Robotic Operation of ICU Equipment in Contagious Environments

WHY?

- Ventilators and infusion pumps are critical equipment in treating COVID-19
- Routine setting changes require staff to enter Intensive Care Units
- Entering the ICU requires consuming a full set of PPE
- Entering the ICU also exposes staff to risk of infection by COVID-19
- Due to security concerns, equipment can not access networks

"Servo-U" Ventilator, courtesy of Getinge Group

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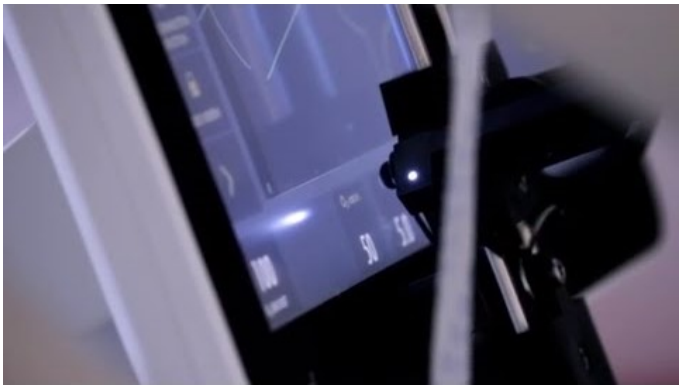
Current prototype for single ventilator control:



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- The goal of this project is to develop robots to enable remote operation of ICU equipment to protect healthcare providers. Tasks could entail operation of multiple ventilators using a mobile base, operation of infusion pumps, and operation of ventilators with knobs.
- **What Students Will Do:**
- **Deliverables:**
  - Prototype robots
  - Demonstrate functionality
- **Size group:** 2-3
- **Skills:**
  - Required: ME Design, Electronics, Programming
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