

ENGINEERING, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Quality Assurance

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recalls/Alert Notices

Attachment 2, paragraph 1, provides information on FDA medical equipment recalls and alerts. Personnel from clinical engineering, biomedical equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and safety should follow the guidance provided to ensure the effective maintenance and management of medical equipment. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Safety Alert -- Infusion Pumps, MDC 13215, Signature Edition Infusion Pumps: (1) Model 7100, (2) Model 7200, IVAC Medical Systems

Reference ECRI *Health Devices Alerts* Number 1996-A39, 27 September 1996, Accession No. A3117. ECRI reports the manufacturer determined the present configuration of the pressure monitoring system in these pumps produces malfunction alarms at an unacceptable rate. When this type of alarm occurs, an audible signal and a visual message alerts users, and the infusion is interrupted. In some situations, the pump may not be able to be restarted until it is serviced. IVAC informed customers by letter dated 8 August 1996 and stated the units will be upgraded with a new pressure monitoring system at no charge. Activities should verify they have received the 8 August 1996 letter from IVAC. IVAC states

customers may continue to use the above units pending modification. For further information, contact IVAC at (800) 854-7128, extension 7999.

Safety Alert -- Ventilators, Respirators, MDC 14360, Ventilators: (1) Bear 2, (2) Bear 3, Allied Healthcare Products Inc.

Reference ECRI *Health Devices Alerts* Number 1996-A40, 4 October 1996, Accession No. A3126. ECRI reports Allied Healthcare Products Ventilation Division issued a Clinical Application Bulletin (CAB-18) dated September 1996, informing customers of recommendations for ensuring safe use of the ventilators and providing instructions for obtaining warning labels for each unit. The labels read "PERFORM BATTERY/LAMP TEST DAILY." Failure to detect the presence of an audible alarm in response to depression of the BATTERY/LAMP TEST button when initially setting up the ventilator may cause or contribute to a situation resulting in patient injury or death. Activities should verify receipt of the September 1996 Clinical Application Bulletin (CAB-18) from Allied Healthcare Products Ventilation Division. Complete and return the order form provided with the bulletin to obtain a warning label for each unit in the facility. For further information, U.S. customers should contact Allied Healthcare Products Ventilation Division at (800) 232-7633; customers outside the U.S. should call their local Bear ventilator dealer. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

Medical Equipment Management

Excess X-Ray Manuals Available

The 51st USAF Contingency Hospital has ten excess Picker MX mobile-x-ray operator and maintenance manuals. If interested, contact the 51st Contingency Hospital at e-mail laynet@RAMS-KIMHAE.mednet.af.mil. (51st Contingency Hospital, MSgt Theodore Layne, DSN 315-787-4302)

Shared Procurement Equipment Items Currently Available

AFMLL 16-96, Attachment 1, page 1, contains a list of all current Shared Procurement contracts and optional contracts available through the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC). If you plan to order any of these items for your facility, use the specific ordering instructions and overall program guidance contained in AFMLL 04-96, pages CE-4 and CE-5. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

“Piggyback” Contracts Currently Available

AFMLL 16-96, Attachment 1, pages 4 and 5, contains a list of all current “piggyback” contracts currently available through DPSC. These contracts will allow facilities to “piggyback” requirements onto existing orders placed for specific quantities. Many of these contracts are designed to buy large quantities at reduced prices, and are written with the option of buying additional quantities at the same price. The list includes available quantities and “Order By” dates. To order, send your MILSTRIP requisitions to DPSC, and reference the contract number (from the listing) in the notes section. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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