

## **NOTICE: Using Infinity Enteral Feeding Pumps with Extension Tubing**

## **Dear Valued Customer:**

During these challenging times, health care professionals are being asked to adjust the way in which we have practiced for many years. Recently, the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition and Society for Critical-Care Medicine published the article: "Nutrition Therapy in the Patient with COVID-19 Disease Requiring ICU Care". In this document, page 3 refers to the practice of using extension tubing with enteral pumps to allow the placement of the pump outside of the isolated patient's room.

Moog Medical makes the following recommendations when extending the length of the Infinity Enteral Feeding Pump administration set by connecting extension sets:

- **Residual fluid:** Consider how to address the additional fluid left in the extension set when the pump alarms "NO FOOD" or "DOSE DONE".
- **Increased risk of disconnection:** The additional extension set connection may become loose or disconnected and formula may leak or not be delivered to the patient.
- **Increased risk of contamination:** Tubing placed on the floor and multiple connections will increase the risk for infection.
- **Potential increase of alarms:** Additional lengths of downstream tubing increases downstream pressure that can increase possibility of false occlusion alarms.
- Other possible issues:
  - o Potential for more tubing kinks due to additional length of tubing.
  - o Increased risk of tripping, pulling, and even strangulation.
- Frequency of replacement: Infinity closed system spike sets (INF0020-A) are recommended to be replaced every 48 hours. The open system INF1200-A and INF0500-A bag sets are recommended to be replaced every 24 hours. Facilities will need to consider replacement protocol of the extension sets as well.

Moog Medical does not currently manufacture enteral extension tubing. Below is a list of suppliers who may be able to supply extension sets:

- Medline
- Cardinal
- usamedicalsurgical.com
- vitalitymedical.com

Moog Medical has not performed testing on the Infinity pumps with any of these extensions sets. Therefore, it is recommended to follow the considerations listed above.

Sincerely,

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