

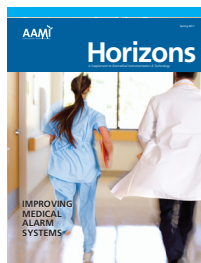
The Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goal on Clinical Alarm Safety

Phased Implementation

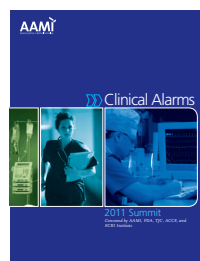
1. Phase I, which was effective on Jan. 1, 2014, required hospitals to establish alarm safety as an organizational priority by July 1, 2014, and to identify during 2014 the most important alarms to manage based on their own internal situations.
2. Phase II, which begins Jan. 1, 2016, hospitals are expected to establish and implement specific components of policies and procedures for managing the alarms identified in Phase I and to begin educating staff about the purpose and proper operation of alarm systems for which they are responsible.



In 2005 and 2011, AAMI co-sponsored national surveys of healthcare professionals in acute care hospitals to identify clinical alarm perceptions, issues, improvements, and priorities.



In 2011, AAMI dedicated the spring issue of *Horizons* magazine to improving medical alarm systems.



That fall, AAMI co-convened a Clinical Alarms Summit with the American College of Clinical Engineering, ECRI Institute, The Joint Commission, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).