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AHRQ Provides New Toolkit for Managing Alarm Fatigue

Healthcare providers have long recognized the increasing impact of clinical alarms on patient safety. This complex problem continues to grow and gain national attention. To address this challenge, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, along with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, has developed a new toolkit <http://www.aacn.org/dm/practice/actionpakdetail.aspx?itemid=28337> for managing alarm fatigue.

Strategies for Managing Alarm Fatigue is a clinical toolkit that provides evidence-based strategies, resources, best practices and change implementation tools for reducing the impact of environmental alarms, that will improve patient safety and increase workplace effectiveness.

Alarm fatigue materials include the following:

- Managing Alarm Fatigue: New Approaches and Best Practices
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses practice alert: Alarm Management
- Managing alarm fatigue teaching presentation
- E-mail message sample: strategies for managing alarm fatigue
- Huddle script sample: strategies for managing alarm fatigue
- Newsletter article sample: strategies for managing alarm fatigue
- Alarm management performance improvement plan
- Journal article: “Monitor Alarm Fatigue: Standardizing Use of Physiological Monitors and Decreasing Nuisance Alarms”
- Journal club questions sample: strategies for managing alarm fatigue

Change implementation tools include the following:

- Roadmap for implementing change (general)
- Roadmap for implementing change (alarm management)

- Unit gap analysis: strategies for managing alarm fatigue
- Change readiness assessment

Save the Date

Please note: While the information below is a list of planned programs for 2014, at this time not all programs can be accessed online for registration.

Sept. 18 Adverse Drug Events

Sept. 22 Annual Leadership Summit

Sept. 29 Geriatric Emergency Department Guidelines

[Click here to register.](#)

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