

I am very interested in allowing patients who need oxygen bring their own on the airplane. I am a 45 year old woman who has Pulmonary Fibrosis and require supplemental oxygen. My family flew to Cancun Mexico and not only was it an extra \$200.00 (\$100.00 per flight leg), but the tanks were HUGE when my portable unit is 1 foot long. Additionally, I had to pay an extra \$600.00 for oxygen in Cancun, but that is another story.

Story 2 - my father passed away in March, 2004. He lived in Binghamton, NY and I live in Chicago, IL. I was unable to get to him. The flights into Binghamton or even into Syracuse, NY did not allow oxygen. (commuter flights) So, my father died alone. (I'm an only child and my mom passed 5 years ago and my dad made some interesting choices). It would have been a no brainer had I been allowed to bring my oxygen. I probably could have taken the train which I had done when I was healthy, however, with my lung condition it would have been too stressful. Anyway, as more people are diagnosed with lung conditions, there will be a need to have guidelines in place. One of the things that I always wanted to do before I die, was travel. I'm very limited now. This is a frustration heard from many people have lung conditions. I hope something can be done to ease flight transportation for us.

Thank You for listening.