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Draeger Pulmotor



Around 1908 the Draeger Oxygen Apparatus Company of Pittsburgh produced Pulmotors for resuscitating miners. The Pulmotor was designed as an automatic ventilator for pumping air or oxygen into the airways of victims of fire or mining accidents. By the 1910s, these devices were recommended for resuscitating electrocuted or drowned individuals. Rescue workers using Pulmotors were soon widely known as “Draegermen.” (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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