Preventing Ventilator-Related Deaths and Injuries

Even though some time has passed we cannot forget that the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) published a report in 2003 about Preventing ventilator-related deaths and injuries\(^1\) Sentinel Event Alert #25. That report suggested that device alarms be connected to the nurse call system.

Will you use the below information as a call to action if your hospital has not yet responded to the previous JCAHO recommendation?

**Device Alarm Nurse Call cables**

Device Nurse Call Alarm cables are available to connect your ventilators, Pulse Oxymeters and infusion pumps to your existing device alarm nurse call system. The most frequently purchased Device Alarm Nurse Call cables connect to these devices:

**Ventilators**

- Puritan Bennett 700, 7200 & 840 series
- Draeger Evita or Savina
- Siemens Servo I
- GE/Engstrom Carestation

**Infusion pumps**

- Abbott/Hospira Plum A+
- Alaris/Cardinal Medley

**Pulse Oximeters**

- Nellcor N-395, N-595 & N-600

MAGUIRE Enterprises, Inc. manufactures a comprehensive line of medical interconnect cables which include Device Nurse Call Alarm cables to connect monitoring and therapy devices to your existing device alarm nurse call system.

Even before the FDA regulated and inspected us (1976), we were building top quality rugged cables that you could count on every time. Over 2300 hospitals nationwide use our interconnect cables. An ever increasing percentage of our customers have been ordering these rugged (red with yellow caution label) alarm cables, perhaps in response to the recommendations outlined by JCAHO.

We also have a Multiple Device Alarm Input Adapter. This quality, wall mounted adapter allows you to connect multiple ‘normally open alarm output’ devices to a single input access point in each room. So now without having to run additional costly drops, you can connect multiple devices to your existing device alarm nurse call system.

Many of our cables can be seen on [www.MaguireEnterprises.com](http://www.MaguireEnterprises.com) However, if you prefer, you can find the right one for your application by calling Ken Hackett at 1-800-548-9686. You will be talking directly to the Senior VP of Operations without a lot of phone tag.