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## **How to Use the Cleft Palate Nurser by the Pigeon Company**

### Enhancing the lives of children with disabilities

This handout will explain how to use the Cleft Palate Nurser by the Pigeon company.

#### Who should use this Bottle?

- Children with clefts of the lip and/or palate
- Children with weaker sucks
- Children who have difficulty getting suction

#### What is special about this nipple?

- The nipple is hard on one side and soft on the other allowing liquid to come out with just tongue compression
- Suction is not required.
- The hole is larger and Y-shaped.
- An air valve prevents the collapse of the nipple while sucking.
- A one-way valve prevents formula from flowing back into the bottle.

#### **How to put the Bottle Together:**

- The parts: Bottle, Collar, Nipple, Air Valve, and Stopper.
- Fill the bottle with formula.
- Place the nipple in the blue, white or yellow collar / ring.
- Put the air valve in the nipple with the white point facing downwards.
- Screw the collar on the bottle.

#### How to Feed:

- 1. Hold the bottle upright, and squeeze the nipple to release some air out of the nipple
- 2. Continue to squeeze the nipple, and tilt the bottle upside down.
- 3. Release the nipple and formula will fill the nipple.
- 4. When full, the nipple holds 5cc (a teaspoon) of formula. To position the nipple in the infant's mouth, the V-shaped notch should be at the top (under the infant's nose).
- 5. **Important:** It is imporant for the harder side to be on the top.

#### **How to Clean the Nipple and Bottle:**

- Wash the nipple and bottle after each use.
- Soak the bottle and nipple in warm water.
- Do not boil the bottle or nipple in water.
- Boiling the nipple may soften it.

#### How to Order the Nipple and Bottle:

- Children's Medical Ventures, Inc. / Respironics 1-800-345-6443 www.respironics.com
- Tender Care 4 Kids http://www.tendercare4kids.com/sekstore/prods/98074.html

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