POSEY CHAIR/BED ALARM TIPS

1. Per policy, use on patients identified as HIGH falls risk that are up in chair.

2. MODE is set to 1st tell pt to sit down and then alarm for staff. **RECOMMENDATION:** For pts with mental status alterations ➔ have family tape message; for non-English Speaking pts ➔ have translator tape message. To return to manufacturer message (pt d/c or pt no longer at HIGH falls risk): remove batteries for > 5 minutes.

3. Removing the batteries for > 5 minutes also resets the TONE to the manufacturer TONE. The TONE was set so that all 3 hospitals use the same DUKE TONE. ALWAYS use this same TONE. **CRITICAL:** to reset to the DUKE TONE, connect sensor pad to device & either press on pad or have pt sit on pad to silence. Open green side flap; change MODE to ‘Voice & Tone’ (lights up visually on front [top] of alarm). Change tone to the THIRD alarm (which is the chosen DUKE TONE) and set VOLUME to the loudest.

4. Hold/suspend (button on top): **RECOMMENDATION:** hold/suspend so you won’t forget to turn back on HOLD: quick tap will delay alarm 30 seconds, SUSPEND: hold button 3 seconds, will delay alarm 5 minutes

5. Pads are good for 30 days. When initiate use, always write expiration date on pad

6. Place green gripper pad beneath the chair pad to avoid slipping and decrease # pts that slide out of chairs

7. Note that all alarms and nurse call (bed) cords have label for room #. This will help prevent loss.

8. DMP: place pt in chair between nurse call and boom to minimize excess cord hanging, as possible

9. DN: Nurses or transporters should NEVER remove the adapter plugged into headwall for nurse call, only the plug FROM THE BED should be removed. It is recommended that the adapters also be labeled with room #.

10. Batteries: will chirp like your smoke detector does to let you know they need changing

11. Cleaning: At discharge, nurse/NCA must discard green gripper, pad and cord that go from pad to device. EVS: will then clean & disinfect the device, bed cord & adapter as they do any equipment & furniture in room.

12. Equipment malfunctioning/missing parts/cords, etc: Email Susan Avent or leave voice mail 919-684-6264

Expiration date: date one month from when you put in use

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