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**Subject:** Safety Alert: CareFusion Tubing Update

**Importance:** High

### **Safety Alert**

We have received several reports of leaking medication tubing- both closed medication system and pressure sensing disc. We are continuing to work with CareFusion to eliminate this issue. In order to ensure patient safety we have implemented the following plans and need your help.

- New Pressure Sensing Disc tubing (LOT #16076829) has been delivered to units this afternoon and switched out with what was currently stocked.
  - Please ensure all clinical areas that stock PSD tubing have removed misc. stock from bedside carts, etc.
  - Effective immediately, all existing pressure sensing disc tubing in use needs to be labeled. Label can be determined in unit (i.e.: yellow sticker, red sticker) however must be able to clearly identify that it is old tubing. Assumption will be tubing not labeled is new tubing. Recommendation was not to change out all lines however we must be able to accurately identify new/old.
- New Closed Medication System tubing is expected to be in house tomorrow- update to be sent.
- If staff encounter leaking tubing:
  - Ensure a change out as quick as possible
  - Complete a Safety Scoop and alert a member of leadership
  - Save/Give the defective tubing to a member of leadership to provide to Supply Chain
  - Provide as many details about leak (location, current medication infusing and rate, any harm, etc.)

Thank you for your focus on patient safety and quality! Please reach out for any questions/concerns.