

# How to Use a Portable Suction System

## Suction System

Your health care provider has prescribed that you use a portable suction system. A suction system helps to clear fluids from your mouth, nose or windpipe (trachea).

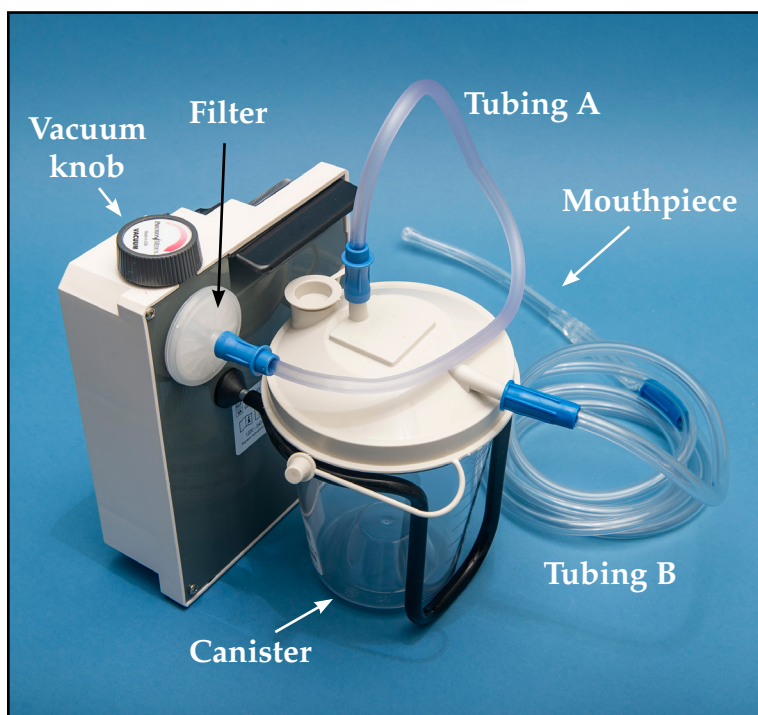
You can rent a suction system from your local home medical supply store.

## Parts of the System

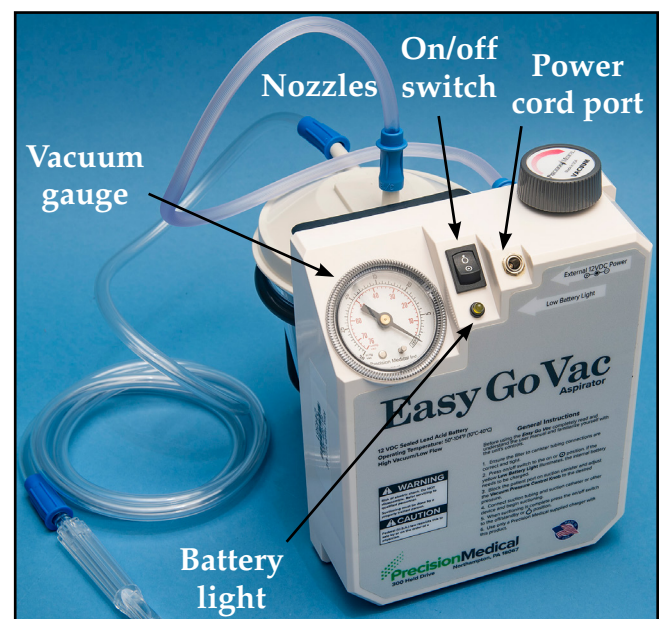
- tubing (A and B)
- canister
- on/off switch
- vacuum gauge
- battery light
- filter
- mouthpiece
- vacuum knob
- power cord port

## How to Set Up and Use the System

1. Place the system on a table or other flat surface at least 4 inches away from other items.
2. Tightly secure the lid on the canister. Connect the end (with the filter) of tubing A to the nozzle under the vacuum gauge and the other end to the nozzle (pointing up) on the top of the canister.
3. Connect one end of tubing B to the other nozzle (pointing out) on the top of the canister and the other end the mouthpiece.



Labeled parts of the system



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4. Plug the system into an electrical outlet.  
Turn the system on by using the on/off switch.
5. Use the vacuum knob to adjust the amount of suction prescribed by your health care provider. Adjust for comfort, if needed.
  - To **increase** the amount of suction, turn the vacuum knob to the right (clockwise).
  - To **decrease** the amount of suction, turn the vacuum knob to the left (counterclockwise).

## Battery Care

- You will know when it's time to charge the battery when the battery light is yellow. It will take 2 to 4 hours to fully charge the battery.
- You can charge the battery using an electrical outlet or car port.
- The light will change to green when the battery is fully charged.
- When completely charged, the battery will last for about 2 hours.

## How to Clean the System

- **Filter:** When the filter looks damaged, discolored or clogged, replace it with a new one.
- **Canister:** Use warm, soapy water to wash the canister. Allow to air dry on a clean towel.
- **Tubing:** When the tubing becomes worn, replace it with new tubing.
- **Suction system:** Use a damp cloth to clean the system and power cords. Wipe the machine dry.

## How to Order More Supplies

Call 651-628-4800 or 1-800-737-4473 to order more supplies or if you have questions.