TECHNICAL BULLETIN

THE JOINT COMMISSION: INFUSION PUMPS & PREVENTING ADVERSE EVENTS

This bulletin is provided in response to the concerns expressed by the Joint Commission (Sentinel Event Alert: Issue 15 - November 30, 2000) and others regarding the risks associated with free flow capabilities with infusion pumps.

The concerns regarding infusion pumps with the potential for free-flow are related to the use and application of electronic infusion pumps. The Homepump Eclipse* and Homepump C-Series* Elastomeric pumps infusion systems are single-use, disposable pumps that do not allow the risk of free flow. They are distinguishable from electronic pumps in that they incorporate a fixed, non-adjustable orifice that controls the flow rate, thereby not allowing a free flow condition.

There are inherent risks in all medical devices. Please refer to the product labeling for **Indications, Cautions, Warnings and Contraindications**. Failure to follow the product labeling could directly impact patient safety. Physician is responsible for prescribing and administering medications per instructions provided by the drug manufacturer. Refer to **www.avanosmedicaldevices.com** for additional product safety **Technical Bulletins**.

Please contact the Clinical Services Department at **800-444-2728** or **949-923-2400** if you have any questions regarding this information.

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