Alaris® PCA module pocket guide

Warning: Before loading or unloading the syringe, always turn off fluid flow to the patient using a tubing clamp. Uncontrolled fluid flow can occur when the administration set is not clamped or turned off and may cause serious injury or death.

Loading the syringe:
1. Pull syringe barrel clamp out, rotate it to the left, and gently release it.
2. Twist gripper control clockwise to raise the drive head (gray) to its fully extended position.
3. Insert syringe by sliding flat edges between barrel flange grippers (see drawing).
4. Lock syringe in place by closing barrel clamp. To close the barrel clamp, pull out and rotate it to right.
5. Twist gripper control clockwise, gently lower drive head, release gripper to lock the plunger in place.

Priming the syringe using the Alaris® PCA module:
Note: Do not prime the syringe while it is attached to the patient.
1. Prime softkey is available only after Syringe Type and medication selection (prior to infusion mode selection).
2. At Infusion Mode screen, press OPTIONS, then press PRIME SET WITH SYRINGE.
3. Press and hold PRIME key to prime tubing.

Programming guide Initial set-up:
1. Load the syringe with administration set attached.
2. Press the SYSTEM ON key.
3. Select Yes or No to “New Patient?”
4. Select appropriate profile.
5. If required, enter patient identifier or press EXIT.

Programming the Alaris PCA module with PCA Pause protocol enabled:
1. Perform steps 1–10 of initial set-up and then continue with the following steps.
2. Review Clinical Advisory
3. Press CONFIRM.
4. Press the NEXT key to verify medication parameters.
5. Review Advisory.
6. Press PAUSE LIMITS to review the settings or press CONFIRM.
7. Select desired infusion mode and follow on-screen programming prompts.

Change syringe and use Restore feature
1. Press PAUSE on PCA module.
   Note: Always clamp administration set and disconnect from patient before changing syringe.
2. Use the PCA key to unlock the door, remove the syringe, press SILENCE.
3. Attach new syringe to tubing and load new syringe into the PCA module.
4. Set key to the “Program” position and close door.
5. Press the CHANNEL SELECT key.
6. Select and Confirm correct syringe type and size.
7. If using the same drug, dosing units and concentration, then press RESTORE.
8. Verify that drug, concentration and dosing parameters are correct.
9. Lock door and open tubing slide clamp.
10. Review settings and press START.
Patient history/24 hour history:
1. Press the CHANNEL SELECT key.
2. Press OPTIONS.
3. Press PATIENT HISTORY.
   Note: The top of the PATIENT HISTORY screen displays
   • The exact time frame for patient history. History from
     ###:## - ###:##
   • Time that past history was “LAST CLEARED”
4. Press the ZOOM key (time interval) as appropriate and review drug totals.
5. To clear the patient history, press CLEAR HISTORY and then press YES or NO.
   Note: This is a moving window of time, meaning that after 24 hours the patient history rewrites.
7. Press EXIT and then press START.

Change PCA Pause alarm limits:
1. Press CHANNEL SELECT key on the PCA module.
2. Press OPTIONS.
3. Press PCA PAUSE LIMITS.
4. Select desired parameter and enter value.
   Note: If acceptable range value is not within the hospital defined range, a prompt is provided.
5. Follow on-screen prompts.
6. Press CONFIRM and press START.

Responding to a PCA Pause alarm:
1. Always follow hospital protocol.
2. Press CONFIRM.
   Note: Main screen shows “PAUSED.” The Alaris PCA module cannot be restarted until patient’s monitoring values have been re-established and are within hospital established limits.
3. Press RESTART.
   Note: To view time and patient PCA pause value that caused the PCA module to pause, access drug event history.

To attach the dose request cord:
Align the red markings on both the Alaris PCA module and Dose Request Cord.

To detach the dose request cord:
Hold the body of latching connector on the Dose Request Cord and pull straight away from the Alaris PCA module, without twisting or turning.

Detaching the Alaris PCA module:
Use PCA key to unlock the door. Locate the black lever inside at the bottom left and depress. At the same time: Hold the Alaris PCA module and move the bottom of the Alaris PCA module away from the Alaris PC Unit.

Troubleshooting:
Alarms, errors, messages
Note: During an alarm state, the Alaris PCA module is no longer infusing.

Incorrect concentration or dosing:
An incorrect concentration or dosing parameter may have been programmed, which could result in an excessive volume or dose being delivered.
1. Remove syringe.
2. Verify the concentration listed on syringe matches concentration (DRUG AMOUNT and DILUENT VOLUME) programmed into PCA module.
3. Reprogram.
   Note: This message can be the result of an incorrect DRUG AMOUNT and/or DILUENT VOLUME entry or can occur if hospital-established Guardrails® software limits are very wide. Be sure to enter either a drug amount per 1 mL or total drug amount per total volume. For example, a 30 mL syringe with concentration of 1 mg/1 mL can be entered in one of two ways:
   • DRUG AMOUNT 1 mg
   • DILUENT VOLUME 1 mL
   Or
   • DRUG AMOUNT 30 mg
   • DILUENT VOLUME 30 mL

Maximum limit reached:
Programmed maximum limit has been reached over time period specified. Infusion paused until time limit has expired. Alarm message Max Limit Reached will scroll in channel message display on the Alaris PCA module. To silence safety alarm tone, press the SILENCE key. The Alaris PCA module will remain silent.

Near End of infusion alert (NEOI):
Alert message Near End alternates with remaining VTBI on the screen until the syringe is empty. Alert message will scroll in channel message display on the Alaris PCA module. The Alaris PCA module remains functional and will continue infusing. To silence safety alert tone, press SILENCE key. The Alaris PCA module will remain silent until the Syringe Empty alarm sounds. When programmed in PCA dose only mode, the green indicator light illuminates only when a PCA dose is being delivered. When programmed in PCA dose and continuous mode, the green indicator light remains illuminated. The yellow indicator light will flash during NEOI alert.

Syringe Empty:
Alarm message Syringe Empty will scroll in channel message display on the Alaris PCA module. To silence safety alarm tone, press SILENCE key. The Alaris PCA module will remain silent approximately two minutes and will sound again.