

Innovative Asthma Treatment A Breath Of Fresh Air

(NAPSA)—For those who suffer from asthma and other respiratory diseases, a change in season can prove to have negative effects on their health. Fortunately, relief from harmful allergens and their irritating effects can be found in more places than one might initially think.

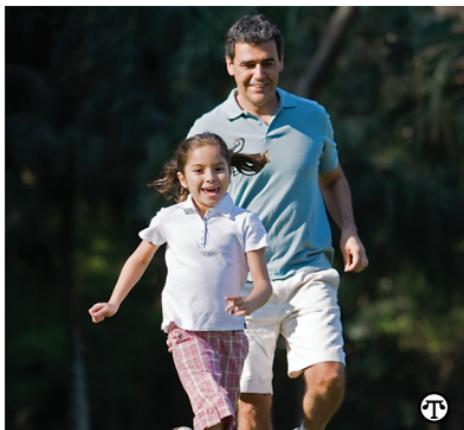
According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA), nearly 20 million Americans suffer from asthma, a disease of the airways in the lungs in which they become blocked or narrowed, causing breathing difficulty.

Typically, asthma and allergy sufferers start to feel the repercussions of their ailments in the spring, a time when tree and flower pollination is at its peak. Allergies reflect an overreaction of the immune system to substances that don't cause a reaction in most individuals.

To prevent these and other symptoms, many Americans are taking steps to rid their homes of allergens, such as dust mites and mold, and keeping windows closed during days with high pollen counts. However, taking your prescribed medication is your best bet at beating the symptoms.

According to the clinical guidelines for asthma management, medicines are usually inhaled through a machine called a nebulizer. While many doctors tend to prescribe inhalers due to their portability, consumers who prefer the effectiveness of a nebulizer may be in for a treat.

Nebulizers, machines that vaporize liquid medication into a mist that can be inhaled into the lungs via a mouthpiece or mask, provide relief of symptoms but are



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often said to be bulky and hard to transport.

Omron Healthcare has introduced the handheld MicroAir nebulizer to offer quick relief of symptoms and portability. It is the smallest portable nebulizer currently on the market and it is virtually silent while in use.

The Omron MicroAir nebulizer with vibrating mesh technology (VMT) allows medication to reach deeper into the affected patient's lungs by decreasing the particle size for better treatment.

Additionally, it can nebulize almost 100 percent of a patient's medication, alleviating waste of expensive medications. Plus, the device offers a silent operation that allows for unobtrusive treatments for both children and adults. Whether you're at school, a soccer game, going for a hike or at the office, the Omron MicroAir nebulizer can discreetly fit in the palm of your hand and be used on the go.

To learn more, visit omronhealthcare.com.



Note to Editors: The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) has declared May "National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month." It's a peak season for asthma and allergy sufferers, and a perfect time to educate your patients, family, friends, co-workers and others about these diseases.