## CareTips

**Provox FreeHands FlexiVoice** is a speaking value that works with a heat and moisture exchanger (HME) allowing you to speak hands-free or with finger occlusion.

Getting started using Provox FreeHands FlexiVoice and Provox Life FreeHands HME

- Work with your clinician to select the best membrane strength.
- Medium strength is the most common.
- You may need more than one membrane strength depending upon your activity level.



- PLACE FreeHands
  FlexiVoice onto Provox
  Life FreeHands HME.
  - Make sure the **open** foam side is facing up.
  - The side of the HME that says "FlexiVoice" should be facing down.





- PREPARE the speaking valve.
  - Place your fingers on the edge and turn the FreeHands FlexiVoice.
  - Make sure the hook moves OUT of the loop.
  - Now the FreeHands FlexiVoice is prepared for speaking hands-free.



► INSERT the FreeHands FlexiVoice with the HME attached into your Provox Life attachment (Provox Life LaryTube with Ring or Provox Life adhesive).

**Tip:** Provox Life Stability Adhesive is specifically designed for hands-free speech.



## CLINICIAN'S NOTES:

FreeHands FlexiVoice membrane strength (circle one):

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Light	Medium	Strong	Xtra Strong

Attachment for speaking hands-free:

Practice instructions for speaking hands-free:



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Removal Aid



- PRACTICE speaking hands-free.
  - Breathe in normally.
  - Breathe out and start speaking.
  - Count from 1-10.
  - Say the days of the week.
  - Recite the months of the year.



- PRACTICE locking the membrane.
  - Place your fingers on the edge and turn the FreeHands FlexiVoice.
  - Make sure the hook moves IN to the loop.
  - Locked mode allows you to return to speaking via manual occlusion without the removal of FreeHands FlexiVoice by covering the opening with your finger.

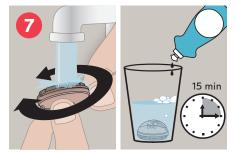


After 24 hours, **REMOVE** the speaking valve from HME.

**Tip:** Press your thumb against the tab of the HME to separate it from the FreeHands FlexiVoice.

You can also use the removal aid.

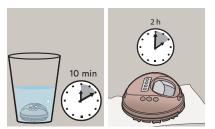
IMPORTANT: Do not wear your FreeHands FlexiVoice when you sleep.



 CLEAN and disinfect the FreeHands FlexiVoice daily.

To clean:

- Remove the HME from the FreeHands FlexiVoice.
- Rinse with warm water for 2 minutes.
- Soak in soapy water for 15 minutes, then rinse.



To disinfect:

- Remove the HME from the FreeHands FlexiVoice.
- Soak in alcohol (isopropyl or ethanol 70%) for 10 minutes.
- Rinse and dry for 2 hours.
- Do not boil or use hydrogen peroxide.



**Tip:** You can use the FreeHands FlexiVoice Arch to change from speaking to locked mode. It also helps to keep clothing away from the opening on the FreeHands FlexiVoice.

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