

Philips InCourage vest therapy enhances the life of four-year-old

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Gavin was born with neurological disorders and tracheomalacia. “He has a floppy windpipe, which collapses when he’s coughing or sick,” explains Allison, Gavin’s mom. “Mucus is his number-one enemy. He would get a cold and it would turn into pneumonia every single time.”

For the first year of his life, Gavin’s parents tried many methods to treat his recurring pneumonias, from medications to chest physical therapy. Nothing seemed to help until they tried InCourage vest therapy.

“Our pulmonary doctor knew that he would be a great candidate, knowing that he can’t expel mucus on his own,” said Allison. **“Since he started the InCourage system, he has a lot of energy. It helps his body get mucus out and has a huge impact on his little lungs.** It makes his quality of life better. It’s changed Gavin’s health so much.”

Allison notes that the InCourage system’s design makes it easy to assist her four-year-old with therapy time. “He can clip his vest on and the one-touch start is easy to use.” Additionally, the InCourage system offers active venting, which allows his chest to easily expand during therapy. **“He can take a breath, and it allows him to be more comfortable when he’s using it.”**



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Gavin can play throughout therapy due to the locking hoses that connect securely to the InCourage comfort vest. “He will remind us that he needs to do his vest because he enjoys time he gets to play with cars, watch movies or read books,” Allison said.

Treatment is incorporated into Gavin’s daily routine, twice a day in 30-minute increments. The positive impact on Gavin’s health makes the time spent worthwhile. “It’s not a hindrance to our life. It just enhances his life,” Allison said.

“I would tell a family that’s going through this not to be scared of the new system,” explains Allison. “It’s easy to use, you can travel with it. **It will make your child feel much better.**”

Allison feels the RespirTech Customer Care team is second to none. “When you call and have a question or if you need a new vest, they ship it out to you,” mentioned Allison. **“The care they have for Gavin has meant the world to us. Thank you for the InCourage system, and for helping Gavin.”**



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