



Mennen/MTRE Testimonial
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The staff here at Memorial Regional Medical Center has been using the MTRE warming blanket for about a year now. We have 2 machines and looking forward to receiving our 3rd one. We have them because of the SCIP initiatives (Surgical Care Improvement Process- keeping the pt warm/ normothermic is a very big part of it.) We have always tried to keep our patients warm- keeping room temp up, using the bair hugger, lots of warm blankets etc., but we always have complaints of "the room is too hot! –as stated from surgeon & scrubbed staff. "The room is too cold!, It's like an ice box in here!"-as stated from anesthesia. With the bair hugger on the patient, we get the surgeons who complain that they are "getting too hot" because the bair hugger has gotten too close to their space.

Since we have been using the MTRE warming blanket machine: the patients are happier because they are getting onto a warm bed, surgeons are happier because the patient is warm and they can have the OR room cooler. The OR Circulators are happier because the patients are staying warm - they do not have to listen to the different complaints between anesthesia, the scrub staff and the surgeons. The PACU staff is happier because they have patients that are more normothermic and not at 94 degree F. The PACU staff has all agreed their patients have been coming to them - warmer, not shivering and easier to settle since we have been using the MTRE warming blanket on longer/ bigger cases.

We are using it on long Plastic /Breast reconstructions, laparoscopic colon resections, laparoscopic super cervical and total hysterectomies, large urology cases, open AAA repair. On total joint cases, we have it over the patient for total hips and under the patient for the total knee cases to maximize the surface area covered.

The MTRE warming blanket machine has really helped us in giving our patients the best care possible.

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