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Patient-Controlled Analgesic Infusion Pumps

Introduction

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The Healthcare Product Comparison System

Amongst its many products and services ECRI is pleased to provide readers of **ICU Management** with sample information on patient-controlled analgesic (PCA) infusion pumps from its Healthcare Product Comparison System (HPCS), which contains over 280 reports. The HPCS reports contain extensive information about the technology, its purpose, its principles of operation, stage of development and reported problems. This extract from our database contains model by model specifications for easy assessment and review. The PCA Infusion Pump Comparison Charts include ECRI's 'Recommended Specifications' (generic templates) which can be used for comparison and tendering purposes.

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