

Section: Division of Nursing

PROCEDURE

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HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

MONITOR TECH'S MANUAL
(Scope)

TITLE: CHANGE LIMITS AND ALARMS AT CENTRAL STATION

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure to adjust the parameter limits and change alarm levels including:

1. Heart Rate
 2. NBP-S
 3. NBP-D
 4. SPO2
 5. RR/Apnea
- see policy "Cardiac Monitoring Protocol" for alarm process.

Arrhythmia Alarm levels include:

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| 1. V-TACH | Always Crisis alarm – and NEVER ADJUSTED |
| 2. V-FIB/V-TACH | Always Crisis alarm – and NEVER ADJUSTED |
| 3. V TACH>2 | Always Crisis alarm |
| 4. BRADY | Warning alarm – and NEVER ADJUSTED |
| 5. ACC VENT | Warning alarm |
| 6. PAUSE | Warning alarm |
| 7. R ON T | |
| 8. COUPLET | Warning alarm |
| 9. BIGEMINY | Warning alarm |
| 10. TRIGEMINY | Warning alarm |
| 11. PVC | Warning alarm |
| 12. TACHY | Warning alarm |
| 13. IRREGULAR | Message alarm |
| 14. Atrial Fibrillation | Message alarm |

Alarms can be adjusted but **NEVER TURNED OFF.**

EQUIPMENT

- LIST:**
1. Telemetry Unit
 2. Central Station

CONTENT: PROCEDURE STEPS

1. Click on patient you wish to change limits on.
2. Click on Alarm Control
3. Click on Parameter Limits and Alarm Levels – adjust per patient needs.
4. Click on Arrhythmia Alarm levels – change appropriate arrhythmia to advisory or message.

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