

## Use of one ventilator for multiple patients simultaneously

In view of the situation with the Coronavirus disease COVID-19, we hereby want to provide the following statement regarding the use of one ventilator for multiple patients simultaneously:

- The suggested procedure of simultaneously ventilating more than one patient with one ventilator is not recommended or validated by Getinge.
- There are several risks including suboptimal performance and cross contamination that have not been part of our risk analysis and clinical evaluations.
- Therefore, the decision to use one ventilator on multiple patients is purely up to the discretion of the user's medical judgement regarding risks vs benefits.

Please see the links below from US clinical associations, SCCM / AARC / ASA / ASPF / AACN / CHEST regarding a Consensus Statement advising against Multiple Patients Per Ventilator.

<https://www.sccm.org/Disaster/Joint-Statement-on-Multiple-Patients-Per-Ventilato>  
<https://www.aarc.org/joint-statement-guidance-document-on-multiple-patients-per-ventilator/>

Yours sincerely,

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