

Impact of alarm fatigue on the work of nurses in an intensive care environment--a systematic review.

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[Alarm fatigue](#), which can lead to desensitization and threaten [patient safety](#), is particularly concerning in [intensive care](#) settings. This systematic review concluded that alarm fatigue may have serious consequences for both patients and nursing staff. Included studies reported that nurses considered alarms to be burdensome, too frequent, interfering with patient care, and resulted in distrust in the alarm system. These findings point to the need for a strategy for [alarm management](#) and measuring alarm fatigue.