

Specially designed thermal pouch enables full access

A division of British Polythene Industries PLC, BPI Healthcare, is launching a product which helps to reduce the risk of hypo-thermia in premature babies and increases their chances of survival. BPI has developed the Baby Life Support Pouch (BLiSP) in conjunction with healthcare product specialist, Neonatal Developments.

The first of its kind, BLiSP offers a safe and reliable method of thermal care for preterm babies. Many UK hospitals currently use plastic bags and sheets to wrap preterm babies, however, such products carry a degree of risk. There can be limited access for tubing and lines with a risk of dislodging these later when



removing the infant from the wrapping.

Registered with MHRA, the single use product is a Class 1 Medical Device, has been risk assessed and complies with ISO 13485 for medical devices.

Its design enables full access, visual and physical, to the baby at the same time as preventing heat loss. Access points enable the baby to be placed in and removed from the device without the need to remove any lines or leads. A centre entry point enables access to the umbilicus and clamp, and the side and foot access points

allow lines to be attached to the baby, while maintaining an effective heat loss barrier.

Perforations enable the pouch to be removed once the baby is in a stable condition and/or has been placed in an incubator, without the need to detach any line or leads. BLiSP is made from polyethylene, with perforations and a re-sealing strip and is packed in individual packets, to maintain the integrity of each device.

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Nasal CPAP seal and attachment made easy

The Cannulaide has been designed to improve the quality of the CPAP seal and reduce irritation to the patient.

Just as each prong is designed to fit a range of patient sizes, the Cannulaide is offered in five sizes and will work with all styles of prongs. A proper fit is key to avoiding irritation and trauma to the nares and nasal septum.

The device holds and positions the prongs away from the nares and is translucent to aid inspection of the nares. The pressure seal is maintained by the Cannulaide rather than relying on the infant's nose and removes the need to use larger prongs to maintain a seal, helping to minimise irritation.

The holes for the prongs have slits that increase the Cannulaide's ability to maintain a seal while the patient moves – a good seal means shorter time on CPAP.

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Secure nasal cannulas gently with Sticky Whiskers

Securing tubes to infants can be a challenge. In the past, cannulas have often been held in place with tapes that are too aggressive and cause skin issues or require significant handling of the infant in order to relocate the device. However, if the adhesive is too light the tubes can become dislodged.

The Sticky Whiskers Velcro interface allows a cannula to be secure yet still repositionable.

After applying the Sticky Whiskers to the

upper lip the soft Velcro loop strips are wrapped around the cannula which is placed directly under the nose. There is no resulting tension on the septum, ears or taping to the face which could cause creases.

Sticky Whiskers can also be used to secure orogastric tubes. The soft Velcro tabs can be secured to the OG tube in a "flag" configuration and when it is time to change sides, the flag can be moved from one side to the other with confidence that the tube depth will be consistent.

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