

Resources

Ontario Ventilator Equipment Pool

<https://ontvep.ca>

Oximeter manuals & other learning materials

<https://ontvep.ca/products-2/>

ADP respiratory vendors

<https://assistivedevicesprogram.ca/respiratory/>

ADP and Other Funding Sources in Ontario

<https://assistivedevicesprogram.ca/funding/>

United Way Centraide Canada

<https://211ontario.ca/search/>

March of Dimes

<https://www.marchofdimes.ca/en-ca>

Easter Seals Ontario

<https://services.easterseals.org/equipment-funding/>

Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-disability-support-program>

The War Amps

<https://www.waramps.ca/home/>

Kiwanis

<https://www.kiwanis.org/>

Lions Club

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

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How to order supplies for the oximeter?

To reorder supplies for your oximeter, contact the VEP as follows:

- Via email at vep@kingstonhsc.ca.
- Via telephone, at 1-800-633-8977 (Toll-free in Ontario) weekdays between the hours of 08:30 -4:30 pm. In the after-hours leave a message on the voicemail.

When ordering supplies please provide the following information:

- Your name,
- Name of the client,
- Part number of the sensor or cable,
- Shipping address and phone number

A member of the VEP staff will contact you the next business day.



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Oxygen Saturation Monitor (OSM)

What you need to know about the OSM from the Ontario Ventilator Equipment Pool (VEP)



About the VEP

You have been provided with an oxygen saturation monitor also known as an oximeter by the Ontario Ventilator Equipment Pool (VEP). VEP is a provincial service operated and managed by the Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) on behalf of the Ministry of Health's Assistive Devices Program (ADP). VEP loans equipment free of charge to eligible clients. There is no cost to you for the loan of the oximeter or the on-going supplies such as cables and sensors (to a maximum annual limit).

This brochure contains important information regarding the oximeter. You are encouraged to read this brochure and to contact the VEP with any questions you may have.



Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet both general and medical eligibility requirements:

- Be an Ontario resident
- Have a valid Ontario Health Card
- Have a disability requiring the device and supplies for six months or longer
- Be 18 years old or younger with a chronic respiratory illness requiring an OSM
- Be unable to notify a caregiver and meet the following conditions:
 - Technology dependent
 - At risk of a profound hypoxemic event

How long do I need the oximeter?

Your doctor/healthcare team will advise how long oxygen saturation monitoring is required.

Your care plan -prepared by your healthcare team- should include when and for how long to use the oximeter, specify the ranges for the monitor parameters and how you respond to alarms.

You may need to periodically be re-assessed for the continued need of the VEP-issued oximeter. Re-assessment should occur every 2 years.

How long can I use the VEP-issued oximeter?

You may continue to use the VEP-issued oximeter for as long as you continue to meet the eligibility criteria set by the Ministry of Health's Assistive Devices Program (see 'Eligibility Criteria'). If you no longer meet the eligibility criteria and your doctor advises the need for continued oxygen saturation monitoring, you may require a prescription from your doctor for the rental or purchase of an oximeter from a local respiratory vendor. For a list of vendors see "Resources" section of this brochure.

Does the VEP provide on-going supplies for the oximeter?

Yes, the VEP will provide you free of charge, one sensor per week to a maximum of 52 per year. Additional sensor(s) can be purchased directly from a local respiratory vendor. Clients are encouraged to call for supplies prior to opening their second to last remaining sensor. This allows time for shipping.

Who do I contact if I experience technical issues with my oximeter?

Contact the VEP weekdays between the hours of 08:30 - 4:30 at 1-800-633-8977 (Toll-free in Ontario).

For urgent calls after-hours, call the VEP and follow the prompts to reach the VEP on-call respiratory therapist.

For Emergency Services, call 911.

Returning the oximeter to the VEP

You are required to return the oximeter to the VEP:

- ~ When you no longer meet the eligibility criteria. For example, when you reach the age of 19; the oximeter must be returned no later than 30 days following your 19th birthday.
- ~ If you move out-of-province
- ~ When your doctor advises that you no longer require the oximeter.

Contact the VEP to arrange for the return of the oximeter. VEP will provide you with pre-paid courier labels so there is no cost to you for returning the oximeter.



Photo: Oximeter, model Masimo Rad8