Leading quality change, one beat at a time.


Abstract:
Cardiac Monitoring involves many quality and patient safety issues, including implementing processes for regularly assessing cardiac rhythms, troubleshooting alarms, preventing alarm fatigue (nurses’ desensitization to monitor alarms), and ensuring that appropriate patients are places on cardiac monitors. Our project began when a patient's monitor didn’t alarm properly on an inpatient medical-surgical unit. To examine this quality and patient safety issue, a team was created that included multiple disciplines. It was led by an executive oversight committee composed of the three authors of this article.

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