

Bair Paws™

Patient Adjustable Warming System

by Bair Hugger® Therapy

St. Joseph Hospital  
West Lexington, KY

Initially, I was skeptical about the benefits of Bair Paws, I am now a huge supporter! The system has had a tremendous effect regarding the overall comfort of the patient. The patient appears more relaxed and comfortable, from head to toe.

The convenience of having the packet for each patient a great time saver.

Patients love being able to wear socks to surgery. The protective paws on the bottom of the socks are a great safety feature.

The adjustable control is a feature that patients seem to enjoy using. Many of the patients wants to take the entire unit home with them!

As a nurse, I was concerned about having another task to complete, during an already busy time. The fact is - the benefits far out-weigh the time involved!

Terri Boggs



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## Centegra Northern Illinois Medical Center

My O.P. surgery patients are tremendously impressed and pleased with the new Bair Paws system. They love the focused attention the Bair Paws provides, not to mention the warmth and comfort.

The prestige of the hospital has moved up a notch or two in their eyes with the acquisition of this system. They feel that a hospital that cares enough to do this for them has got to be great!!

-- *Kate Dolan, RN*

[The Bair Paws system] eliminates trips back and forth to the blanket warmer. [The patient] continues to be warmed throughout their stay; no need to continually be changing cold blankets for warm ones.

Patients wish they could take them home.

-- *Pamela Parker*



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I found the Bair Paws system to be an excellent patient and staff satisfier. For staff it is easy to use and the compact size of the unit helps with space issues. Less cotton blankets are used, which decreases laundry cost, as well as stocking time, calling for additional blankets several times per day, and going back and forth to the warmer several times during the patient's stay in one area.

We are using the system in several departments; Pre-op, PACU, Phase II Recovery, Endoscopy and have even used it effectively in our Ambulatory Treatment Dept. over the patient's street clothes during infusion therapies.

Using the kits that contain the gown, booties, patient belonging and shoe bags, and cap saves steps in preparing for the patient's arrival.

Our patient's love it. They like the coverage and feel of the gowns, and the fact that they are disposable. The control is easy for them to use. They seem more relaxed in the pre-op area.

It has significantly increased our satisfaction score for providing patient comfort.

Working with the company has been a pleasure. They have positively responded to the suggestions of the staff. We are constantly amazed by the rapid revisions. I have never worked with a company that was so in tuned to user input.

Sue Bartoszewski, RN  
Surgical Services Manager  
Centegra Health System  
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Bair Paws® System Patient Testimonial

I am the Nurse Manager of Sopering Grove Surgery Center in Bristol TN. We have been using the Bair Paw Gowns for a couple of years. We send out patient satisfaction surveys to all of our patients and we get great compliments on the nice warm Gowns. Things like - "First Time I've ever been warm during Surgery - They always freeze me to death - The "SPA" treatment - "Fit For a Queen" "A Hospital Gown that actually covers my Hippy" These were all great But I had never actually tried one for myself Till I became the patient - I came in to work that morning, got some things caught up and was then called out of my office by our Holding Room Nurse - Your Turn - Take off all your cloths - put on this Gown and get on the stretcher - I immediately turned on my Bair Paw Gown - She started my IV (NO Drugs - just IV Fluid) and the next thing I knew they were waking me up to take me to the procedure Room - I was so comfortable I had fallen asleep - It is such a nice COZY feeling - Soft + Warm -

Print Name: Jenny Clevinger

Love your Gowns

Signature: Jenny Clevinger RN CNOR

Date: 10-7-05



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**Bair Paws® Clinician Testimonial**

- ① Greatly decreased our number of hypothermic pts in PACU
  - a.) Pre-op warming: Huger pt satisfaction issue
  - b.) Intra op warming: Decrease usage of warming blankets
  - c.) Post procedure warming: Matern's pts keep to ease: Nurses spend less time getting warm blankets.
- ②. Product is easy to use; gowns come in various sizes to meet needs. New hose adapter enables large hose units in the OR to hook to gowns - very useful.
- ③ Our post op infection rate is far below the National Average. We have recorded a drop since using Bair Paws combined warming & pre warm the pts.

Print Name: Jenny Conner  
Signature: Jenny Conner  
Date: 4-29-05



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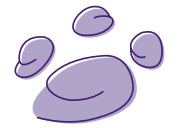
The Same Day Surgery staff prefers the Bair Paws gowns for a multitude of reasons:

- It provides better coverage and fit than most cloth gowns.
- The Velcro sleeves give accessibility when starting IV's.
- The warming/cooling of the gowns is an added comfort to patients awaiting surgery decreasing anxiety.
- The kit containing a gown, slippers, cap, and belonging bags, not only is color and design coordinated but when the staff presents these items they are confident that the product is of quality.
- When we interviewed patients after using the gown the nurses found that the majority of patients were extremely satisfied and pleased with the performance of the gowns. This has motivated the nursing staff to continue the use of the Bair Paws.
- The gowns are slightly more expensive but in contrast to the cloth gowns there are certain financial advantages.
  - ✓ Cloth gowns are continuously damaged and stain requiring constant cost replacement.
  - ✓ Staff time devoted to assembly of kits for patients (gown, bag, slippers, etc.)

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Since we began using the BAIR Paws system in our hospital we have had very favorable comments from our patients about the comfort of the warm air as opposed to conventional blankets. It feels their use has contributed toward our increased patient satisfaction scores.

Our female patients going through menopause like the gowns because they can turn the settings to cool when they are having hot flashes. Our older patient population love the system because they often find it difficult to stay warm no matter how many blankets they have on ~~them~~ placed on them.

When I have to examine patients you have to remove their blankets to access their abdomen + so forth this causes them to lose the heat from the blankets + their built up body heat. With the Bair Paws system patients maintain their same level of comfort.

The system packet is so convenient for the unit to use, before the system we had to stock our room with a gown, a bag, shoe covers + a blanket. We now just pull the packets off the shelf everything is included in the packet + place the packet on the bed. The patients always comment on the footies how cute the bear paws are to the point that we often have to remind them that the bear paws are meant to provide traction so they won't slip instead of just decoration. So we sometimes have to turn them around on their feet. The gowns have sufficient room for patients who are larger than our normal size cloth gowns which provides comfort and ample coverage. Last wise I do not have the figures in front of me but we save on the cost of gowns + shoe covers, not to mention laundry for blankets + gowns.

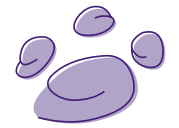


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My experience with the Bair Paws units has been nothing but positive for several reasons. First of all and most importantly is the response from the patients which have always been positive. Patients arrive at the hospital often anxious and one of the first things they notice is "how cold it is" in the unit. I have never in thirty years of nursing, seen anything that patients immediately appreciated as much as the Bair Paws. They do such a great job at warming up the patients and helping them relax. Patients expect technical expertise from the staff but what they remember most and appreciate most are the "caring" things the staff do to help make the pre and post surgical experience as pleasant as possible. These include providing pillows, warmed blankets, therapeutic touch and now the Bair unit. That the units are individually adjustable by the patients to their comfort level is an added plus. Secondly, the therapeutic effects of warming patients pre-operatively as well as intra-operatively has been proven in studies and result in improved out-comes post-operatively. The Bair Paws give us a way to actively provide a warming device that causes these physiological responses. Finally, if looked at from a cost effective product, Bair Paws is that. By saving not only in laundry expenses, but packing time for patient packs by ancillary staff, and simplifies the prep time of rooms for the incoming patients. One other added plus is the provision of safety booties for the patients. The rubber grips on the bottom of the booties provide a safety feature to help prevent accidental slips of patients when they are ambulating in the unit. Overall, as I said at the start, I have had nothing but a positive reaction personally and from patients since our unit instituted the use of them last fall.

Paula J. Keally, RN



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## SAPLING GROVE SURGERY CENTER

We have been open for business as a surgery center since March 2001. We started using the Bair Hugger blankets from the start because we had all used them in the various hospitals we had worked at in the past. Chris Howell, our sales rep. came by one day with this great product---the Bair Hugger Gown---and recommended we try it. It has been a wonderful pleasure to keep patients warm and comfortable. The patients are very pleased that they are not freezing to death and that the gowns are actually big enough to cover their whole bodies. The new XL gowns have been a god send. We do have some very large patients here, some of which refused to come out of the dressing room before because their hinnies were shinnin. It is embarassing to the nursing staff as well as the patient when even the largest cloth gown we had did not fit and we had to wrap a blanket around patients so they can come out of the dressing area without showing their bodies to everyone. The new gowns seem to be a great comfort measure, people put them on, lay down and relax. I've had patients refer to it as the SPA treatment. Medically speaking, warm patients wake up quicker and faster then cold ones. I've been a patient and believe me warm beats cold any day. We also like the velcro tear away sleeves--very convenient. We just love the gowns.



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**Bair Paws® Patient Testimonial**

Our facility has been using the Bair Paws for over a year now. Our patients love them, it benefits ~~in~~ the PACU, laundry costs. It has been a great marketing in the ~~community~~ community that our facility places patient comfort at the top of our list.

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Signature: Jean Small RA  
Date: 4/5/05



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I am a Nurse Manager of a 2 suite OR for outpatient Orthopedics surgery. Our facility has been using the Bair Paws gown for 2 years and our patients absolutely love them. The gown gives the patients control of their temperature environment and allows warming of the patient from pre-op to postop. The gown is a great patient satisfaction and meets our needs as a surgical center.

Print Name: Barbara Reichert

Signature: Barbara Reichert

Date: March 14, 2005