

Dear UT Southwestern Sleep and Breathing Disorders Center Patient,

The UT Southwestern Medical Center Sleep and Breathing Disorders Clinic is informing you of a voluntary recall from Philips Respironics for many of its sleep apnea machines and mechanical ventilators. Philips Respironics has determined that the polyester-based polyurethane (PE-PUR) sound abatement foam may degrade into particles and chemicals that could be inhaled. Possible risks from this exposure include headache, irritation, inflammation, respiratory issues, and toxic and carcinogenic effects.

Here are our recommendations for next steps:

1. Visit the Food and Drug Administration and the Philips Respironics websites (links below) for more information regarding the voluntary recall and manufacturer guidance.
 - <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/philips-issues-recall-notification-mitigate-potential-health-risks-related-sound-abatement-foam>
 - <https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update>
2. Register your device on the [Phillips Respironics website](#) or call 877-907-7508.
3. Contact your durable medical equipment (DME) company regarding possible repair or replacement of your current device.
4. Use standard manufacturer-recommended cleaning strategies only, as Philips Respironics indicates that foam degradation may be exacerbated by use of unapproved cleaning methods, such as ozone or ultraviolet light. More information is available online: <https://aasm.org/fda-safety-cpap-cleaning-devices-ozone-ultraviolet-light/>.
5. If you have questions or concerns regarding this announcement and its impact on your care, please contact us via MyChart or by telephone at 214-645-5337.

As members of your treatment team, we want to reassure you that you will continue to receive the high-quality care patients have come to expect from UT Southwestern. We are committed to providing you with the knowledge you need to make the best-informed decisions regarding your health care.

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