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RE: **Recall of Certain Philips Respironics Mechanical Ventilators**

Dear Cook Children's Patient Family,

We are writing to inform you that Philips Respironics has issued a recall notification for certain mechanical ventilators manufactured since 2009, and our records indicate you may have one of these devices in your home. The full list of impacted devices is here:

<https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update>.

The reason for the recall is due to a sound abating (*noise reducing*) foam found in certain devices that may break down and release chemicals into the tubing, which could be inhaled.

According to Philips, "In the event of exposure to degraded foam, the potential risks of degraded foam exposure include irritation (skin, eye and respiratory tract), inflammatory response, headache, adverse effects to other organs (e.g. kidneys and liver) and toxic carcinogenic effects." The company has developed a comprehensive plan to replace the impacted foam with a new material, and this effort is already underway.

ACTION NEEDED:

- If you are using a life-sustaining mechanical ventilator that has been recalled, **DO NOT stop or change any prescribed therapy without consulting your child's physician to determine appropriate next steps.**
- We will be contacting you very soon to get your device(s) serviced. There will be no additional costs to you for any services related to this recall. In the meantime, you are encouraged to register your device (s) on the Phillips website at [Philips.com/SRC-update](https://www.usa.philips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update).

We understand you may have questions or concerns about this information, and we want to help. If Cook Children's Home Health visits your family, but you are not under the medical care of the Cook Children's Pulmonary Department, please call 682-303-7618 or visit [cookchildrens.org/recall](https://www.cookchildrens.org/recall).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Cunningham".

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