

Massachusetts General Hospital  
 Patient Care Services Office of Quality and Safety  
 Joint Commission Readiness Checklist  
**Physiologic Monitoring ALARMS**

Criteria	Met	Not Met	Comments
Every alarm warrants action ✓ <b>Alarms are acknowledged within appropriate timeframe based on needs of the patient</b>  Observe time of alarm to either, review of the monitor or assessment of the patient			
Every alarm warrants action ✓ <b>Crisis alarm is acknowledged within 30 seconds</b>  Observe time of alarm to either, review of the monitor or assessment of the patient			
Individualize patient specific parameters when appropriate to decrease unnecessary alarms ✓ <b>All VS parameter alarms are ON</b>  Observer will check monitor settings			
Decrease unnecessary alarms: Individualize patient specific parameters when appropriate ✓ <b>Arrhythmia alarm levels are set appropriately</b>  Observer will check monitor settings			
Decrease unnecessary alarms: Individualize patient specific parameters when appropriate ✓ <b>Alarm volume set per unit standards</b>  Observer will check monitor settings			
Remove monitoring from patient when no longer needed  ✓ <b>Review the need for monitoring every day</b> ✓ <b>Obtain MD order for discontinuing ECG/pulse oximetry</b> ✓ <b>Ensure every patient with ECG/pulse oximetry has an order</b> ✓ <b>Ensure MD orders/travel requirements</b>			

Audit Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

MRN: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer Name: \_\_\_\_\_