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## <u>OPERATIONALIZATION/MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL OXYGEN CYLINDERS:</u>

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE HEALTH ATTENDANTS**

- 1. To open the Flow meter, use the metallic key in Anti-clock wise direction.
- 2. Glutaraldehyde based solution in a concentration of 1 to 1.5%, is widely used to achieve high level of disinfection of Nasal Oxygen Cannula/Prongs, Connecting tubes, Humidifier bottle for 20 to 30 minutes.

Later, daily wash, clean and sterilize them with Soap and warm water.

- 3. If flow rate on Flow Meter (Black Ball) falls below 0.5L/minute, check tubing/accessories for blocked or kinked tubing or defective humidifier bottle.
- 4. Humidifier bottle must not be filled more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of its volume with sterile water after unscrewing the bottle from humidifier in Clock-wise direction.
- 5. Daily check and record the Oxygen Pressure level in all the Oxygen Cylinders so that these are always ready for use.

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