

The Alert Generation System

The Alert Generation System is designed to actively manage patient-specific medical alerts within a cardiovascular ward in a hospital.

Central Classes:

The “**AlertGenerator**” class is responsible for continuous evaluation of data incoming from various medical devices and initializing action, when thresholds are crossed.

It has two methods: `evaluateData()` and `triggerAlert()`. Separation of data monitoring and alert triggering ensures clear distinction between two tasks of the class, providing clarity and maintainability.

The “**Alert**” class captures all necessary information about an alert within four fields: `patientId`, `alertId`, `timestamp` and `condition`. By providing detailed information about each alert, the class ensures that all alerts are easily traceable and analysed.

The “**AlertManager**” class manages all “Alert” instances sent by the “AlertGenerator”.

There are two methods within the class: `sendAlert()` and `addToPatientHistory()`. They are needed for alert transmission and creation of historical record. Alerts are managed using a Priority Queue, ensuring prioritising of critical alerts.

Supporting Classes:

The “**PatientRecord**” class maintains detailed patient information, including personalized thresholds (“`heartRateThreshold`”, “`bloodPressureThreshold`”) required for alert analysis.

The class also stores history of all alerts triggered for the patient (“`alertHistory`”). Collecting all data concerning a patient within one class simplifies the access to the data and performing updates on the data.

The “**PatientData**” class represents real-time patient data. It includes “`heartRate`” and “`bloodPressure`” and boolean indicators for whether they fit the established norm. Separation of dynamically changing data from static patient data of “PatientRecord” is important for real-time evaluation performed by the system.

The “**BloodPressure**” class is needed, because of a structure of blood pressure interpretation.

The “**BloodPressureThreshold**” and “**HeartRateThreshold**” support the “PatientRecord” class by defining how the readings of health indicators are performed. Their separation from the more central class “PatientRecord” ensures a distinct declaration and highlights their separateness.