TECHNICAL BULLETIN

ON-Q*
PAIN RELIEF SYSTEM

The Joint Commission: Infusion Pumps & Preventing Adverse Events

This bulletin is provided in response to the concerns expressed by the Joint Commission (Sentinel Event Alert: Issue 15 - November 30, 2000) and others regarding the risks associated with free flow capabilities with infusion pumps.

The concerns regarding infusion pumps with the potential for free-flow are related to the use and application of electronic infusion pumps. The ON-Q* infusion system contains single-use, disposable pumps that do not allow the risk of free flow. They are distinguishable from electronic pumps in that they incorporate a fixed, non-adjustable, orifice(s) that controls the flow rate, thereby not allowing a free flow condition.

Please contact the Clinical Services Department at 800-444-2728 or 949-923-2400 if you have any questions regarding this information.

There are inherent risks in all medical devices. Please refer to the product labeling for **Indications, Cautions, Warnings** and **Contraindications**. Failure to follow the product labeling could directly impact patient safety. Physician is responsible for prescribing and administering medications per instructions provided by the drug manufacturer. Refer to www.iflo.com for additional product safety *Technical Bulletins*.