

Request for Information – Feedback Summary Sheet

Request made by:	Karen Cotton	Responses to be sent back to:	Maureen Kermack
Date request made:	20/02/2019	Date sent out:	21/02/2019
Details of Request:	<p>“Does anyone use Guardrails safety software with Alaris pumps? I want to try and determine if it would be a worthwhile investment</p>		
No.	Response Received From:	Details of Response:	
1	Jane McMullen Sister & Local Service Improvement Lead Nurse for CMCCN Critical Care Unit Liverpool heart and Chest Hospital	We had a visit from the company but we all felt it was unnecessary within our unit.	
2	Helen Williams Senior Sister Practice Development / Interim Preceptorship Co-ordinator (East) Prif Ymarferydd Datblydiag / Cydlynnydd Preceptoriaeth Interim Critical Care Unit Uned Gofal Credigol	We use DoseGuard with Braun pumps.	
3	Karen Paisley Outreach and Deputy Local Service Improvement Lead Critical Care.	No	

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	<p>Southport and Formby District General Hospital Tel 01704 704218 Email kpaisley@nhs.net</p>	
4	<p>Dr Lee R Cutler RN, BSc(Hons), MA(Ed), DMedSci Consultant Nurse/Lead nurse - Critical care services Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS FT Lee.cutler@nhs.net Mob: 07786807187 Twitter: @LeeRCutler</p>	<p>We have had this for a few years & we think it has improved safety and reduced errors.</p> <p>No quantitative data to share - just our opinion.</p>
5	<p>Jen Smyth. Senior Pharmacist, Critical Care. myNEWT Guides - a little information goes a long way Editor of The NEWT Guidelines Website. Wrexham Maelor Hospital.</p>	<p>We looked into this some years ago and eventually decided that the product was not (at that time) safe for use here. Opinions might differ by now (we now have DoseGuard, and although it has many of the same problems, I wasn't able to prevent its partial introduction), and no doubt the system will have been updated quite a lot since we last saw it.</p>
6	<p>Simon Blackpool Teaching Hospitals</p>	<p>We here at Blackpool Victoria Hospital General ICU don't use the Alaris pumps but we do use the BBraun pumps.</p> <p>All our pumps are critical care specific and are not used outside our area. They have been programme with our specific drugs and have guardrails as standard.</p> <p>One downside is that staff can choose not to use the drugs programmed and run it as a 'free run' pump which we actively discourage. Also sometimes there is a requirement to go past the guardrail and give higher boluses than the pump will allow, occasionally causing problems. Generally though they are a good idea and prevent staff from making mistakes with administration.</p>
7	<p>Mark Williams-Jones Uwch Nyrs Gofal Argyfyngol Senior Nurse Critical Care Gofal Argyfyngol</p>	<p>We used the system for some years very good as a guard to correct dosing therapy to patients. Quite useful governance back up if you need to look at what went on during a patient stay. It makes the practitioner think a little bit more when loading syringes to the system dose selection etc. We don't use Alaris now we were forced to change to Braun as a</p>

	<p>Critical Care Unit Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Tel 01745 448788 Ext 6093</p>	<p>whole organisation procurement exercises.</p>
8	<p>Claire Horsfield – Quality Improvement Lead Nurse & Chair Critical Care Networks National Nurse Leads (CC3N), Lancashire & South Cumbria Critical Care and Major Trauma Operational Delivery Network, Room 173, Preston Business Centre, Watling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR2 8DY Email: Claire.horsfield@lthtr.nhs.uk Tel: Office 01772 524478 Tel: Mobile 07590 098115 www.lsccon.org.uk @lsccon www.cc3n.org.uk @CC_3N</p>	<p>I would suggest that the use of guardrails technology is an essential component of safe IV medication administration practice in critical care especially, and as a network we encourage all our units to use this. One of our units has created a fantastic monograph booklet (incorporating guardrail selection) which I've attached for your information and I've also copied in our local quality improvement lead nurses who may wish to reply to your question specifically regarding the use of Alaris pumps.</p>
9	<p>Kerry Millington Ward Manager Oncology Critical Care Unit The Christie Hospital Wilmslow Road Manchester M20 4BX 0161 446 3481</p>	<p>We have bought new pumps and are just finishing the training hopefully they will be in use by end of March.</p>