



Your Life May Depend on This, or Not!

In June 2021, there was a recall on the Philips DreamStation CPAP. Although I use one, I was never notified. In July 2021, I saw an ad on TV from an attorney stating that if you had one, check it to see if it was one of the models mentioned in the recall. I did and still nothing.

The reason for the recall is apparently due to the sound proofing material within the device breaking down and being inhaled by the user. Why? Well it may be due to the use of several disinfecting products. One product uses ultra-violet C, the other uses Ozone. When registering my device with the manufacturer, they asked if I was using either one of the types of disinfecting products. Fortunately for me, I hand wash my equipment every night with soap and H₂O.

Now this. One question I had for the manufacturer was, "What are the symptoms that I should watch out for?". Answer: "I don't know. Consult with your primary doctor.". So I did like I was told and contacted my primary doctor and asked, "What are the symptoms that I should watch out for?". Answer: "What recall?". After explaining the situation, I was advised that the doctor would be contacted and asked that same question. A day later I got a call from the doctor's office. They advised that they did not know the answer and to contact the manufacturer. I thought I was in touch with "Circle-Back Psaki".

I am surprised that the manufacturer and doctors with CPAP patients are not aware of the symptoms. It was so easy to find online. I want to thank the website at: [What are the Symptoms of Exposure to CPAP Foam? | Douglas and London](#) for listing the following symptoms:

"CPAP foam exposure symptoms mimic other conditions. Suspect CPAP foam exposure if experiencing any of the following symptoms that do not resolve promptly:

- **Chest pressure**
- **Coughing**
- **Headache**
- **Hypersensitivity**
- **Inflamed lungs**
- **Nausea and vomiting**
- **Throat irritation"**

I think the manufacturer and doctors, for some reason, do not want to get involved in pointing out potential symptoms for fear that they may be asked to prove the relationship of the defect to the recall. BTW: death is another symptom. You would think doctors would want to inform their patients. Repair or replacements are reportedly months away, the manufacturer does not know when it will happen.