

VENTILATOR USERS, NETWORKING

Long-term home mechanical ventilation users are an excellent resource for information about day-to-day living with a ventilator, and are willing to offer their experiences and wisdom. Below is a list of places to start to learn more about home mechanical ventilation, the equipment, and to become connected with others.

INTERNATIONAL VENTILATOR USERS NETWORK (IVUN)

www.ventusers.org

Home Ventilator Guide

A comprehensive online resource (pdf format) that displays technical information about the world's home ventilators in charts that are easy to read and make comparing home ventilators more convenient.

www.ventusers.org/edu/HomeVentGuide.pdf

IVUN's Ventilatory Equipment Exchange

People who want to donate ventilatory equipment and aids can advertise their offerings. People who need older equipment can view what is available and make arrangements for the equipment exchange and/or submit their equipment needs. www.ventusers.org/net/ventexch.html

Can You Help? and What Works for Me

In these sections of IVUN's website, ventilator users can ask questions and respond to questions posted at www.ventusers.org/net/help1.html.

The answers are screened for accuracy. What Works for Me, www.ventusers.org/net/what1.html, is a place where people can share their solutions for living with home mechanical ventilation.

Questions, tips, adaptations, etc., can be sent to info@ventusers.org

LISTSERVS

VENT USERS

<http://groups.google.com/group/vent-users>

To join, click on the right side of the page. Then send an email to the group at vent-users@googlegroups.com

VENT-L

www.makoa.org/ventuser.htm

vent-users@eskimo.com

Vent Support Network (VSN)

npventsupport-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/npventsupport/>

DMD Pioneers

www.dmdpioneers.org

dmdpioneers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Trachties

www.tracheostomy.com/networking/listserv.htm

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