

# Visensia® – The Safety Index

First-ever FDA-cleared algorithm for use on the WAVE patient surveillance and predictive algorithm platform

## Proof of Concept

### John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK (2001-2003)

3,500 hours of continuous vital sign monitoring data collected from “high-risk” patient groups to create the “Training data set”:

- Patients monitored for at least 24-hours after a myocardial infarct and again 5-days later
- Patients with severe heart failure
- Patients with acute respiratory problems
- Elderly patients with hip fractures (monitored before and after operation)

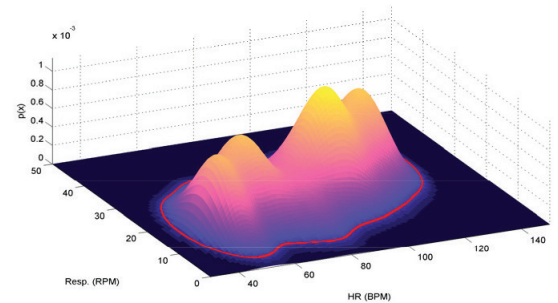
From these data a computer model of normality for the vital signs for these high risk patients was developed called Visensia.

- Using the Visensia model of normality, we can determine the probability that any new set of vital signs were “normal” for a high risk patient
- A Visensia Alert is generated when the probability of a patients vital signs are outside of “normal” and the Visensia Safety Index  $VSI \geq 3$

### Publication:

British Journal of Anaesthesia. 97 (1): 64-68 (2006). L. Tarassenko et al

Integrated monitoring and analysis for early warning of patient deterioration.



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Visensia used to determine periods of “abnormal” physiological vital sign and compliance to mandated monitoring

- 5,645-hours of continuous vital sign monitoring data collected
- 402 randomized controlled trial of mandated five channel physiological monitoring vs standard care
- High risk patients admitted as medical or surgical emergencies or undergoing major elective surgery. From these data a computer model of normality for the vital signs for these high risk patients was developed called Visensia.

### Publication:

**Anaesthesia. 61: 1031-1039 (2006). P.J Watkinson et al**

A randomized controlled trial of the effect of continuous electronic physiological monitoring on the adverse event rate in high risk medical and surgical patients

### Results

- 95% of the episodes of severe physiological abnormalities identified by Visensia in 168 monitored patients were deemed, after review by two senior clinicians, to have been valid alerts
- Compared to Single-channel monitoring which is subject to high false alarm rates (86%) in some studies<sup>1</sup>
- Data fusion is capable of detecting critical events in advance of single channel alerts



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## Validation:

### Phase 1: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, USA (Nov 2006 – Jan 2007)

The largest continuous collection of cardiorespiratory variables in a non-ICU patient population to date, provided the clinical evidence for the FDA clearance of Visensia.

- 323 Patient blinded trial in 24-bed Step-Down Unit (SDU)
- 18,248-hours of continuous vital sign monitoring data
- Data were analyzed for cardiorespiratory instability using Visensia Alerts and local MET activation criteria

## Publication:

Arch Intern Med. Vol 168 (no.12) 1300-1308 (2008). M. Hravnak et al

Defining the incidence of cardiorespiratory instability in patients in step-down units using an electronic integrated monitoring system

## Results

- All Medical Emergency Team (MET) events of respiratory and/or cardiac were detected in advance
- The mean advanced detection time prior to MET activation was 6.3-hours
- Only 1.6 false alerts per 100-hours of monitoring

**FDA certification for patient monitoring using the Visensia Index approved**



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## Validation:

### Phase 2-3: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, USA (Apr 2007 to Aug 2007)

- 308 Patient trial in 24-bed Step-Down Unit (SDU)
- 18,314-hours of continuous vital sign monitoring data
- Visensia Index displayed and audible alert activated
- Clinical action to respond to VSI trend and alert implemented

## Publication:

**Critical Care Med. Vol 39 (no.1) 65-72 (2011). M. Hravnak et al**  
Cardiorespiratory instability before and after implementing an integrated monitoring system

## Results

- 58% reduction in the number of times critical care unit patients became unstable
- 60% reduction in the duration critical care unit patients were critically unstable
- No unexpected deaths in the 8 weeks using Visensia Index, compared to 6 unexpected deaths for the same unit in the 8 weeks prior to use of Visensia Index

**After phase 3, no patient on the Visensia monitor had an unexpected fatal cardiac event<sup>2</sup>**

## References:

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2. Pinsky 2006, *Regenerative Medicine*. "No patient on the Visensia monitor has had an unexpected fatal cardiac event".  
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