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### Alarms



Research has demonstrated that 72% to 99% of clinical alarms are false. Alarm fatigue is sensory overload when clinicians are exposed to an excessive number of alarms, possibly leading to alarms being disabled, silenced, or ignored. Patient deaths have been attributed to alarm fatigue.

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