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Oxygen cells

Important alert regarding the use of non-Hamilton Medical oxygen cells

This is to inform you of the possibility of a ventilator malfunction if the ventilator is used with an inappropriate oxygen cell.

Use of non-Hamilton Medical oxygen cells may put your patients at risk

All Hamilton Medical ventilators are designed to work with Hamilton Medical oxygen cells. If other measuring devices are used, proper functioning of the ventilator cannot be guaranteed. In fact, the use of the ventilators may not be safe.

The correct functioning of the connected oxygen cells is periodically and automatically checked by the ventilator's internal electronics. To perform this check, the particular characteristics of the Hamilton Medical oxygen sensors are analyzed and proprietary algorithms are applied. Third party oxygen cells may not have these same characteristics, so the combination of sensor / ventilator may not function as expected. As a result, the safety of the ventilated patient may be compromised.

We would therefore ask you to ensure that the correct Hamilton Medical oxygen cells are used with our ventilators and to notify your purchasing department if inappropriate devices are used.

Transfer of liability from Hamilton Medical to the hospital

Be aware that the liability related to ventilator operation is transferred from Hamilton Medical to the hospital if non-Hamilton Medical oxygen cells are used, or if they are not used in the manner intended (as described in the Operator's Manual).

Loss of warranty

Please also note that the warranty on our ventilators may be void if you use anything other than Hamilton Medical equipment and consumables with Hamilton Medical ventilators.

Thank you for using our equipment and consumables. We strive to attain the highest quality and safety standards to ensure maximum patient safety and customer satisfaction.

With kind regards

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