Memo

To: CVH Physicians and Central Medical Supply

From: Kenneth I. Freedman, M.D.,
      Medical Director, Ambulatory Care and
      Chairman, Infection Control Committee

Date: 12/29/1999

Re: Humidifiers

Please be advised humidifiers cannot be used in patient areas due to their high risk of causing infections (per 1/21/99 Infection Control Committee meeting). OSHA and the CDC specifically discourage their usage.

Saline nasal spray is available from Pharmacy for those patients who have respiratory difficulties.

CC: Barbara Forgit, Dr. Cynthia Conrad, and Sandy Lamke