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**IMPORTANT ADVISORY NOTICE FROM ANZIGA**

**Changes to Gas Cylinder Valve Outlets for Large Medical Oxygen Cylinders and Packs/Bundles (Cylinders).**

The Australia and New Zealand Industrial Gas Association (ANZIGA) is the industry association which represents manufacturers of compressed industrial and medical gases in Australia and New Zealand.

The recently revised version of Australian Standard AS2473.3 (Valves for compressed gas cylinders – Part 3 : Outlet connections for medical gases including pin index yoke connections) requires that medical oxygen valve outlets for larger cylinders be changed from Type 10 to a pin index outlet. Please refer to the following table:

<b>Gas</b>	<b>Existing Valve Outlet</b>	<b>New Valve Outlet Designation</b>
Medical Oxygen Cylinder Size G, E and D	Type 10	Pin index 2.5
Medical Oxygen Packs/Bundles	Type 10	Pin index 2.5

The reason for the change is to enhance the safety of end users of medical oxygen by eliminating the risk of connection of incorrect gas cylinders for medical applications.

**CAUTION: It can be unsafe to use adaptors between cylinder valves and manifold hoses or regulators.**

ANZIGA and its member companies have agreed, in conjunction with Standards Australia, to a coordinated implementation plan for the changeover of valves from Type 10 to pin index 2.5.

**What does this mean for you?**

All medical oxygen cylinders will be supplied with a common pin index outlet valve at a nominated time. The conversion schedule will be advised in due course.

The outcome will be that all medical oxygen cylinders will be fitted with the same outlet valve that is currently fitted to C size cylinders.



**How will these changes take place?**

- ANZIGA has agreed to an industry wide, coordinated implementation plan in order to ensure a safe cylinder valve changeover-over program for gas users.
- The cylinder valve change-over program will be implemented progressively on a state by state basis across Australia on a nominated change-over commencement date.

**What changes will gas users see?**

- Users of large medical oxygen cylinders will no longer be able to connect their existing regulators to the pin index outlet valves.
- Prior to the changeover time, replacement oxygen regulators will be available for purchase from regulator suppliers and gas suppliers .
- Users with manifold systems will have to have their manifold connections and/or hoses changed prior to the change-over date.

ANZIGA and your gas supplier will continue to communicate with end users with further information regarding this change over program.

Yours sincerely

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