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**Drager's Perseus A500 anesthesia workstation incompatible with modern scavenging**

North American Drager's most recently released anesthesia workstation is the only modern anesthesia machine incompatible with the Dynamic Gas Scavenging System (DGSS) scavenger interface, according to James M. Berry, MD, founder of Anesthetic Gas Reclamation.

"Hospitals have asked for modern waste anesthetic scavenging on the Perseus platform, and we can't help them," said Berry. "Although we can design an interface, the A500 was approved with an integrated old-style active waste gas receiver and can't be used without it." Since Drager's FDA 510(k) filing specified the integrated active scavenger interface, it can't be legally removed to adapt it to the DGSS.

The DGSS is a low-flow, demand-based waste anesthetic scavenging interface which has been marketed in the US for the past 5 years. It reduces the demand on waste anesthetic vacuum systems by 90-95%, and has been adopted as an OEM option by Mindray International. The DGSS has been installed on thousands of anesthesia workstations from GE, Drager and other manufacturers.

"Choosing a Perseus workstation forecloses the energy and environmental benefits available with the DGSS," according to Dr Berry. "That is a choice that customers should be aware of."

Anesthetic Gas Reclamation, LLC is a Tennessee company developing and marketing solutions for energy-efficiency and environmental friendliness in healthcare. The DGSS is available through distributors nationwide.