

Heat and moisture exchanger

Heat and Moisture Exchangers (HME) are devices used in mechanically ventilated patients intended to help prevent complications due to “drying of the respiratory mucosa, such as mucus plugging and endotracheal tube (ETT) occlusion.

HMEs are one type of commercial humidification system, which also includes non-heated-wire humidifiers and heated-wire humidifiers.

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