FetaLink is a maternal and fetal monitoring system that facilitates the flow of data from medical devices in a manner that supports display needs of clinicians in the acute and ambulatory settings. Alerts for various clinical events may occur and responding to these in a timely manner will aid in patient care.
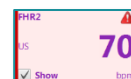
Responding to Alerts

➢ Alert parameters define the range of patient data, outside of which an alert will be triggered.

➢ When the alert fires, the patient chart border will change to red, indicating there is an alert.

- The item causing the alert will display with a pink background, and causes an auditory bell sounding the alert.

➢ The element/component that is alarming is highlighted in pink with a red triangle. There will be a red triangle in the annotation center.

➢ To acknowledge or annotate an alert, you must be signed into FetaLink.

- An indication you are not signed in, is the green circle with the checkmark or the acknowledge folder icon is not visible. When you are logged in, this will illuminate.

➢ If you click the green circle icon, you can acknowledge the alert without making an annotation.

➢ If you click the paper with the paper clip icon, this will allow you to acknowledge the alert and requires you to make an annotation (this is the recommended workflow).

➢ There are graph bars to indicate the signal strength.

➢ A red banner and bars indicate a signal strength alert.

➢ An indicator that the leads may need to be adjusted is the **Heart Coincidence Alert.** The alert is indicated by a waveform with a yellow triangle.

➢ There may be more than one alert at a time on a patient.
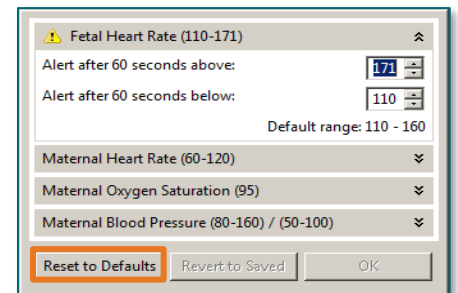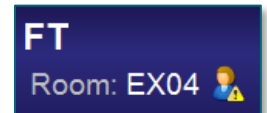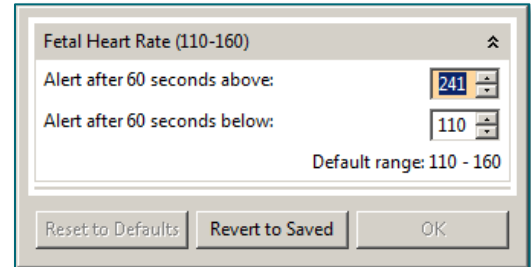
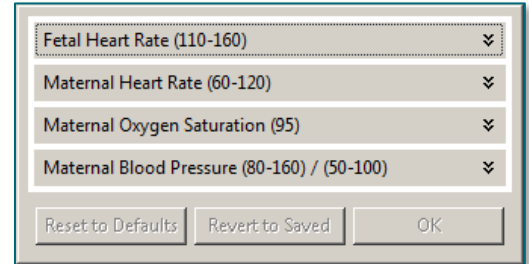➢ The border color order for multiple alerts is:

- Patient alert will be in red.
- Time Out of Sync is displayed in orange.
- Device Disconnected is in yellow.
- Low Signal Quality is displayed in gray.

Patient Specific Alert Parameters

➢ Select **Alert Settings** from the toolbar in the patient chart.

➢ This will allow you to set alert parameters that are specific to the patient.

➢ Alerts that can be adjusted are:

- Fetal Heart Parameters

- Maternal Heart Rate Parameters

- Maternal O2 Saturation Parameters

- Maternal Blood Pressure Parameters

- If you are attempting to set a range that is outside the system allowable range, the cell will turn yellow and will not allow the change to be saved.

- Enter the new desired parameter and select **OK**.

- A **Patients Alert** icon will display beside the room number to indicate the patient now has alert specific parameter(s) set.

  ▪ The icon will only display on the single patient view, it does not display on the central monitor view.

- To remove the patient level alerting, click the **Alert Settings** icon.
- Select **Reset to Default** to remove the patient level alerting.

NOTE: The setting is patient and monitor specific. If patient specific levels are set, they will revert to the default when the patient is disassociated from the monitor for any reason.