

Quick Look Procedure Resource for NON-CRITICAL CARE staff

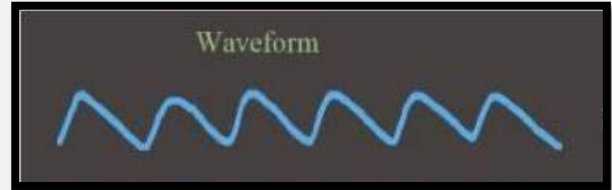
What to do if the Oxygen Saturation (SpO₂) monitor alarms

WHEN TO PERFORM

1. On hearing the SpO₂ monitor alarm

HOW TO PERFORM

- a) Check SpO₂ trace – does it look like the example?
- b) Check that the SpO₂ is attached to the patient – change site of probe
- c) Check that the oxygen source is still attached – tubing still attached
- d) Oxygen source empty (if cylinder)
YES – CALL FOR HELP
- e) is the ventilator also alarming, is the patient still attached to the ventilator?
NO – CALL FOR HELP
- f) Is the tube in correct position – has it moved since last checked?
YES – CALL FOR HELP



KEY SAFETY CONCERNS/WHEN TO CALL FOR HELP

1. If SpO₂ < 88 or defined parameter: **call for help**
2. If you cannot find a reason for the drop in SpO₂: **↑ Oxygen whilst waiting for help and inform of action**
3. **Always ensure that you have another means of ventilating the patient (Bag and Mask)**
4. **Ensure another source of oxygen available and full (as per the safety check)**