



EED Regulatory Readiness Checklist (Inpatient Units)
Physiologic Monitoring Alarms

Criteria

Patient on Cardiac and/or Oxygen Saturation Monitor

- Patients on continuous monitoring have an associated order
- Patient's monitoring needs assessed daily
- Monitoring ordered to be discontinued if no longer needed
- Monitoring criteria for Low/Moderate/High risk is met
- Parameter alarm limits adjusted /individualized if indicate to decrease unnecessary alarms. Confirm monitor settings
 - Arrhythmia alarm levels are set appropriately
 - All VS parameter alarms are ON
 - Alarm volume set per unit standards
- Alarms are acknowledged within appropriate timeframe based on needs of the patient
 - Note time of alarm
 - Observe staff review of the monitor or assessment of the patient
 - Determine if response is timely for this alarm
- Crisis alarm is acknowledged within 30 seconds
 - Note time of alarm
 - Observe staff review of the monitor or assessment of the patient
 - Determine if response is timely for this alarm

Patient on Cardiac Monitor

- Electrodes changed and dated every 24 hours
- Alarm history/events reviewed every 4 hours and documented on flow sheet
- Significant events printed and saved in paper record