

# HANS RUDOLPH, INC. MOVES INTO NEW WORLD HEADQUARTERS

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The Hans Rudolph company, which has been designing and manufacturing for the past 47 years in the same location, recently moved into their new, state of the art manufacturing facility and world headquarters. This was done in order to meet the demands for space as they continue to grow in multiple areas of the Respiratory Care, Pulmonary Function and Sleep Medicine professions that demand new products on an almost annual basis. Their new facility consists of a newly designed 33,000 square foot facility housing all of their operations including research and development, design, manufacturing, marketing, sales, administration and shipping—all under one roof.

The Hans Rudolph Company has a fascinating past that veteran therapists are well acquainted with. During the early 1930s, Hans Rudolph, a German immigrant, designed and built by hand, what were possibly the very first respiratory valves specifically for use in Pulmonary Function Studies with humans and animals. These valves were so incredibly machined and hand-hewn, so precise and well-made, that Hans began receiving requests from all over the world for his valves. In 1960, Hans and his son John, formed and incorporated The Hans Rudolph Corporation as it continues to exist today. Additional family members continue to join the company. In fact, second and even third generation Rudolphs work together to continue providing old world craftsmanship and quality service. Today, the company specializes in respiratory products for Pulmonary Function Testing, Stress/Exercise Testing, Respiratory Care, Sports Medicine, Metabolic Analysis, Human Performance Laboratories, Physiological Human/Animal Research, Non-Invasive Ventilation (NIV), Obstructive Sleep Apnea Therapy (CPAP), and Flow Instrumentation & Lung Simulation. Their products are used on subjects ranging in size from mice to men to horses and include Pneumotachometers, Research Pneumotach Systems, Pneumotach Amplifiers, Breathing Simulators, DLco Simulators, Flow/Volume

Simulators, Volume Calibration Syringes, Breathing Valves, Face Masks (Oro-Breathing, Oro-Nasal CPAP & NIV & Nasal CPAP), Foam and Gel Optional Accessories for Masks, and Directional Control Valves (Stopcock-Type™, Sliding-Type™ and Inflatable Balloon-Type™). In addition to their standard line, the company specializes in custom design and manufacturing (as it always has) for users and for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

The Hans Rudolph product line is very specialized and its market area is very diversified. A typical user list would include Sports Medicine, Hospital Respiratory Care, Pulmonary Function Testing, Metabolic Measurements and Nutritional Assessment, Speech Studies, Teaching Institutions, Pharmaceutical Industry, Government Institutions, Rehabilitation, Veterinary Research, Non-Invasive Ventilation, Sleep Lab and Home Care (CPAP), Biomedical Engineering, Nuclear Medicine, Anesthesia, Human Performance Laboratories, and Physiological Human/Animal Research. Their products move throughout these areas via USA/International Dealers and OEMs and Direct to End Users as original equipment components and replacement parts.

The company's entry into sleep medicine, via its masks for the treatment of Sleep Apnea (CPAP/BiLevel) and Non-Invasive Mask Ventilation (NIPPV Masks), and Comfort Seal™ Foams for their Nasal Masks, is also blossoming as sleep labs across the country and around the world realize that the same high quality and craftsmanship that went, and continue to go into their famous valves, are also found in their line of face masks.

The Hans Rudolph company is located at 8325 Cole Parkway, Shawnee, Kansas, 66227. Their toll-free phone number is 800-456-6695 and their website is located at [www.rudolphkc.com](http://www.rudolphkc.com). FOCUS wishes the company success in their new facility and generations to come of future innovation.



The late Hans Rudolph (sitting), with his son, John, standing directly behind him and his grandsons, Kelly and Kevin, to his left and right.



The Hans Rudolph Corporation's new world headquarters and manufacturing facility