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Fact Sheet 021

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OBTAINING OXYGEN IN SPAIN

NEW RESIDENTS - Those coming to Spain to live here permanently

New residents to Spain must plan well ahead if they want to arrange a supply of oxygen. Before leaving the UK they should ask their UK doctor for written details of the amount of oxygen they will require, plus details of their medical condition.

Those coming to Spain to live here permanently should bring their E121 or E106, or (if applicable) E112 with them.

All documentation should be taken to a local doctor in Spain immediately after arrival in this country. This should be done first even if they have to register with a Social Security office in order to obtain a SIP Card (this is in order to expedite matters so that there is no delay in obtaining oxygen supplies) The doctor may refer the patient to a specialist at a hospital before issuing a prescription in Spain because the approval of a Consultant is required for Oxygen to be used at home.

Once a prescription has been issued the following supplier of oxygen should be contacted.

Social Espanola de Carbonera Metalica in Alicante

This company is prepared to deliver as far South as Torre Vieja and the Orihuela Costa

Tel: **902 10 4022** (for those with EHIC Cards or SIP cards who can be treated by the regional health services)
or **965 11 2526** for those with private medical insurance or who will pay privately for the oxygen.

Portable Oxygen equipment is available by arrangement with the doctor

For info on oxygen services available in other European Countries tel: +44 020 7210 5318

VISITORS

Visitors to Spain must plan well ahead if they want to arrange a supply of oxygen whilst in Spain. Before leaving the UK they should ask their UK doctor for written details of the amount of oxygen they will require, plus details of their medical condition. Besides this information they will need to produce an EHIC card or proof of private medical insurance, as well as their passport.

Telephone 91 657 9327 to request a supply of Oxygen.

Provide the following information:

The address in the UK and the address in Spain
The dates of arrival and departure

Fax the following details to 91 657 9362

A copy of the UK prescription to include the specific need.
Address in the UK and in Spain
Dates of arrival and departure
Photocopy of passport
Photocopy of EHIC (both sides)

Your details will be added to the supplier delivery schedule so that the oxygen will be available on your arrival.

To the best of our knowledge this information was correct on the date given below.
However, it is intended as a general guide because facts, rules and regulations can and do change frequently. It is, therefore, advisable to check with our office that this fact sheet has not been superseded. RG/Aug 09