



# SAFETY ALERT

## Misuse of IV Pumps

“Sharing Lessons Learned”

A recent incident was reported regarding an Enteral Feeding Tube connected to an IV Pump, instead of an Enteral Feeding Pump, which compromises patient safety.



### Situation/Background:

The Enteral Feeding Set was altered and connected to an IV Pump, which is an improper use that may compromise patient safety.



### Assessment:

The IV Pump was used inappropriately when the Feeding Pump was required, but unavailable due to the shortage of equipment.



### Recommendations:

- △ Refrain from utilizing IV Pumps for any purpose other than the intended function of the equipment.
- △ Request from Clinical Engineering to fix any broken Feeding Pumps.
- △ Outsourced five (5) new feeding pumps to accommodate the shortage.

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