

Safety Communication

رسالة سلامة

Ventilator Supply Mitigation Strategies during the outbreak of COVID-19

Device/ Product Description:	Ventilators
Problem:	<p>Patients suffering from respiratory complications as a result of COVID-19 may require ventilatory support. These patients may require assistance via mechanical ventilation through the controlled delivery of gases, including the delivery of oxygen during inhalation and/or the removal carbon dioxide during exhalation.</p> <p>The need for ventilators, ventilator accessories, and other respiratory devices may outpace the supply available to health care facilities during the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)</p>
Recommendation /Actions:	<p>Wherever possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the number of ventilators in your facility is running low, consider alternative devices capable of delivering breaths or pressure support to satisfy medically necessary treatment practices for patients requiring such ventilatory support. • Take appropriate precautions with environmental control (for example, negative pressure) or additional filtration where feasible • Conserve the use of accessories used with ventilators <p>If you think you had a problem with your device or a device your patient uses, please do not hesitate to report the problem to SFDA through: NCMDR Vigilance system 19999 unified call center</p>