Graansma started a blog in February 2007. In addition to raising awareness and lobbying governments to develop realistic plans, the blog’s objective is to gather information to build prototypes of ventilators that could be quickly made from commonly available components.

To review the archives and join the conversation, go to http://panvent.blogspot.com/