



It's cold in the OR.  
But don't let your  
patients feel the chill.

SCIP-Inf-10.  
We have compliance  
covered.

# To comply with SCIP-Inf-10, work with Smiths Medical, the company that has more solutions to keep your patients warm.

## Q: What is the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP)?

A: SCIP is a national quality improvement project, sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and related partners, with measures designed to improve surgical care by significantly reducing surgical complications.

## Q: How will these measures affect a hospital?

A: Hospitals that report on all quality measures will receive the full "market basket update" for FY 2011. Those not in compliance will receive only 98% reimbursement. Because this revenue is critically important to all hospitals and even more so in challenging economic times, it's likely that hospital managers everywhere will require adherence to these measures, and that active warming will be used on more patients intraoperatively than previously to comply with SCIP-Inf-10.

## Q: What is the specific mandate of SCIP-Inf-10?

A: It requires documentation of either intraoperative active warming or recording of at least one body temperature greater than or equal to 96.8° F/36° C within 30 minutes immediately prior to or 15 minutes immediately after anesthesia end time.

It applies to patients of all ages undergoing surgical procedures of 60 minutes or longer requiring general or neuraxial anesthesia.

Active warming includes forced air warming, conductive warming, resistive warming and warm water garments.

## Q: Why is maintaining intraoperative normothermia so important?

A: Research has demonstrated a correlation between unintended hypothermia and a higher incidence of adverse events in surgical patients with core temperatures outside the normal range:

- A study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showed that patients with even mild perioperative hypothermia are three times more likely to acquire surgical site infections than normothermic perioperative patients.<sup>1</sup>
- A meta-analysis found that adverse outcomes from unintended hypothermia resulted in prolonged hospital stays and increased health expenditures by \$2,500 to \$7,000 per patient.<sup>2</sup>

## Q: Which Level 1® 'active warming' solutions will help you comply with SCIP-Inf-10?

A: As the leader in temperature management, Level 1® products provide a comprehensive selection of active warming and temperature monitoring solutions.

### Convective Warming



Snuggle Warm® convective warming blankets

### Conductive Warming



ConductiTherm™ conductive warming system

### Temperature Monitoring



Level 1® temperature probes

Smiths Medical also offers Level 1® fluid warming solutions to help maintain normothermia: **HOTLINE®** blood and fluid warmer, **Level 1® Fast Flow** fluid warmer, **NORMOFLO®** irrigation system.

To learn more about Level 1® temperature management solutions and the benefits for your patients and your hospital, contact your local Smiths Medical representative or call Customer Service at **1-800-258-5361**. Visit our website at [www.Level1Warming.com](http://www.Level1Warming.com).

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