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Sentec digital transcutaneous  $CO_2$  monitoring provides continuous visibility to accurate  $CO_2$  levels regardless of ventilation modality.

Continuously-monitored  $CO_2$  levels are integral in the NICU for both protecting the brain from intraventricular hemorrhage as well as properly implementing lung protective ventilatory strategies<sup>1</sup>.

 $tcpCO_2$  has been shown to reduce blood draws on ventilated neonates, while arterial blood gases and capillary heel sticks – the accepted standard for accurate PaCO<sub>2</sub> information – present important issues in the NICU such as blood loss<sup>2</sup>, infection<sup>3</sup>, and pain.<sup>4,5</sup>

Sentec's low-temperature digital sensor technology enables long site times as long as 8 hours in the NICU to support clustered care, and has been shown to be safe for fragile neonatal skin.<sup>6</sup>

Digital transcutaneous technology monitors CO<sub>2</sub> accurately, regardless of ventilation strategy or lung compromise, enabling enhanced assessment during transitions in care or support.

## **Reliable Monitor**

Intuitive interface enables customized care with familiar parameters displayed as values, trends, and deltas alongside baselines with the ability to set preferred alarm limits.



### **Digital Sensor**

The Sentec digital sensor enables noninvasive and continuous measurement of tcPCO<sub>2</sub>, pulse oximetry (SpO<sub>2</sub>, PR), and relative heating power (RHP). Signals are processed directly in the sensor head, and low operating temperature enables site times as long as 8 hours with membrane life of ~28 days.\*

\*tcPO<sub>2</sub> capabilities available in select models.



## **Patient-friendly Disposables**

Variety of disposable options designed to accommodate the unique challenges of the NICU:

- High humidity environments
- Patient motion conditions
- Skin integrity issues
- Infection



Multi-Site Attachment Ring: Mature. intact





Single Dose Contact Gel



The use of  $[tcpCO_2]$  monitoring statistically decreased blood gas frequency among ventilated neonates without impacting the duration of mechanical ventilation or clinical outcomes.

- RESPIRATORY CARE, 2016<sup>5</sup>

[tcpCO<sub>2</sub>] is indicated in patients who either lack arterial access or have the need for continuous monitoring of oxygen and carbon dioxide with minimal blood draws.

– AARC CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES, 2012<sup>7</sup>

We adopted the use of transcutaneous  $CO_2$  monitors at our NICU to further reduce the frequency of blood gases.

- MATERNAL-FETAL & NEONATAL MEDICINE, 2019<sup>2</sup>

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Noninvasive monitoring should enable less invasive care.

In the NICU, Sentec digital transcutaneous technology overcomes limits of previous devices to offer safe, comfortable respiratory monitoring with accurate CO<sub>2</sub> values regardless of ventilation method or V/Q mismatch, all while supporting neuroprotective efforts to deliver clustered care, protect skin integrity, and reduce the frequency of painful blood draws in neonatal patients.

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