

Patient Safety

Hyper/Hypothermia blankets are designed to be used with a Medi-Therm machine. Operator must read and understand the Medi-Therm operations manual prior to use.

WARNING

- If the patient's temperature is not responding or does not reach the prescribed temperature in the prescribed time, or deviates from the prescribed temperature range, notify the attending physician promptly. Failure to notify the physician promptly may result in serious injury or death. Avoid placing additional heat sources between the patient and blanket. Skin damage may result.
- A physician's order is required for use of equipment. Check the integrity of the skin according to department protocol when regulating temperature with external devices. Frequency of assessment and documentation will vary depending upon the individual response of the patient. Failure to monitor patient may result in skin damage or inappropriate patient temperature.
- Prevent excessive or prolonged tissue pressure and shearing forces, especially over bony prominences. Skin damage may result.
- Keep the area between the patient and the blanket dry. Excessive moisture may result in skin damage.

CAUTION

Place a dry absorbent sheet between the patient and the blanket when using plastic-like side of any blanket. Moisture may accumulate which may result in skin damage.

To Connect Blanket

1. All blankets are furnished with pinch clamps. Clamps must be fully open at all times when the machine is operating. Clamps should be closed after the machine is shut off and before the blanket is disconnected.
2. Each blanket requires a Connector Hose to connect the blanket to the machine.

Hose	Machine Type
DBK-9	Meditherm II, III

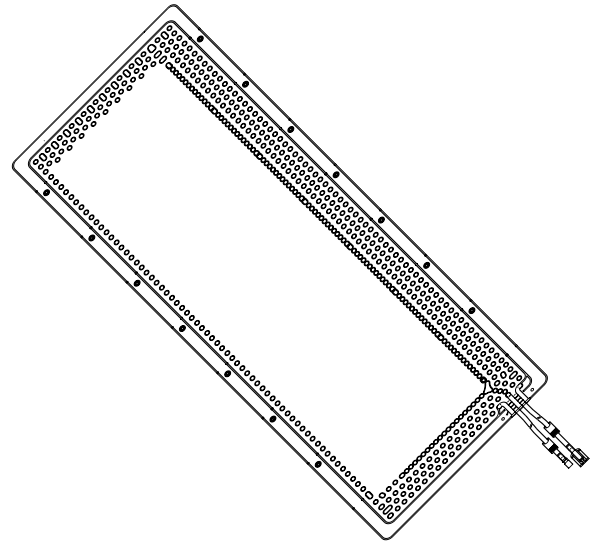


Figure 1

Note: Make sure the connector hose clamps are open when the machine is operating.

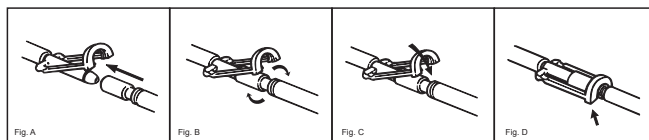
3. Attach the Clik-Tite connectors from the connector hose to those on the blanket, as shown in Figure 2.
4. Attach connector hose to the machine according to the instructions for the type of machine used.
5. Open all blanket and connector hose clamps.
6. Start machine and wait for blanket to fill. Verify that the blanket has filled.
7. Pick up blanket by the side, with hoses up. Tip from end to end to clear trapped air. (Optional)
8. When blanket is placed on bed or table, be sure hoses are not folded beneath blanket, bent or pinched.

To Disconnect Blanket

1. Turn off machine and allow most of the water to drain back into the machine.
2. To promote drainage, hold the blanket by its edge above machine with the hose end down. (Optional)
3. Close clamps on connector hose.
4. Close clamps on blanket.
5. Hold white Clik-Tite® connectors above blanket to minimize dripping. Disconnect.
6. To prevent water leakage, connect the blanket Clik-Tite connectors together.
7. Do not discard connector hose. Save for next use.

Clik-Tite® Connectors

1. Push connectors together (Figure A).
2. Twist connectors to ensure tight fit (Figure B).
3. Push down Clik-Tite latch to snap into position (Figure C).
4. To disconnect, simply reverse procedure (Figure D).



Caring Instructions (for Reusable Blankets)

- This product is furnished clean, not sterile.
- If blanket becomes soiled, clean it with soap and water.
- Prolonged exposure to harsh chemicals will cause blanket to lose flexibility and resistance to cracking.
- If blanket must be sterilized, use any cold sterile method except alcohol. Blankets are made of PVC. If gas sterilization is necessary, handle blankets like any PVC product.
- Do not expose blankets to temperature over 145°F (62.8°C).
- Reusable blankets should be cleaned, rolled loosely, and stored in a dark area.

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