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Peter Williamson

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Dear Peter

Although I have not yet seen the Dolphin pulse oximeter probe I have been informed that it is about to be released.

I am also reliably informed that it uses different colour dots for different manufacturers.

I would like to inform you that Viamed have been promoting the colour dot/ manufacturer identification system for over 18 months.


As the above is correct I consider this to be a potential hazard situation for the user as two similar looking probes with similar style connectors could have the same colour.

A similar event has already occurred with two similar looking probes from different OEM's. which allegedly has resulted in patient burns.

If this occurs again it could cause product recall and the destruction of the third party probe market.

Please acknowledge receipt of this fax

Kind Regards,


John S. Lamb.

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Comments:

Dear John,

I am responding to a fax that I have just received from Tom Hickman, who is responding to your fax directed to Peter Williamson concerning color dots. OSM's finger probe body is Gray and the buttons on each side are Teal. Each variety of finger probes that will be offered with a DB-9 connector will have a color dot on the connector and a corresponding color dot on the mating extension cable. Some probes use other types of connectors that do not need any extension cables therefore those connectors will have no color-coding. It is important to understand that the buttons on the probes will be one color (Teal) for all varieties of the Dolphin.

Many different manufactures' probes with BD-9 connectors can plug into each other's cable and boxes. OSM's color coding of the connector is to make sure that their probes will not plug into conflicting OEM's within their own product line. The Dot on the DB-9 connector is very small and would not be a sell feature.

Regards,

Christopher Fontana



February 12, 1999

Opto Sensors (M) Sdn. Bhd.

To: Chris Fontana
Medical Cables Inc.

CC: Jack Kimbro, Pete Williamson

From: Tom Hickman

RE: Color coding

Dear Chris:

I am responding to a fax that I have just received from John Lamb via Pete Williamson. As you know, Mr. Lamb has been told personally by Jack Kimbro that our color scheme in no way overlaps, violates or copies the MCI dot color-coding. You have personally seen our probe and I believe understand the method of our system and that it in no way comes close to the MCI method. For the record I will explain our system so once and for all Mr. Lamb will not be further confused.

Our Finger probe body is Gray and the buttons on each side are Teal. Each variety of finger probe that will be offered with a DB-9 connector will have color dots on the connector and corresponding color dots on the mating patient cable. Some varieties will have other types of connectors that will not need color-coding. To repeat myself, the "dots" or buttons on the probe will be one color (Teal) for all varieties.

Many different manufacturers' probes with DB-9 connectors can plug into each other's cables and boxes. Our color-coding of the connector is to make sure that our probes will not plug into conflicting OEM's within in our own product line. I hope this sheds the light you need to help Mr. Lamb understand what we are doing.

Best regards