

Cardiac monitoring of adult cardiac patients in NSW public hospitals

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PURPOSE

This Information Bulletin is to notify NSW Health that the *Cardiac monitoring of adult cardiac patients in NSW public hospitals* document has been revised and is now available on the Agency for Clinical Innovation website as a clinical practice guide.

KEY INFORMATION

The Agency for Clinical Innovation Cardiac Network has revised the [Cardiac monitoring of adult cardiac patients in NSW public hospitals](#) document in line with contemporary evidence and it has been published as a clinical practice guide.

The revised document provides further clarification on:

- The role for, limitations of, and institutional resources to support ST segment and QT interval monitoring.
- Lead selection according to indication.
- Advice on avoidance of inappropriate monitoring in low-risk patients.
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- Safe adjustment of alarm parameters to reduce alarm fatigue and the expectations for reviewing and documenting cardiac monitoring alarms.
- The skills within the advanced escort skill set that are patient-dependent.
- The capacity for senior nurses with advanced cardiac skills to act as delegate decision makers about cardiac monitoring.
- The revised monitoring requirements for clinically stable patients awaiting pacemakers or internal cardioverter defibrillator implantation and for patients receiving inotropes as supportive care at the end of life.