

# Alaris Update



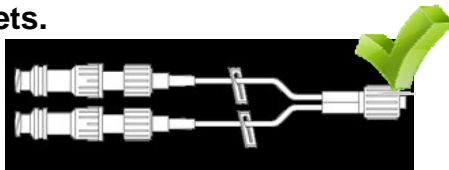
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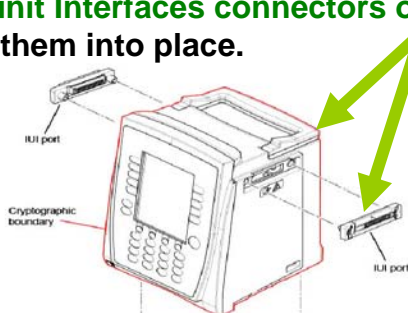
The Alaris representative was inhouse on February 21, 2012 for an Alaris pump compliance review. We went unit-to-unit and below are some teaching points from that survey:

- ❖ Use **only “legal” end caps** for IV tubing not in use= swab caps or blue end caps- **NO** looping, needles, or syringe caps
- ❖ Check to make sure **blue tip of administration set seats properly** at the top of the pump module. If not seated properly it can effect the rate of infusion and some alarms may not be triggered.
- ❖ To advance air during an **“air-in-line” alarm**, push the **“Restart”** button on the module four times then assess amount of air and aspirate from side port if needed.
- ❖ Be sure to enter your Department Number when asked for Patient ID during initial setup or during transfer medication reconciliation.

Please use an extension set at all LMC locations when starting an IV or INT. We have had patient complaints of pain when these sites are being manipulated without extension sets.



Remember to **inspect the Inter-unit Interfaces connectors or IUI's** on both the Alaris unit and module before locking them into place.



- ❖ Look for cracks, breaks, or deposits on the black housing. If noted, **do not use** and label for Biomedical to pick up
- ❖ Make sure all components are dry before using

Alaris dataset additions/changes effective **March 5, 2012:**

- ❖ Amiodarone (this will come as a premix, brand name is Nexterone ) 360mg/200ml added to all adult profiles
- ❖ Tetrastarch 6% added to Critical Care and Intermediate profiles
- ❖ Plasmalyte A added to Critical Care, Intermediate, and Med-Surg profiles
- ❖ Magnesium 4gms/100ml premix default rate is now 2 hours
- ❖ Tacrolimus (Prograf) has been added to all adult profiles
- ❖ Vancomycin 500mg/100ml has been added to all adult unit profiles