
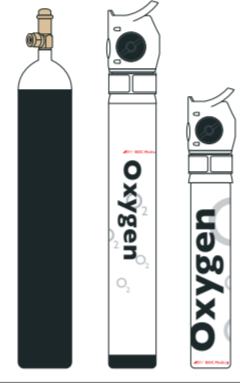
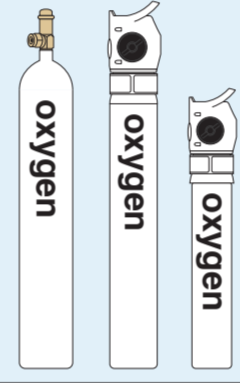

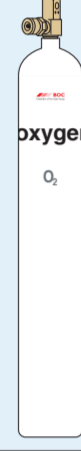

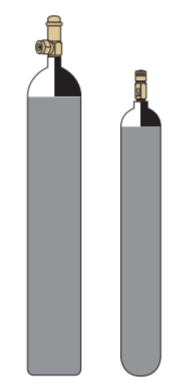
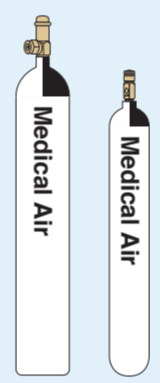

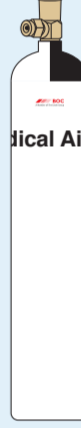

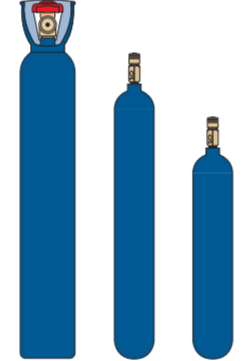
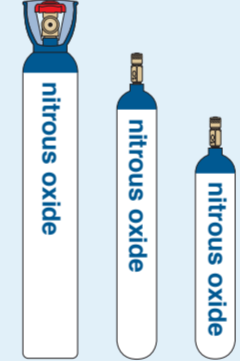

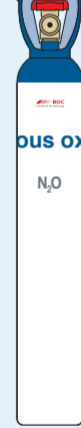





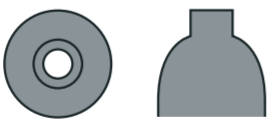
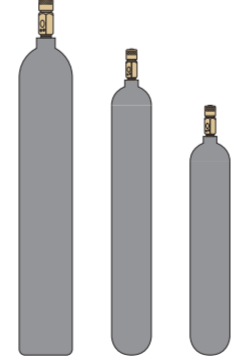
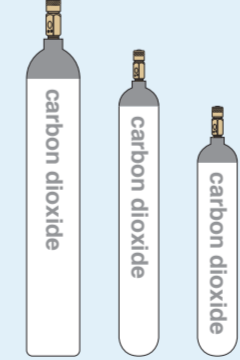


New "White" appearance for medical gas cylinders.

To improve identification of medical gas cylinders and bring them in line with European standards, the MHRA has approved changes to the colour coding of cylinders to reduce the risk of administering the wrong gas to the patient. In future, to distinguish medical gas cylinders from non-medical cylinders, the medical cylinder bodies will be white. The shoulder colours will not change, and these will identify the individual gases. Cylinders will also carry the name of the medical gas in large letters on the cylinder body to help identification.

In order to minimise the inconvenience of these changes, the MHRA has approved an extended conversion period which will mean medical gas cylinders can be supplied in both colour schemes. This identification chart provides information for those involved in handling or using medical gas cylinders to help them understand the changes.

Medical Gas	Shoulder colour(s) NO CHANGE	Body – small cylinders Old style	Body – small cylinders Future "New style"	Body – large cylinders Old style	Body – Large cylinders Future "New style"
Medical oxygen	White 				
Medical air	Black/white quarters 				
Medical nitrous oxide	Blue 				
ENTONOX (50% oxygen/ 50% nitrous oxide)	Blue/white quarters 				
Medical carbon dioxide	Grey 				
HELIOX 21 (oxygen 21%/ helium 79%)	Brown/white quarters 