O.R. Tips

Preparing gown for OR use
- Untie and open gown before placing patient on table.
- Place gown over the safety belt. (Safety belt should not be placed over any portion of the gown that will inflate or roll up.)
- Conveniently roll or accordion-fold gown away from surgical site.
- Insert 3M™ Bair Hugger™ warming unit hose just past hose-end edge. Do not over-insert.

Using the arm extensions, adhesive and head drape
- Before deploying arm extensions, move aside pressure cuffs or leads so extensions deploy freely.
- Grasp BOTH “black arrow” tabs within sleeve and pull at the same time.
- Secure tie strips below arm boards.
- At least one arm of blanket insert must be deployed.
- Adhesive strip can be used to secure gown to patient.
- To deploy head drape, look for the blue dot tucked into neckline area and pull head drape out.

Preparing for PACU
- Tear off perforated head drape, patient adhesive and arm extensions before sending patient to PACU.

References:
Pre-op/Holding Tips

What is the 3M™ Bair Hugger™ warming gown?

- A forced-air patient warming gown used before, during and after surgery. Replaces cotton gown.
- Patients adjust temperature through a hand-held controller.

Benefits

- Prevents and treats unintended hypothermia.
- Helps your facility normothermia initiatives.
- Can increase patient satisfaction.

Putting on the gown

- The gown opens in back and should be tied loosely at the side to allow good air flow.
- Tie at neck.
- Show patient hand slits.
- One blanket or sheet can be used for additional modesty.

Attaching the Bair Hugger patient adjustable warming unit

- Connect warming unit hose to gown's lower right hose port. Using hand-held controller, turn unit "on."
- Show patient how to adjust temperature by turning controller knob.
- Encourage patient to stay as warm as possible without sweating or becoming uncomfortable.

Discussing the benefits with your patient

- The 3M™ Bair Hugger™ patient adjustable warming gown is designed to keep patients warm before, during and after surgery.
- Research indicates patients treated with forced-air warming may experience a reduction in anxiety.
- Forced-air warming can help reduce the risk of potential surgical complications associated with hypothermia, such as surgical site infections.

PACU Tips

- If not already removed in O.R., remove arm extensions, patient adhesive and head drape by tearing along perforations.

Comfort warming

- Connect Bair Hugger patient adjustable warming unit hose to gown's lower right hose port.

Clinical warming

- Connect a 3M™ Bair Hugger™ warming unit to gown’s lower left hose port. Turn "on" Bair Hugger warming unit and select the appropriate temperature.

For additional information refer to the Instructions for Use supplied with the Bair Hugger gowns and the Operator’s Manuals supplied with the Bair Hugger warming units.

Indications for Use

The Bair Hugger warming gown system patient adjustable warming system provides forced-air warming for thermal comfort and prewarming when connected to a Bair Hugger 800 series warming unit. During a surgical procedure, the gown can be connected to a Bair Hugger 500 or 700 series temperature management unit to provide clinical warming to treat and prevent hypothermia.

Please be aware of the following warnings about patient warming:

1. Do not use a forced-air warming device over transdermal medication. Increased drug delivery may occur resulting in patient injury.
2. Do not allow the gown to cover the patient’s head or airway.
3. The following conditions may cause a patient to be more susceptible to thermal injury:
   - Those with poor perfusion and/or ischemic limbs.
   - Warming with the warming unit hose alone.
   - Lying on the warming unit hose or allowing the hose to contact the patient’s skin.
   - Connecting the gown to a warming unit if the fabric has been cut.

Use of the Bair Hugger warming gown system is to be initiated and monitored by healthcare professionals.