

# Core Brief



**Daily update  
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Topics in this Core Brief:

- Think before you flush
- Fresenius-Kabi volumetric and syringe pumps – adult In-patient areas, theatres and departments

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[GGC-Staffnet Hub - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#)**

## **Think before you flush!**

- Please do not flush paper towels, cleaning wipes or sanitary products etc. down the toilet. These items can cause blockages, flooding and damage to our plumbing systems.
- Please dispose of these products in the bins provided and use black bags for non-infectious waste.
- If items are infectious, follow infectious waste disposal procedures and use orange bags.

#WatchYourWaste Orange bag disposal produces x10 more carbon and costs over x3 more than black bag disposal.

## **Fresenius-Kabi volumetric and syringe pumps – adult In-patient areas, theatres and departments**

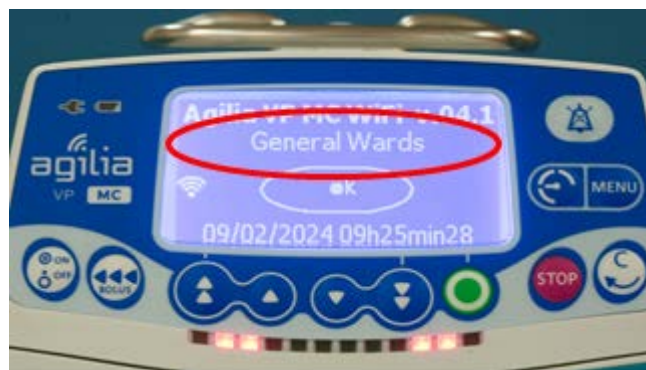
All staff should be aware that Fresenius-Kabi pumps have been pre-programmed with specific configurations (settings). These configurations differ depending on the clinical areas that the pumps are intended to be used.

## General Ward:

These pumps are programmed with general settings that are suitable in most ward areas. It is appropriate that these pumps move between clinical areas where the General Ward configuration is used. Pumps with the General Ward configuration can be easily identified by the plain blue colour decal on the pump (see pic).



Secondary confirmation of the pump configuration is also provided on the start up screen when the pump is switched on. The illustration below demonstrates the NHSGGC General Ward configuration programmed on the pumps.



## Specialist pump settings:

Clinical areas such as Critical Care or haematology/oncology areas have developed specialist configurations, designed to ensure safe administration of medicines to specialist groups of patients. Examples are illustrated below:



Name of configuration	Clinical Areas to be used	Colour of decal	Text on decal
General ward	All adult wards/depts	Blue	None
Critical Care	Critical Care and resuscitation bays in Emergency Departments	Green	Critical Care
Haematology/Oncology	Haematology/oncology wards and day units	Yellow	Onco/Haem
Theatres	Theatres areas and recovery	Yellow	None
Maternity wards	Maternity wards	Purple	Maternity ward
Maternity theatres	Obstetric theatres	Purple	Maternity theatre

**Staff must ensure that the correct configuration of pump is used for the clinical area and patient. Staff must receive training on the use of the pump features, prior to using them. Staff must be aware of patient safety risks if pumps with specialist settings are used inappropriately.**

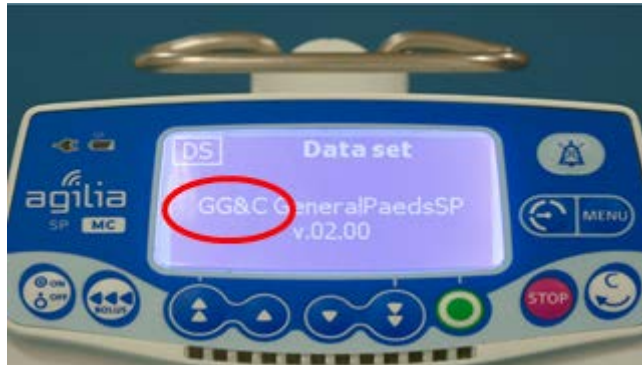
### Location

Yellow asset tag labels located on the back or side of the pump identifies the hospital site that the pump originates from. Medical Physics have also indicated the clinical area within the hospital on the pump. Pumps should be returned to these sites and locations to ensure care delivery is maintained.



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All NHSGGC pumps have GG&C on start-up screen. Any pump without this should be taken out of use as soon as possible, and Medical Physics asked to uplift.



## Resources:

All staff should receive formal education on the safe use of pumps in their clinical area. Every clinical area has trained facilitators who can provide this. In addition, NHSGGC have a video on the use of the Fresenius-Kabi volumetric and syringe pumps (permissions from St Bartholomew's Hospitals NHS Trust, London). This is available to all NHSGGC staff on the Practice Development sharepoint: [Fresenius Kabi Pumps \(sharepoint.com\)](#). This is a useful video to refresh knowledge and should not be considered a replacement for formal training.

All staff in all adult services clinical areas/departments should be aware:

- Pumps with general ward configurations can be used in most ward areas and departments
- Pumps with specialist configurations are clearly marked with coloured decals and must only be used in those identified areas
- All pumps should be returned to hospital site and clinical area or location as soon as possible
- No additional labelling should be applied to pumps
- Pumps that cannot be identified as belonging to NHSGGC must not be used under any circumstances.

# Getting the right care this winter is as easy as ABC



# A

## Ask yourself

Do I need to go out?

For information on treating minor illnesses and injuries from home, go to **NHS inform** or download the **NHS 24 App**.

# B

## Be aware

There is help on your doorstep.

Your local **GP, pharmacy** or **optician** offer a range of services.

# C

## Call 111

If it's urgent, or you're unsure, call **NHS 24** on **111**.

They'll get you the care you need.

Unless it's an emergency think ABC before visiting A&E.

For more information: [www.nhsggc.scot/rcrp](http://www.nhsggc.scot/rcrp)



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