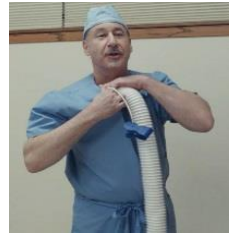


## FOR HOSPITALS TO REDUCE INFECTIONS AND TREATMENT COSTS, AND KEEP O.R. STAFF WARM

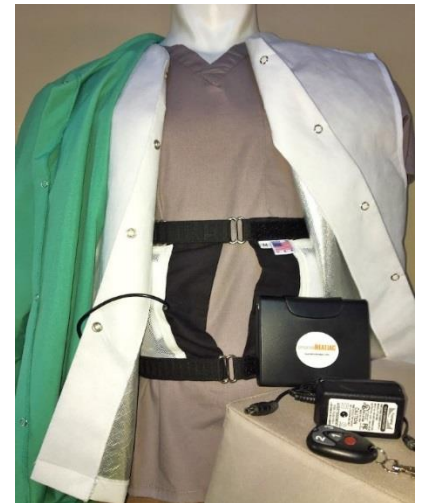


- 1) Have OR staff **discontinue** the practice of blowing heated air under scrubs and reserve forced air systems only for warming patients.
- 2) **Purchase** for OR staff the **OPERATIONHEATJAC® Insulating Vests** which come with **Warming Belts** (powered by rechargeable Batteries or Electric power or Heating Pads) in order to provide a harmless system for staff to be warm & comfortable.

**LOWER COST:** Purchasing **OPERATIONHEATJAC® Insulating Vests and Warming Belts** is very inexpensive versus the cost of treating surgical site infections resulting from inappropriate use of forced air.



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### WHAT CAN CAUSE INFECTIONS?

Forced air warming systems have been designed to prevent hypothermia in patients undergoing surgery. For instance, for years the Bair Hugger™ Forced Air Warmer has been used to warm patients around the world, which is what the designer intended the machine to do.

However, healthcare staff working in the same operating room as the patient feel the cold and often use the hose from forced air warming devices to blow warm air under their scrubs. **This practice can spread skin cells covered in bacteria and dust throughout the OR leading to an increase in SSIs,** and has recently been banned by some hospitals!

### Consequences for Hospitals with Patients who Contract Surgical Sites infections:

- Occupancy of hospital rooms for longer times by infected patients.
- Patients use more medications.
- Increased mobilization of staff to attend to infected patients.
- The cost for treating a surgical site infection is over \$100,000.