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To improve identification of medical gas cylinders and bring them in line with European standards, the HPRA 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 HPRA 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.

## Cylinder identification chart

In order to help you compare and identify cylinders more easily, during this long period of change please refer to the visual identities below for reference.

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 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 nitrous oxide	Blue				
ENTONOX (50% oxygen/50% nitrous oxide)	Blue/white quarters				
Medical carbon dioxide	Grey				

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