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Frequently Asked Questions:

(FAQs)



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- What is the **ambIT® MARAA PCA Pump**, and what is it used for?
 - **An infusion device for the controlled delivery of intravenous (IV) narcotics for patient controlled pain management.**
 - **Preset programs:**
 - Multiple bolus amounts, adjustable lockout times.
 - Option for medical staff to program own parameters.
 - **Patient controlled boluses**
 - Lockout times vary by program (safety mechanism).
 - Easily identifiable, ergonomic bolus button.

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- How does the ambIT® MARAA PCA Pump function?
 - Delivers medication using a semicontinuous method
 - A pulse of fluid (carrying narcotics) will be pumped at regular intervals depending on the selected flow rate.
- How, and by whom are the settings programmed?
 - Programmed by any licensed, credentialed, medical provider.
 - Once the program has been selected and/or programmed, the unit CAN be electronically locked.
 - After confirming infusion has started, the pump AND narcotic reservoir MUST be placed in the protective casing and LOCKED.

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- Can the settings be changed after the pump has been locked?
 - Yes. At anytime, credentialed medical providers may electronically unlock the pump to change pump settings without opening the lockbox.
- Can any narcotic be used in the pump?
 - This PCA pump was specifically designed for use with **morphine sulfate (1 mg/mL)**.
 - However, the ability to use other narcotics is built into this pump for future applicability.

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- Can the pump be turned ON and OFF?
 - Yes. The pump may be turned ON and OFF during its use. The programmed settings will remain the same even after the unit has been turned OFF.



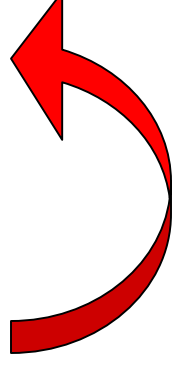
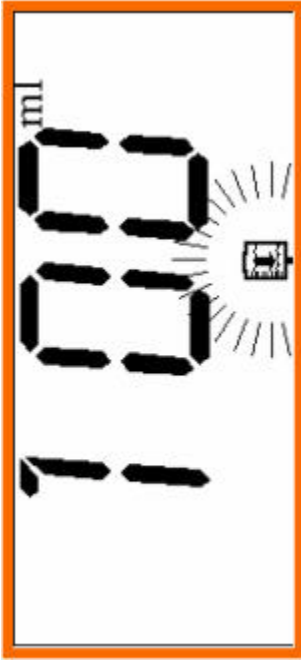
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- How will I know when the pump is empty?
 - A **2-beep** warning alarm will occur every 4 minutes.
 - In addition, the **volume icon** will blink continuously in the LED display (see example).
 - For safety reasons, the pump will then automatically revert to “keep vein open” (**KVO**) status (0.5 mL/hr) unless the preset infusion rate is LOWER than the KVA rate.



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- Does the ambIT® MARAA PCA Pump make any noise?
 - During standard operation, no noise is made unless the bolus button is depressed or a basal rate has been chosen.
 - NOTE: The pump will beep for certain preset alarm conditions (i.e. occlusion alarm).
 - ALSO: Any button pressed will evoke a beep.

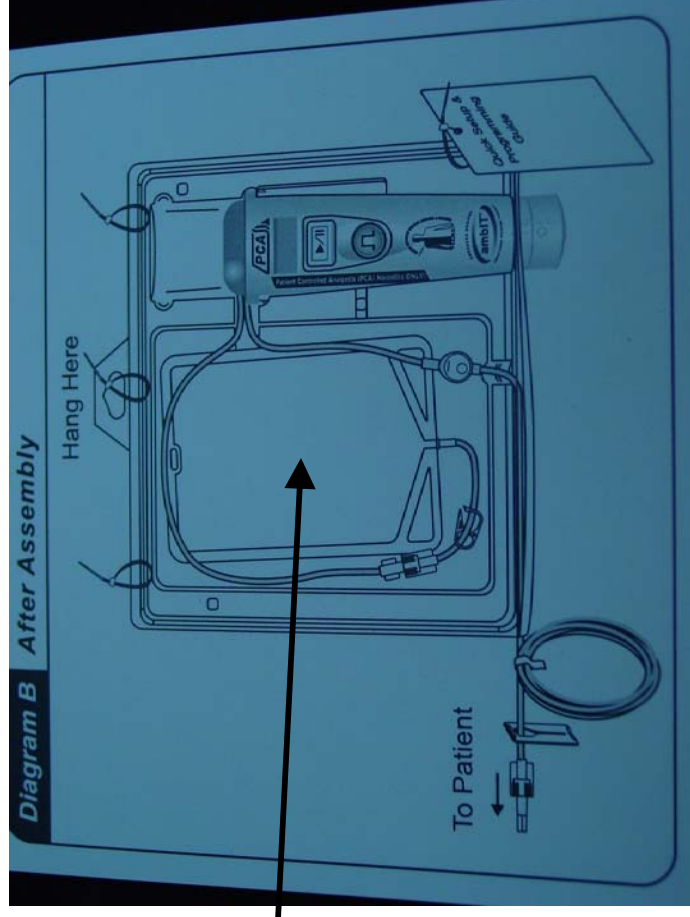
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- What should I do with the pump when it is empty?
 - A new **reservoir bag** can be prepared and placed in the protective locked case.
 - If the patient no longer needs the PCA pump it can be discarded per protocol.



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- How do I know the pump is functioning?
 - The bolus button will blink green every two seconds.
 - AND, the volume infusion will be displayed in the LCD window.

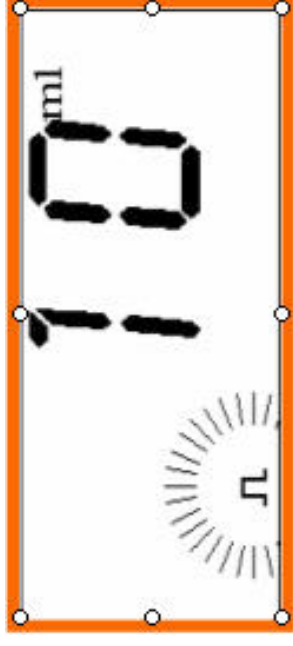
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- How do I verify if a bolus is being given?
 - The green bolus light will blink twice.
 - The **bolus icon** will appear on the LED display.
 - The whirring of the cassette will be audible.



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