

Subject:	Medical devices for air stacking
Summary:	<p>CVZ has assessed whether medical devices for air stacking comply with the statutory established medical science and medical practice criterion and whether this is care normally provided by medical specialists or whether it is 'medical devices care'.</p> <p>CVZ has concluded that air stacking, following by manual support by coughing, has such a positive effect on the peak cough flow of patients with weakened respiratory muscles as a result of a neuromuscular disease and whose bulbar function is sufficient, that it results in an effective cough (cough peak flow at least 160L/min). An effective cough reduces the risk of infections of the lower respiratory airways and thus improves quality of life.</p> <p>CVZ believes that air stacking for the above-mentioned group of patients complies with the statutory established medical science and medical practice criterion.</p> <p>As air stacking involves products that are used at home and which may require a back-up function or emergency care, the use of air stacking is designated as care normally provided by medical specialists and not as medical devices care. Funding of air stacking should therefore take place via the DBC-system (diagnosis-treatment-combination).</p>
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