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Dräger to Discuss Alarm Management and Strategies for Eliminating “Alarm Fatigue” at HIMSS16

Learn More about Dräger’s Alarm Management Solution and Services at HIMSS16

Telford, Pa. – Within the critical-care setting, the high volume of alarms generated by patient monitors and devices continues to present significant challenges for U.S. hospitals. When critical-care professionals are consistently exposed to the alarms of every patient within a unit, they must spend time and effort assessing their need to respond. This strain, dubbed “alarm fatigue,” drains critical-care resources and adds stress to an already demanding environment. The Joint Commission created the National Patient Safety Goal to improve the safety of clinical alarm systems, requiring hospitals to prioritize alarm system management, better identify the most important alarm signals, establish policies and procedures and educate staff about the systems for which they are responsible.

At HIMSS16, Feb. 29-March 4, in Las Vegas, Susan D. Bushman, RN, BSN and clinical consultant for Dräger, will discuss this very topic and provide strategic guidance for hospitals looking to improve alarm management. Her session, “[Managing Alarm Fatigue: New Approaches and Best Practices](#),” takes place on Wednesday, March 2, from 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. PT. Dräger will also be at the event’s Intelligent Health Pavilion (Booth 11655) and Interoperability Showcase (Booth 11954).

Designed to help hospitals meet National Patient Safety Goal mandates and improve workflow and patient safety, the [Dräger Alarm Management Solution](#), which includes consulting services, provides the contextual knowledge needed to develop a hospital-wide alarm management plan. It is a source for alarm auditing and reporting, workflow consulting and alarm management plan development and implementation.

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Using advanced analytics and alarm-auditing software, Dräger provides hospitals with detailed reports on alarms and responses to critical events and helps evaluate the effectiveness of current alarm policies and procedures. Dräger's team of experts uses those findings to work with hospital alarm committees to ensure they make evidence-based decisions to meet National Patient Safety Goal mandates and reduce adverse events related to alarms.

"With Phase II of the National Patient Safety Goal kicking off this year, alarm management is a top priority for U.S. hospitals, but it is no easy task," said Lothar Thielen, President & CEO Region North America, Dräger. "While the goal is the same – improved patient care and safety – each healthcare organization needs its own path to get there. Dräger's alarm management offerings are fully scalable and customizable so hospitals can implement changes that are most effective based on their specific areas, equipment, staffing and patient populations."

Consistently improving and expanding the capabilities of its products and services, Dräger and its affiliates have also entered into reseller agreements with [Connexall](#) USA, Inc. and its parent company, GlobeStar Systems, Inc. (HIMSS16 Booth 1863) which authorize the distribution of Connexall's alarm management software applications through the Dräger Alarm Management Solution.

Connexall software integrates with medical devices and systems from a range of manufacturers to direct clinical alarms to only those who are required to respond – ensuring fewer distractions and providing a quieter healing environment. Its data management capabilities also support department and hospital reporting requirements. Connexall's software is compatible with Dräger patient monitoring systems and therapy devices, as well as those from third-party manufacturers.

Connexall software solutions are currently available through Dräger for its hospital customers in the U.S., Canada and parts of Europe. Regulatory and trade approvals are pending for additional markets throughout the world.

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