

The Snotarator: What it is, and what it's not

Never judge a product solely by its unusual name, but you can judge a product by its effectiveness. I had to see it work myself. I had to give reports back from my skeptical patients as well, but I am pleased to report that the Snotarator most definitely works; considerably better than a manual bulb syringe or aggressive squeezing on little, sensitive noses while trying to get them to blow.

I have been in clinical practice for nearly 40 years; the last twelve years in pediatrics, a place with an abundance of mucus-filled noses. I have seen children so congested that they refused to eat and could barely breathe. Children would literally scream at the site of those blue bulb syringes as well as fight as parents desperately tried to aspirate their stuffy noses. Since the average child under age six gets 6-9 colds a year, the need for an effective method of mucus-management was never in question.

With the Snotarator, you have to use it to believe it. Attaching the device to a home vacuum cleaner is the first mental barrier to overcome, but the design only permits a gentle, though effective, suction. It will not suck out their brains. The suctioned mucous goes into an easy-to-clean plastic tube, not in vacuum bag with the dust and dog hair. Since it is not inserted deep in the nose (like the bulb syringe), the kids learn to love it; even the ones that are skeptical of the running vacuum cleaner. They love it because it works in a few seconds. As adults, we all know the hidden pleasure of a well-blown nose when we have a cold, so you can understand that the kids appreciate a open nasal passage, too.

I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending the Snotarator to my patients. Granted, it takes a little sales pitch to get them to buy it, but once they use it, they will be hooked.

The Snotarator: What it is...is effective.

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