



# Operator's Manual

Avant™ 9600  
*Avant™ 9600*

Digital Pulse Oximeter



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# Chapter 1

## Guide to Symbols

This table describes the symbols that are found on the Avant 9600.

### *Regulatory Symbols*

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**Attention:** See Instructions for Use or related materials.

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**Type BF Applied Part**  
(Patient isolation from electrical shock).

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**UL Mark for Canada and the United States** with respect to electric shock, fire, and mechanical hazards only in accordance with UL 2601-1 and CAN/CSA C22.1 No. 601.1.

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**CE Marking** indicating conformance to EC directive No. 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices.

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**Serial Number** (located under the back cover).

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**Signal Output** (located on back of unit).

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**Alarm Call** (located on back of unit).

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### *Parameter Symbols*

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**Percent Oxygen Saturation**

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**Pulse Rate**

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*Button Symbols*

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**ON/STANDBY**



**Time/Date**



**Volume**



**Alarm Silence**



**Limits**



**Plus**



**Minus**

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*LED Symbols*

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**Numeric LEDs**



**Main Alarm**



**Pulse Quality**



**Pulse Oximeter Sensor**



Pulse Strength Bargraph



Upper Alarm Limit  
Lower Alarm Limit



Alarm Silence



Time



Month



Day



Year



Pulse Volume



Alarm Volume



AC Power Adapter



Battery

## Chapter 2

# Precautions for Use

### Contraindications

Do not use the Avant 9600 in an MRI environment.

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Explosion Hazard: Do not use the Avant 9600 in an explosive atmosphere or in the presence of flammable anesthetics or gases.

### Warnings

The Avant 9600 is intended only as an adjunct in patient assessment. It must be used in conjunction with other methods of assessing clinical signs and symptoms.

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Oximeter readings of the Avant 9600 may be affected by the use of an electro-surgical unit (ESU).

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Use only NONIN-manufactured pulse oximeter sensors. These sensors are manufactured to meet the accuracy specifications for NONIN pulse oximeters. Using other manufacturers' sensors can result in improper pulse oximeter performance.

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Do not use a damaged sensor.

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Do not use the Avant 9600 in or around water or any other liquid when the AC power adapter is used.

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As with all medical equipment, carefully route patient cables and connections to reduce the possibility of entanglement or strangulation.

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Use the Avant 9600 with 300PS-XX AC power adapters, where XX represents the power supply designation.

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The 9600's Nurse Call feature should not be used as the primary source of alarm notification. The audible and visual alarms of the monitor, used in conjunction with clinical signs and symptoms, are the primary sources for notifying medical personnel that an alarm condition exists.

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All parts and accessories connected to the serial port of the Avant 9600 must be certified according to IEC Standard EN 60950 or UL 1950 for data-processing equipment.

## Cautions

This equipment complies with International Standard EN 60601-1-2:2001 for electromagnetic compatibility for medical electrical equipment and/or systems. This standard is designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a typical medical installation. However, because of the proliferation of radio-frequency transmitting equipment and other sources of electrical noise in healthcare and other environments, it is possible that high levels of such interference due to close proximity or strength of a source might disrupt the performance of this device.

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If the Avant 9600 fails to respond as described, discontinue use until the situation is corrected by qualified personnel.

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Cardiogreen and other intravascular dyes may affect the accuracy of SpO<sub>2</sub> measurements.

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The oximeter sensor might not work on cold extremities due to reduced circulation. Warm or rub the finger to increase circulation, or reposition the sensor.

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The Avant 9600 might misinterpret motion as good pulse quality. Minimize finger motion or change the type of sensor being used (e.g., ear clip).

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Some nail polish colors or artificial nails can reduce light transmission and affect SpO<sub>2</sub> accuracy.

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Before using any sensor, carefully read the Directions for Use, which contain specific application times for each sensor.

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Check the pulse oximeter sensor application site frequently to determine the positioning of the sensor and the circulation and skin sensitivity of the patient. Patient sensitivity to sensors may vary due to medical status or skin condition.

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Ear Clip or Reflectance sensors are not recommended for pediatric use. The accuracy of the sensors has not been established for pediatric use.

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Do not place liquids on top of the Avant 9600.

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Do not immerse the Avant 9600 or sensors in any liquids.

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Do not use caustic or abrasive cleaning agents on the unit or sensors.

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Do not gas sterilize or autoclave the Avant 9600.

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Batteries might leak or explode if used or disposed of improperly.

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Follow local governing ordinances and recycling instructions regarding disposal or recycling of the device and device components, including batteries. Use only NONIN-approved battery packs, and remove batteries if the Avant 9600 is not used within 30 days.

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When using the 300PS-UNIV battery charger, ensure that the AC cord is plugged into a grounded outlet.

# Chapter 3

## Using the Avant 9600

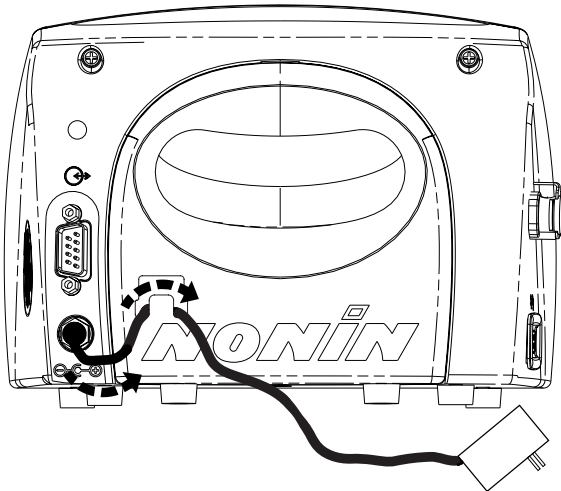
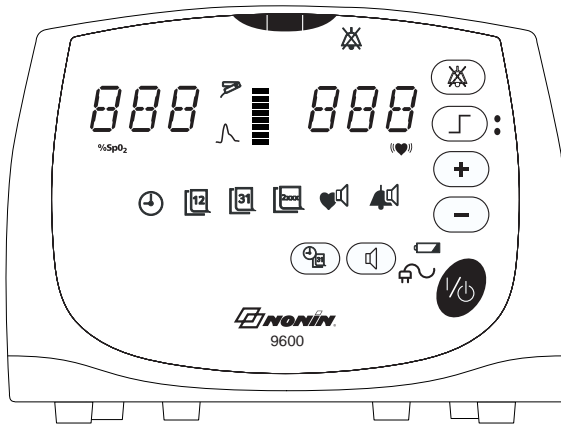
This chapter describes how to use the NONIN Avant 9600 Digital Pulse Oximeter.

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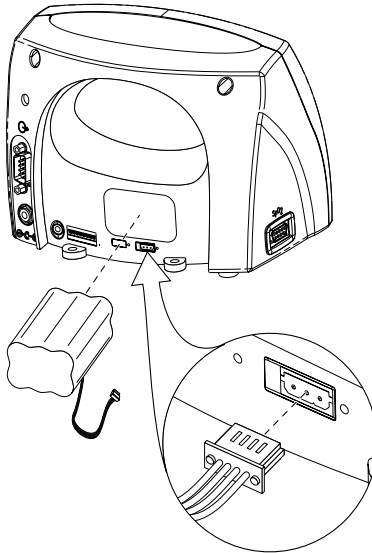
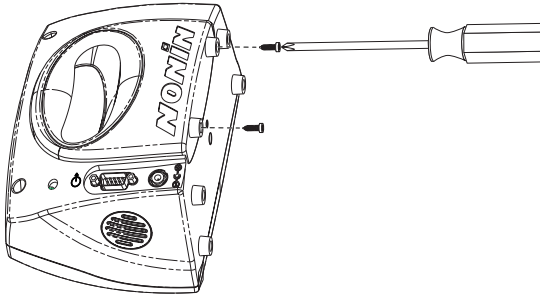
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### 3.1 Intended Use

The NONIN® Avant™ 9600 Digital Pulse Oximeter is a portable, tabletop device indicated for use in simultaneously measuring, displaying, and recording functional oxygen saturation of arterial hemoglobin (SpO<sub>2</sub>) and pulse rate of adult, pediatric, infant, and neonatal patients in hospitals, medical facilities, home care, and subacute environments. It is also used in patient transport, sleep laboratories, and EMS environments. The Avant 9600 is intended for continuous monitoring and/or spot-checking of patients.



## 3.2 Installing the Batteries



**NOTE:** Contact NONIN to purchase or replace battery packs.

**NOTE:** Reposition the back cover carefully, and tighten the screws firmly—being careful not to over-tighten.

### 3.3 Verifying Avant 9600 Operation

Press the ON/STANDBY button. When the unit is first turned on, the Avant 9600 performs a brief startup (initialization) sequence. Verify that all LEDs illuminate and the unit beeps three times during the first phase of the startup sequence. If any LED is not lit (except the AC Power Adapter LED), do not use the Avant 9600. Contact NONIN Customer Support for assistance.

In order to verify that the Avant 9600 is functioning properly, it is important to monitor SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate readings. Use the following procedure to verify that the pulse oximeter sensor is functioning properly.

1. Ensure that the Avant 9600 is on, with the sensor connected.
2. Apply the pulse oximeter sensor.
3. Verify that a good SpO<sub>2</sub> reading is displayed, that a pulse rate value appears, and that the pulse strength bargraph LED is active.

### 3.4 Displays, Indicators, and Controls


This section describes the Avant 9600's displays, indicators, and controls.

#### *Avant 9600 Parameter Displays*

##### **%SpO<sub>2</sub> Display**

Numeric light-emitting diodes (LEDs) on the upper left-hand corner of the Avant 9600 display blood oxygen saturation in percent.

##### **Pulse Rate Display**

The pulse rate display is located on the upper right-hand corner of the Avant 9600 and is identified by the  symbol. This display shows the pulse rate in beats per minute.

##### **Numeric LEDs**



Numeric LEDs display %SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate values. When setting the device, these LEDs also display values for alarm limits, volume, year, month, day, hour, and minute displays.

Under normal conditions, these LEDs display in green. For high priority (patient) alarms, the corresponding values are displayed in red, blinking fast. The values are displayed in amber when reviewing or changing limits, volumes, date, or time.

## Indicators and Icons



### Main Alarm LED

This LED indicates all alarm conditions. For high priority (patient) alarms, the indicator is displayed in red, blinking fast. For medium priority alarms, the indicator is displayed in amber, blinking slowly.



### Pulse Quality LED

This LED blinks to indicate a poor pulse signal. If there is a sustained period of poor quality signals, this LED will illuminate solid.



### Pulse Oximeter Sensor LED

This LED indicates when a sensor has become disconnected, has failed, or has not been applied correctly.



### Pulse Strength Bargraph LED

This 8-segment tricolor bargraph indicates pulse strength as determined by the oximeter. The height of the Pulse Strength Bargraph LED is proportional to the pulse signal, and the color is determined by pulse strength:

**Green** = a good pulse strength

**Amber** = a marginal pulse strength

**Red** = a low pulse strength, high priority alarm

When displaying battery charge, this LED indicates charge in 12% increments in green, displaying the depleted portion in amber.



### Alarm Silence LED

This amber LED indicates that the audible alarm is silenced for two minutes when it blinks. When lit solid, the Alarm Silence LED indicates that the audible alarm volume is set to zero.



### Time, Month, Day, and Year LEDs

These amber LEDs indicate that the Avant 9600's *Time*, *Month*, *Day*, or *Year* displays can be reviewed or adjusted using the Plus (+) and Minus (-) buttons.



### Pulse Volume LED

This amber LED indicates that the Pulse Volume can be reviewed or adjusted using the Plus (+) and Minus (-) buttons.



### Alarm Volume LED

This amber LED indicates that the Alarm Volume can be reviewed or adjusted using the Plus (+) and Minus (-) buttons.



### AC Power Adapter LED

This green LED is displayed when an external power supply is providing power to the Avant 9600.



### Battery LED

This amber LED indicates a marginal battery charge when blinking. In addition, this LED—when lit solidly—indicates that the battery charge is being displayed. *This LED does not indicate that the Avant 9600 is running on battery power.* The battery charge indication will not be accurate before one full charge/discharge/recharge cycle with a new battery pack.

## Avant 9600 Keyboard Buttons



### ON/STANDBY Button

Pressing this button once turns on the Avant 9600. Holding this button for at least 1 second shuts down the 9600. The ON/STANDBY button must be held for five seconds in Patient Security mode. Momentarily pressing this button while the unit is on displays the battery charge in 12% increments for 4 seconds in green.



### Time/Date Button

This button displays the time and date. Year, month, day, hour, and minute can be set using the Plus (+) and Minus (-) buttons.



### Volume Button

This button allows users to set and review the pulse or alarm volume, depending upon which corresponding LED is illuminated. This button cycles users between pulse volume, alarm volume, and off.



### Alarm Silence Button

This button toggles the alarm between silenced and audible. Pressing the Alarm Silence button will silence the alarm for two minutes. In addition, pressing the Alarm Silence button cancels both audible and visual alarms when in Latched Alarms mode.



### Alarm Limits Button and Indicator

This button displays the upper and lower limits for alarm indications for SpO<sub>2</sub> and heart rate measurements. These limits can be adjusted using the Plus (+) and Minus (-) buttons. The Alarm Limits button cycles users through the Avant 9600's alarm settings, allowing users to both set and review alarm limits.

The upper LED on the Alarm Limits button indicates the upper alarm limit, and the lower LED indicates the lower alarm limit.



### Plus Button and Minus Button





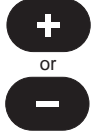
These buttons adjust values for many Avant 9600 functions. The Plus and Minus buttons are used to adjust time, date, volume, and upper and lower alarm limits. Pressing either of these buttons alone, when the Avant 9600 is not in any setting mode, adjusts the intensity of the LED displays.

### 3.5 User Functions

The functions for operating the Avant 9600 can be broken down into three groups: Basic Functions, Set Functions, and Advanced Functions.

#### Basic Functions










Basic functions are generally easy to use and involve only a single button. The Avant 9600 has several basic functions.

<i>Function</i>	<i>Button</i>	<i>Instruction</i>
Turn the Avant 9600 on and off.		Momentarily press the ON/STANDBY button to turn on the Avant 9600. Press and hold the button for at least one second to turn off the Avant 9600. Hold the ON/STANDBY button for five seconds when the unit is in Patient Security mode.
Check the battery charge.		Momentarily press the ON/STANDBY button while the unit is on. Battery charge is displayed (in 12% increments, for 4 seconds in green) on the Pulse Strength Bargraph.
Mute the audible alarms (2 minutes—toggle).		Momentarily press the Alarm Silence button.
Cancel latched alarms (when in Latched Alarms mode).		Momentarily press the Alarm Silence button.
Adjust the display intensity (brightness).		Momentarily press the Plus or Minus button.

**NOTE:** When DIP switch 6 is in the DOWN position, the display intensity will be automatically reduced when the switch from AC to battery power occurs.










### Set Functions

Set functions are those that require multiple buttons to alter a measurement or device parameter for normal operation.

<i>Function</i>	<i>Button</i>	<i>Instruction</i>
Set alarm limits.	 then  or 	Momentarily press the Alarm Limits button to step through the Limits menu. Use the Plus or Minus buttons to adjust alarm limits.
Set pulse and alarm volumes.	 then  or 	Momentarily press the Volume button to select pulse or alarm volume. Use the Plus or Minus buttons to adjust the selected volume.
Set time and date.	 then  or 	Momentarily press the Time/Date button to step through the Time/Date menu. Use the Plus or Minus buttons to adjust the time and date values.

## Advanced Functions

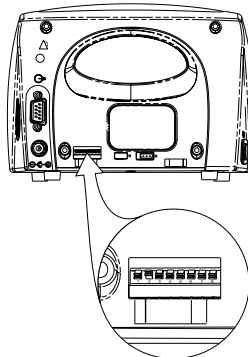
Advanced functions are intentionally more difficult to activate. These functions are restricted to trained users, and they require multiple button presses in order to prevent accidental activation.

<i>Function</i>	<i>Button</i>	<i>Instruction</i>
Retain Previous Alarm Limit Settings	 +  or  + 	<p>Press and hold both the Alarm Limits and Minus buttons for three seconds (while the unit is on).</p> <p>or</p> <p>Press and hold both the Alarm Limits and ON/STANDBY buttons when turning on the Avant 9600.</p>
Patient Playback and Memory Clear Menu	 + 	<p>Press and hold the Time/Date button while turning on the Avant 9600. This menu functions with NONIN's nVISION™ software.</p>
Patient Security Settings	 +  	<p>Press and hold the Alarm Limits and Time/Date buttons simultaneously for five seconds. The Patient Security mode is displayed in green on the Numeric LEDs. To change the Patient Security mode, press the Volume button while the mode is displayed. The new Patient Security mode is then displayed in amber on the Numeric LEDs.</p>

### 3.6 Avant 9600 DIP switches

The Avant 9600 contains eight DIP switches that are located under the blue back cover of the unit (See “Installing the Batteries” for instructions on removing the back cover). The UP position faces the top of the unit, and the DOWN position faces the bottom of the unit. **The factory setting for all Avant 9600 DIP switches is the DOWN position.**

Switch	Function
Switch 1	<i>Alarm Disable Lock</i> <b>Up</b> —Alarm volume may be disabled <b>Down</b> —Alarm volume cannot be set below 45 dB
Switch 2	<i>Normal / Slow SpO<sub>2</sub> Averaging</i> <b>Up</b> —Slow Averaging (8 beat exponential average) <b>Down</b> —Normal Averaging (4 beat exponential average)
Switch 3	<i>Alarm Unlatched / Latched</i> <b>Up</b> —Alarms Latched <b>Down</b> —Alarms Unlatched
Switch 4	<i>Reserved for Future Use</i>
Switch 5	<i>US / International Date Format</i> <b>Up</b> —International Date Format <b>Down</b> —US Date Format
Switch 6	<i>Power Saving Display Dim During Battery Operation</i> <b>Up</b> —Power Saving Disabled <b>Down</b> —Power Saving Enabled
Switch 7	<i>Nurse Call Output</i> <b>Up</b> —Continuous <b>Down</b> —Momentary
Switch 8	<i>Real-Time Patient Data Output</i> <b>Up</b> —Fast responding SpO <sub>2</sub> and pulse rate output <b>Down</b> —SpO <sub>2</sub> and pulse rate output, as selected by DIP switch 2

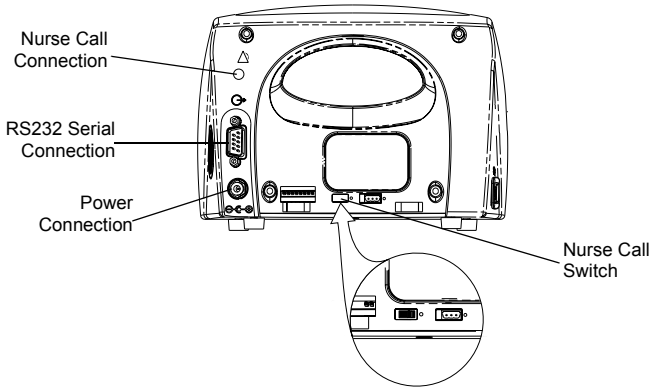


### 3.7 Nurse Call Feature

The Avant 9600 features a Nurse Call circuit that can be connected to a hospital nurse call system, allowing alarm conditions to be recognized at a central monitoring location and on the Avant 9600.

DIP switch 7 allows users to select the duration output of a signal. In the DOWN position, a one-second signal is output when an audible alarm starts. In the UP position, the nurse call signal is active during the entire duration of an audible alarm.

Included in the Nurse Call Circuit is a switch—located on the base of the back panel and covered by the back cover to prevent accidental toggling—that allows users to select NO (Normally Open—the left position) or NC (Normally Closed—the right position). (See “Installing the Batteries” for instructions on removing the back cover.) The Nurse Call Circuit can be used both when the Avant 9600 is plugged in and when it is running on battery power.



Relay Channel Selected	Normal Operation	Alarm Condition	Off
Normally Open (NO)	Open	Closed	Open
Normally Closed (NC)	Closed	Open	Closed

**WARNING:** It is the user’s responsibility to implement the interface between the Nurse Call system and the Avant 9600, and to adequately test the interface between the 9600 and the Nurse Call system to ensure that the desired function is operational.

## **3.8 Care and Maintenance**

The advanced digital circuitry within the pulse oximeter of the Avant 9600 requires no calibration or periodic maintenance other than battery replacement.

Field repair of the Avant 9600 circuitry is not possible. Do not attempt to open the Avant 9600 case or repair the electronics. Opening the case will damage the Avant 9600 and void the warranty. If the Avant 9600 is not functioning properly, see “Troubleshooting.”

### **Cleaning the Avant 9600**

Clean the Avant 9600 with a soft cloth dampened with isopropyl alcohol. Do not pour or spray any liquids onto the Avant 9600, and do not allow any liquid to enter any openings in the device. Allow the unit to dry thoroughly before reusing it.

**IMPORTANT! Do not immerse the Avant 9600 in liquid, and do not use caustic or abrasive cleaning agents on the Avant 9600.**

Clean the Avant 9600 separately from its associated sensors. For instructions regarding cleaning pulse oximeter sensors, refer to the appropriate pulse oximeter sensor package inserts.

# Chapter 4

## Alarms and Limits

This chapter describes alarms and limits for the Avant 9600 Digital Pulse Oximeter.

### 4.1 High and Medium Priority Alarms

The Avant 9600 provides both high and medium priority audible and visual alarms.

#### High Priority Alarms

High priority alarms are those that require immediate attention to the patient. They include SpO<sub>2</sub>, pulse rate, and low perfusion alarms. On the Avant 9600, high priority alarms are indicated with rapidly blinking red LED displays when alarm limits are met or exceeded. In addition, the pulse strength bargraph LED may illuminate a red segment to indicate low perfusion.

High priority alarms are sounded as follows: “beep, beep, beep,” (short pause), “beep, beep” (10-second pause).

#### Medium Priority Alarms

Medium priority alarms are those that signal potential problems with the equipment or other non-life-threatening situations. On the Avant 9600, medium priority alarms are indicated with slowly blinking amber displays.

Medium priority alarms are illuminated amber on the Main Alarm LED and on the appropriate indicator(s) or numeric displays, sometimes displaying an error code to help the user identify the source of the error.

Medium priority alarms are sounded as follows: “beep, beep, beep,” (25-second pause), “beep, beep, beep.”

### 4.2 Informational Tones

Informational tones communicate important information. They are typically single “beeps” or a series of three “beeps.” Informational tones include the startup/initialization tone and the pulse rate tone (which changes in pitch with SpO<sub>2</sub> values).

### 4.3 Error Codes

The Avant 9600 includes error codes that indicate problems with the unit. To correct error conditions, perform the following steps:

1. Turn the unit off and then back on again to remove the error code.
2. If the error persists, disconnect all power (AC and battery), and then reconnect the power and turn the unit back on.
3. If the error still persists, note the error code and contact Nonin Customer Support at (800) 356-8874 (USA and Canada) or (763) 553-9968.

### 4.4 Alarm Summary

If patient SpO<sub>2</sub> or pulse readings are equal to or above the upper alarm limit, or if they are equal to or below the lower alarm limit, the Avant 9600 will signal an alarm.

<b>High Priority Alarm Description</b>	<b>Default</b>	<b>Adjustment Range Options</b>	<b>Step Value</b>
SpO <sub>2</sub> Upper Alarm Limit	Off	Off, 80 to 100	1% SpO <sub>2</sub>
SpO <sub>2</sub> Lower Alarm Limit	80%	Off, 50 to 95	1% SpO <sub>2</sub>
Pulse Upper Alarm Limit	200 BPM	Off, 75 to 275	5 BPM
Pulse Lower Alarm Limit	50 BPM	Off, 30 to 110	5 BPM

## 4.5 Setting and Changing Volume and Alarm Limits

**IMPORTANT!** Avant 9600 alarm limits reset themselves to default values each time the unit is powered up—unless the unit is in Patient Security mode.

### Reviewing, Setting, or Changing SpO<sub>2</sub> and/or Pulse Alarm Limits

1. Ensure that the Avant 9600 is on.
2. Press the Alarm Limits button.
  - Notice that the upper round LED is illuminated to the right of the Alarm Limits button. This indicates the upper alarm limit, while the lower LED indicates the lower alarm limit.
  - Notice that the current setting appears in the %SpO<sub>2</sub> display.
  - Continue to press the Alarm Limits button until the alarm limit you want to change is displayed.
  - The Alarm Limits button can also be cycled to exit Set/Change mode, or Set/Change mode will exit automatically after ten seconds with no activity.
3. Ensure that the appropriate upper or lower Alarm Limit LED is illuminated, and that the alarm limit you want to change is displayed.
4. Press the Plus (+) or Minus (-) buttons to adjust the values as desired.

### Reviewing, Setting, or Changing Pulse and/or Alarm Volumes

1. Ensure that the Avant 9600 is on.
2. Press the Volume button once to change the alarm volume, or twice to change the pulse volume.
  - After pressing the Volume button once, notice that the Alarm Volume LED appears, and the current setting appears in the Pulse Rate display area.
  - After pressing the Volume button twice, notice that the Pulse Volume LED appears, and the current setting appears in the Pulse Rate display area.
  - The Volume button can also be cycled to exit Set/Change mode, or Set/Change mode will exit automatically after ten seconds with no activity.
3. Use the Plus (+) or Minus (-) buttons to adjust the alarm or pulse volumes as desired.

**NOTE:** Review “Silencing Alarms” for information about permanently silencing all alarms.

## 4.6 Silencing Alarms

### Momentary (2-Minute) Alarm Silence

To silence alarms for two minutes, press the Alarm Silence button.

### Continuous Alarm Silence

In order to permanently silence all alarms, DIP switch 1 must be placed in the UP position. This allows the alarm volume to be set to zero. *The Alarm Silence LED will remain illuminated when the alarm volume is set to zero.* Refer to “Avant 9600 DIP Switches” for more information.

## 4.7 Latched and Unlatched Alarms

The Avant 9600 allows users to select Unlatched or Latched alarms. DIP switch 3, located at the bottom of the Avant 9600 behind the back cover, is used to toggle between Latched Alarms and Unlatched Alarms modes. Unlatched mode (DIP switch 3 in the DOWN position) is the default.

When the Avant 9600 is in Unlatched Alarms mode, the Main Alarm LED and the indication of the alarm source will flash, and the audible alarm will sound until the alarm condition is no longer present.

In Latched Alarms mode, the audible and visual alarms will continue to signal even after the alarm condition is no longer present. Pressing the Alarm Silence button will clear all latched alarms.

## 4.8 Patient Security Mode

The Avant 9600 features a Patient Security mode, in which no settings can be changed and only alarm limit settings can be viewed. When Patient Security mode is enabled, users cannot change SpO<sub>2</sub> or Pulse Rate limits—though it is still possible to view those limits. In Patient Security mode, users cannot view or set the alarm volume, pulse volume, or time and date.

When the Avant 9600 is turned on in Patient Security mode, “**!!! !!!**” blinks three times in amber on the display area, and three informational tones are sounded. The upper alarm limits are then displayed, followed by the lower alarm limits.

**NOTE: Patient Security mode is not disabled when the unit is turned off.**

### Viewing and Changing Patient Security Mode

1. Press and hold *both* the Alarm Limits button and the Time/Date button for 5 seconds.
  - The state of Patient Security mode is displayed in green on the Numeric LEDs for 3 seconds: “**!!! !!!**” is displayed when Patient Security mode is enabled; “**000 000**” is displayed when Patient Security mode is disabled.
2. To change Patient Security mode from its current setting, press the Volume button while the mode is displayed. The new state of Patient Security mode is displayed in amber on the Numeric LEDs for 2 seconds.

**NOTE: Alarm limits cannot be changed when the Avant 9600 is in Patient Security mode. Patient Security mode prevents accidental changes to critical parameters. The Avant 9600 allows users to lock and unlock alarm limits, volume settings, time settings, and time required to turn off the device.**

# Chapter 5

## Communication

This chapter describes the memory playback and real-time capabilities of the Avant 9600 Digital Pulse Oximeter.

### 5.1 Memory Features

The Avant 9600 can collect and store more than 115 hours of SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate information.

Data may be played back with data retrieval software (NONIN's nVISION™ software is recommended). If you wish to create your own software, contact NONIN for the data format.

The memory in the Avant 9600 functions much like an “endless loop” tape. When the memory fills up, the unit begins overwriting the oldest data with the new data.

Each time the Avant 9600 is turned on, the current time/date information (if the clock is set properly) is stored in memory, starting a new recording session. Only recording sessions greater than one minute in length are stored in memory.

Patient SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate are sampled every 2 seconds. Every 4 seconds, the extreme value of the 4-second sample period is stored. Oxygen saturation values are stored in 1% increments in the range of 0 to 100%.

The stored pulse rate ranges from 18 to 300 pulses per minute. The stored values are in increments of one pulse per minute in the interval from 18 to 200 pulses per minute, and in increments of 2 pulses per minute in the interval from 201 to 300 pulses per minute.

## 5.2 Playing Back Memory Data

The Avant 9600 has a Memory Playback feature, allowing stored data to be output through the RS232 serial connection.

1. With the unit off, connect the RS-232 connector port of the Avant 9600 to the back of your computer using a null modem cable.
2. With the Avant 9600 still off, press and hold the Time/Date button while pressing the ON/STANDBY button.
  - All LEDs will illuminate briefly. **PLY bAc** will appear in the SpO<sub>2</sub> and Pulse Rate LED display areas. This message signals that the Avant 9600 is in Playback mode.
3. The **PLY bAc** message will disappear when memory playback is complete. (Memory playback may take up to 8 minutes, depending upon the amount of data.) Pressing the ON/STANDBY button will exit Playback mode.
4. A **CLr no** message will be displayed, and three informational tones will sound.
5. (OPTIONAL): To clear the memory:
  - Use the Plus or Minus buttons to select **CLr YES**.
  - Press the ON/STANDBY button.
  - To confirm the clearing of memory, use the Plus or Minus buttons to select **dEL YES**.
  - Press the ON/STANDBY button again.
  - **dnE CLr** confirms that the memory is clear.
6. Press the ON/STANDBY button to return to normal operation.

### 5.3 Real-Time Patient Data Output

The Avant 9600 provides real-time data output capability via the RS232 connector port. A null modem cable may be used to connect the Avant 9600 to the receiving computer.

The information from the Avant 9600 in the real-time mode is sent in an ASCII serial format at 9600 baud with 8 data bits, 1 start bit, and 2 stop bits. Each line is terminated by CR/LF.

Upon power up, a header is sent identifying the format and the time and date. Thereafter, the data are sent once per second by the Avant 9600 in one of the following formats:

- If DIP switch 8 is in the UP position, the data will be displayed as follows:

SPO2=XXX HR=YYY F

where XXX and YYY are the fast-responding SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate values.

- If DIP switch 8 is in the DOWN position, the data will be displayed as follows:

SPO2=XXX HR=YYY

where XXX and YYY are the SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate values as selected by DIP switch 2.

## Chapter 6

# Theory of Operation

The NONIN Avant 9600 Digital Pulse Oximeter passes red and infrared light through perfused tissue and detects the fluctuating signals caused by arterial blood pressure pulses. Well-oxygenated blood is bright red, while poorly oxygenated blood is dark red. The pulse oximeter determines functional oxygen saturation of arterial hemoglobin from this color difference by measuring the ratio of absorbed red and infrared light as the blood volume fluctuates with each heart beat. Since steady conditions (steady venous blood flow, skin thickness, bone, fingernails, etc.) do not cause fluctuations, they do not affect the saturation reading. However, if too little light gets through or the pulse is insufficient, the pulse oximeter will not be able to provide a value.

Pulse oximeters use two different colors of light and thus have the ability to determine one component of blood. The Avant 9600 is calibrated to closely approximate *functional* oxygen saturation values. The Avant 9600 oxygen saturation values will closely approximate co-oximeter *fractional* saturation values if the dysfunctional hemoglobin saturation levels are negligible.

For all practical purposes, the pulse oximeter ignores carboxyhemoglobin (carbon monoxide). Excessive levels of methemoglobin will bias the readings toward 85%.

To obtain an accurate SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate measurement, NONIN uses a number of digital filtering and decision algorithms. These algorithms separate the pulse signal from artifact, motion, and interference. The initial filtering removes most of the interference, after which each potential pulse is examined to determine if it is valid or possibly corrupted. Because the NONIN algorithms work on a pulse-by-pulse basis, the pulse oximeter can give valid readings even in the presence of arrhythmias.

As with all pulse oximeters, there exists a level of interference or motion that can degrade performance. This might be seen as slower response time, reduced accuracy, or no readings.

**NOTE:** The display is updated once per 1-1/2 second, and the value displayed will never be more than 30 seconds old.

# Chapter 7

## Specifications

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### OXIMETER

<b>Oxygen Saturation Range</b> (%SpO <sub>2</sub> )	0% to 100%
<b>Pulse Rate Range</b>	18 to 300 pulses per minute
<b>Displays</b>	
Numeric Displays	3-digit LEDs, Tricolor (red, green, amber)
Pulse Strength	Tricolor LED segments
Bargraph LED	
<b>Accuracy</b>	
Blood Oxygen Saturation (%SpO <sub>2</sub> ) (± 1 S.D.) <sup>a</sup>	70-100% ±2 digits for adults using Finger Clip Sensor
Pulse Rate	± 3% ±1 digit
<b>Measurement Wavelengths and Output Power</b>	
Red	660 nanometers @ 3 mw nominal
Infrared	910 nanometers @ 3 mw nominal
<b>Altitude</b>	
Operating Altitude	Up to 40,000 feet

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### SYSTEM

<b>Temperature</b>	
Operating	+32° to +122°F (+0° to +50°C)
Storage/Transportation	-22° to +122°F (-30° to +50°C)
<b>Humidity</b>	
Operating	10% to 90% noncondensing
Storage/Transportation	10% to 95% noncondensing
<b>Power Requirements</b>	7.2 volt battery pack (6 cells) or 12 VDC 1.5A AC Adapter
<b>Battery Life</b>	
Operating	minimum 12 hours of continuous operation with a fully charged battery pack
Storage	27 days
Recharge	4 hours
<b>Dimensions</b>	5.5" H x 7.25" W x 4.5" D



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<b>Weight</b>	2.2 lbs
<b>Memory</b>	115 hours minimum

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**Classifications per IEC 60601-1 / CSA601.1 / UL2601-1**

Type of Protection	Class I (when on AC power with 300PS-UNIV battery charger)
	Class II (when on AC power with 300PS-NA, 300PS-EU, or 300PS-UK battery chargers)
	Internally powered (on battery power)
Degree of Protection	Type BF-Applied Part
Enclosure Degree of Ingress Protection	IPX0
Mode of Operation	Continuous

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**Nurse Call**

Maximum Voltage	30 V, AC or DC
Maximum Load Current	20mA
Output Impedance	320 ohms typical
Output	Normally Open or Normally Closed; switch selectable
Output Connector	0.141" miniature phone jack

- a. S.D. (Standard Deviation) is a statistical measure; up to 32% of the readings may fall outside these limits.

## Chapter 8 Parts and Accessories

Model Number	Description
2120B	Battery Pack
9600 Manual	Operator's Manual for the Avant 9600
300PS-NA	Battery Charger, North American/Japan: Wall Mount
300PS-EU	Battery Charger, Europe: Wall Mount
300PS-UK	Battery Charger, United Kingdom: Wall Mount
300PS-UNIV	Battery Charger, Universal Desktop with IEC320 Connector
Contact your distributor or NONIN for options.	Cord Set, Charger

### *External Cables*

UNI-RA-0	7.25" 90-degree patient cable
8500I	Patient Extension Cable (1 meter)
8500VI	Patient Extension Cable (3 meters)
8604X-20	Patient Extension Cable (6 meters)
8604X-30	Patient Extension Cable (9 meters)
9600NC-6	Nurse Call Output Cable (2 meters)
9600NC-10	Nurse Call Output Cable (3 meters)
9600NC-10X	Nurse Call Output Cable (3 meters—without plug)
UNI-RS232	RS-232 Cable

### *Pulse Oximeter Reusable Sensors*

8000AA-1	Adult Articulated Finger Clip Sensor (1 meter)
8000AA-3	Adult Articulated Finger Clip Sensor (3 meters)
8000K2	Adult Finger Clip Sensor
8000AP-1	Pediatric Finger Clip Sensor (1 meter)
8000AP-3	Pediatric Finger Clip Sensor (3 meters)
8000J	Adult Flex Sensor (1 meter)
8000J-3	Adult Flex Sensor (3 meters)
8008J	Infant Flex Sensor
8001J	Neonatal Flex Sensor
8000Q	Ear Clip Sensor
8000R	Reflectance Sensor



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<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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*Pulse Oximeter Disposable Sensors*

7000A	Adult Finger Flexi-Form II® Sensor, 10 per box
7000P	Pediatric Finger Flexi-Form II® Sensor, 10 per box
7000I	Infant Toe Flexi-Form II® Sensor, 10 per box
7000N	Neonatal Foot Flexi-Form II® Sensor, 10 per box
7000D	Flexi-Form II® Sensor Assortment Pack, 10 per box

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*Mounting Accessories*

9600 Pole Mount	Pole Mount
Pole Mount Clamp	Pole Mount Clamp

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*Other Accessories*

nVISION™	nVISION™ software for Microsoft Windows 95/98/2000/NT 4.0 operating systems
8000JFW	Adult FlexiWrap Sensor Wrap
8008JFW	Infant FlexiWrap Sensor Wrap
8001JFW	Neonatal FlexiWrap Sensor Wrap
8000H	Reflectance Sensor Holder System
8000S	Patient Simulator

For more information about NONIN parts and accessories, contact your distributor, or contact NONIN at (800) 356-8874 (USA and Canada) or (763) 553-9968. This information is also available on NONIN's website: [www.nonin.com](http://www.nonin.com).

## **Chapter 9**

# **Service, Support, & Warranty**

A return authorization number is required before returning any product to NONIN. To obtain this return authorization number, contact NONIN Customer Support:

**Nonin Medical, Inc.**

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[www.nonin.com](http://www.nonin.com)

### **Warranty**

NONIN MEDICAL, INCORPORATED, (NONIN) warrants to the purchaser, for a period of one year from the date of purchase, each Avant 9600 battery pack. NONIN warrants the pulse oximetry module of the Avant 9600 for a period of three years from the date of purchase.

NONIN shall repair or replace any Avant 9600 found to be defective in accordance with this warranty, free of charge, for which NONIN has been notified by the purchaser by serial number that there is a defect, provided said notification occurs within the applicable warranty period. This warranty shall be the sole and exclusive remedy by the purchaser hereunder for any Avant 9600 delivered to the purchaser which is found to be defective in any manner, whether such remedies be in contract, tort, or by law.

This warranty excludes cost of delivery to and from NONIN. All repaired units shall be received by the purchaser at NONIN's place of business. NONIN reserves the right to charge a fee for a warranty repair request on any Avant 9600 that is found to be within specifications.

The Avant 9600 is a precision electronic instrument and must be repaired by knowledgeable and specially trained NONIN personnel only.

Accordingly, any sign or evidence of opening the Avant 9600, field service by non-NONIN personnel, tampering, or any kind of misuse or abuse of the Avant 9600, shall void the warranty in its entirety. All non-warranty work shall be done according to NONIN standard rates and charges in effect at the time of delivery to NONIN.

#### **DISCLAIMER/EXCLUSIVITY OF WARRANTY:**

THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS MANUAL ARE EXCLUSIVE AND NO OTHER WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER STATUTORY, WRITTEN, ORAL, OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR MERCHANTABILITY, SHALL APPLY.

# Chapter 10

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
Avant 9600 will not activate.	The unit has no power.	Plug in the AC adapter.
Avant 9600 will not operate on batteries.	The battery pack is inserted incorrectly.	Check the battery pack connection.
	The battery pack is not charged.	Plug in the Avant 9600 AC Adapter to charge the battery pack.
	The battery pack is inoperable.	Contact NONIN Customer Support for repair or replacement.
<p><b>You are unable to obtain a green pulse display on the bargraph.</b></p> <p><i>NOTE: In some instances, patient perfusion may be inadequate for pulse detection.</i></p>	The patient pulse strength is low or perfused poorly.	Reposition the finger or insert a different finger, and keep the sensor motionless for at least 10 seconds.
		Warm the patient's finger by rubbing or covering with a blanket.
		Position the sensor at a different site (e.g., earlobe).
	Circulation is reduced because of excess pressure on the sensor (between the sensor and a hard surface) after inserting finger.	Allow the hand to rest comfortably without squeezing or pressing the sensor on a hard surface.
	The finger is cold.	Warm the patient's finger by rubbing or covering with a blanket.
Position the sensor at a different site (e.g., earlobe).		

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Possible Solution</b>
<b>Unable to obtain a green pulse display on the bargraph, cont'd.</b>	The sensor is applied incorrectly.	Apply the sensor correctly.
	There is possible interference from one of the following sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• arterial catheter</li> <li>• blood pressure cuff</li> <li>• electrosurgical procedure</li> <li>• infusion line</li> </ul>	Reduce or eliminate any interference. Make sure that the sensor is not placed on the same arm being used for other patient therapies or diagnostics (e.g, blood pressure cuff).
	The red LED is not illuminated in the finger insertion area.	Ensure that the sensor is securely attached to the Avant 9600.
		Check the sensor for any visible signs of deterioration.
		Contact NONIN Customer Support.
<b>Frequent or steady pulse quality indication.</b>	There is excessive ambient light.	Shield the sensor from the light source.
	The Avant 9600 is applied to a polished or artificial fingernail.	Apply the sensor to a finger without artificial or polished nails.
		Position the sensor at a different site (e.g. earlobe).
	The red LED is not illuminated in the finger insertion area.	Ensure that the sensor is securely attached to the Avant 9600.
		Check the sensor for any visible signs of deterioration.
		Contact NONIN Customer Support.
	Patient motion is excessive.	Reduce patient motion.

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
<b>A dash (-) appears in the %SpO<sub>2</sub> display.</b>	A poor signal from the finger is being detected.	Reposition the finger or insert a different finger and keep the sensor motionless for at least 10 seconds.
		Position the sensor at a different site (e.g. earlobe).
	The finger was removed from the sensor.	Reinsert the finger and keep the sensor motionless for at least 10 seconds.
	The Avant 9600 is not functioning.	Turn the unit off, check all connections, and retry.
Contact NONIN Customer Support.		
<b>An error code appears in the display area.</b>	The Avant 9600 encountered an error.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Turn the unit off and then back on again to remove the error code.</li> <li>2. If the error persists, disconnect all power (AC and battery), and then reconnect the power and turn the unit back on.</li> <li>3. If the error still persists, note the error code and contact NONIN Customer Support.</li> </ol>

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Possible Solution</b>
<b>The unit is in Alarm mode, but no audible alarms can be heard.</b>	The 2-minute Alarm Silence button is activated.	Press the Alarm Silence button to re-engage alarm volume, or wait for two minutes—and alarm tones will automatically re-engage.
	DIP switch 1 is in the UP position, and the unit's volume is set to zero.	Adjust the alarm volume, or return DIP switch 1 to the DOWN position if you desire audible alarms.

If these solutions do not correct the problem, please contact NONIN Customer Support at **(800) 356-8874** (USA and Canada) or **(763) 553-9968**.

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