

“The PROP Peer Support Group decided that it was important for people who use respiratory equipment to know that others have experienced the trauma of learning to live with vents.”

- **Consultant respirologist**
- **Respiratory therapist services:** home visits from a PROP respiratory therapist as required. Clients also receive a scheduled annual visit.
- **Respiratory education for attendants, family and friends:** two levels of training are available:
  - Companion:* 3-4 hour workshops for family, friends, and emergency responders.
  - Comprehensive:* theoretical and practical instruction in a structured session. This level is mandatory for all primary caregivers. It is a two-day course.
- **Peer support group:** network of ventilator users who are available to offer support to other clients.
- **PROP News quarterly newsletter:** mailed free of charge to clients, it contains useful information for ventilator and BiPAP users and articles by clients and staff.
- **Website:** information about PROP, its publications and useful links.



# About PROP



## Our mission

The Provincial Respiratory Outreach Program (PROP) is dedicated to enabling people who need assisted ventilation to meet their respiratory needs while living in the community. It is guided by the people that it serves around the province of British Columbia and informed by the best knowledge and information possible from professionals and community organizations.

The program provides a comprehensive range of equipment and supplies, respiratory therapy, education and peer support within a community organization that is responsible and respectful of their individual needs and goals.

## Admission into PROP

Admission into the program is done through referrals from acute care facilities, regional hospitals or respirologists. PROP provides services to people across BC who qualify for home ventilation under established medical criteria. For more information on this, please see PROP's *Discharge Planning Guide* which is accessible from our Website.

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## More on what PROP provides

PROP provides its clients with respiratory services and equipment, the support needed to live independently in the community, and the opportunity to network: Here's how:

- ❑ **Ventilation equipment pool:** new and re-serviced ventilators, BiPAPs and ventilation equipment including humidifiers and suction pumps.
- ❑ **Respiratory supplies:** can be delivered to the client's home.
- ❑ **24 hour on-call service:** clients can contact a respiratory therapist if they are having a respiratory difficulty at home that they feel cannot wait until the next business day. The therapist may either resolve the client's situation over the phone or refer them and their caregiver to someone who can. Note that the on-call service is not an emergency line; clients must phone 911 or contact their hospital or physician in an emergency.
- ❑ **Community discharge planning:** a step-by-step process is contained in PROP's *Discharge Planning Guide* for acute care centres. It provides information on discharge planning for potential PROP clients to help ensure the smooth transition of ventilator-dependant and ventilator-assisted individuals from acute care into the community.

