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| **TOPIC:** | **AWARENESS OF ALARM FATIGUE AND DESENSITIZATION OF NURSES** |
| **SUBMITTED BY:** | **MERCY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF NURSING STUDENTS** |
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| WHEREAS, | “The category of alarm hazards encompasses inappropriate uses of alarms (such as improper setting of alarm parameters or volumes) and disabling alarms entirely actions that are chiefly attributable to a phenomenon known as “alarm fatigue” (Stokowski, 2014, p.1); and |
| WHEREAS, | “Nurses become desensitized to the huge number of alarms they’re confronted with in their daily work and, as a result, critical or clinically significant events can be missed” (Logan, 2014, p. 9); and |
| WHEREAS, | “In our study we recorded tens of thousands of alarms in a 30-day period, which translated to approximately 900 per day. In one of our critical care units, a total of 39,000 alarms were recorded in a 30-day period which equaled 1300 alarms per day, or one alarm sounding every 66 seconds” (Logan, 2014, p. 9); and |
| WHEREAS, | “Patient deaths have been mounting at a significant rate due to the syndrome now entitled as “alarm fatigue” (Razzano, 2014, p. 23); and |
| WHEREAS, | The Joint Commission (2013) includes reports of “98 alarm-related events between January 2009 and June 2011. Of the 98 reported events, 80 resulted in death, 13 in permanent loss of function, and five in unexpected additional care or extended stay.” (p. 1); and |
| WHEREAS, | “95% of hospitals surveyed are worried about the effects of alarm fatigue.”(Pugliese, 2014, p. 3); therefore be it |
| RESOLVED, | that the Iowa Association of Nursing Students (IANS) support creation of continuing education units (CEUs) related to alarm fatigue; and be it further |
| RESOLVED, | that IANS send of copy of this resolution to the National Student Nurses Association, Iowa Board of Nursing, Iowa Nursing Association, National League for Nursing, American Nurses Association, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses and all others deemed appropriate by the IANS Board of Directors; and be it further |
| RESOLVED, | that IANS recommend and support request for inclusion of alarm fatigue into nursing curriculum and clinical skills teaching.  |