

3M Science.
Applied to Life.™

Trust in science.

Clinical evidence is critical in
every decision you make.

3M™ Bair Hugger™ system, the name in safe patient warming.

3M's Bair Hugger forced-air warming system has been safely and effectively warming and improving the surgical outcome of hundreds of millions of patients for over 25 years since it was first cleared by the FDA. The safety and effectiveness of the Bair Hugger system is unquestioned despite recent misleading advertising from law firms and a competitor, Augustine Temperature Management.

Science is on our side. The evidence is clear:

- ◆ The Bair Hugger system is the most used and studied method of surgical warming in the country, with its clinical benefits, efficacy and safety well documented in over 170 studies and more than 60 randomized controlled clinical trials.
- ◆ A recent independent, systematic review of the published literature relating to forced-air warming (FAW) by ECRI Institute found “insufficient evidence to establish that the use of FAW systems leads to an increase in SSIs compared to other warming methods.”
- ◆ Several independent researchers including the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) note that studies relied on by the lawyers and Augustine Temperature Management use flawed methodologies.
- ◆ The Bair Hugger system is the preferred patient warming device of U.S. healthcare facilities and is supported by numerous healthcare organizations because of its well-proven safety and efficacy.

There is no credible scientific evidence supporting these law firms' or competitor's claims

- ◆ Research has demonstrated that airflow from the Bair Hugger system has no significant effect on operating room airflow. When tested in real surgical settings, research shows that forced-air warming does not increase the bacterial count at the surgical site.
- ◆ In its entire history of warming more than 200 million patients, not one hospital, doctor or medical provider has reported a single confirmed incidence of infection caused by the 3M™ Bair Hugger™ system.

3M knows we have earned your trust by using good science to develop products that improve patient care. We will stand behind our customers and patients, and will continue to vigorously defend Bair Hugger therapy in litigation.

Medical professionals should continue to use the 3M Bair Hugger forced-air warming system with confidence.

> See the science at FAWFacts.com/GoodScience