

I am a care-giver to my son who is a heart double-lung organ recipient who is also oxygen dependent. The use of a portable concentrator on an airline would be a major change in his life style by providing him the opportunity to travel by air. Because of his relatively high usage rate, 5 liters per minute at rest, the previous use of pressurized oxygen E-Tanks required when considering boarding;deplaning;delays etc was always a non-starter. Now air travel would become a real possibility.

The need for spare batteries should not be a deterrent for a user. Their uses in situations other than flying are many, and should be valuable in those situations in any event.

If an airline were to provide electrical outlets it would certainly simplify matters for the user. However not having them is not a show stopper and may even over complicate a simple situation by imposing difficult and possibly costly requirements on the airlines.

The need for spares and back-up systems is the on-going daily responsibility of oxygen dependent people. Dividing that responsibility between the user and the airline makes little sense at this point in time.