

Key Takeaways from Star Tribune Story

The Minneapolis Star Tribune recently published [a story](#) about a competitor who has waged a decade-long misinformation campaign to disparage and foster litigation against the 3M™ Bair Hugger™ warming system for his own commercial purposes.

Remember these key facts:

- Despite Scott Augustine's decade-long campaign, 3M has not lost a case.
- In fact, a Minnesota state court and a federal jury have ruled in 3M's favor.
- The only case to go to trial so far resulted in a jury verdict in favor of 3M. The jury deliberated less than two hours.
- Eight other cases selected to go to trial were dismissed by plaintiffs' attorneys well before the trials were to begin.
- More than 550 lawsuits already have been dismissed.
- This litigation stems directly from a decade-long campaign by Augustine to malign the technology behind the Bair Hugger system in order to sell his own company's products.
- In the article, Augustine admits to playing a key role in the litigation. He also admits to pleading guilty to Medicare Fraud.
- 3M is challenging every one of these lawsuits and will continue to stand by its products and customers.
- The Bair Hugger system has been safely used more than 300 million times in the past 30 years. There is no proof that the Bair Hugger warming system has ever caused an infection.
- Nine of the top 10 orthopedic hospitals in the U.S. use the Bair Hugger system.
- In August of 2017, the FDA issued [a letter](#) to health care providers recommending they continue to warm patients when clinically warranted. The FDA recommendation included the use of forced-air warming devices, such as the Bair Hugger system.
- A large number of studies continue to recommend patient warming, which has been shown to provide valuable benefits, including reducing the risk of surgical site infections, reduced mortality, fewer post-operative heart attacks, reduced blood loss and faster recovery times.
- The Bair Hugger system is safe. We are more confident than ever in our position.
- For more information, go to: www.FAWfacts.com, www.TruthAboutBairHugger.com, and www.BairHuggerFacts.com