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Thermoflect® Heat Reflective Technology® Program from Encompass Group, LLC Awarded AORN Seal of Recognition™

McDonough, GA—(April 2014)—The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) has awarded the AORN Seal of Recognition™ to the Thermoflect® Heat Reflective Technology® Recommended Practice Program from Encompass Group, LLC.

According to Lisa Spruce, DNP, RN, ACNS, ACNP, ANP, CNOR, director, Evidence-Based Perioperative Practice, AORN, the AORN Seal of Recognition assures Encompass Group Thermoflect® Heat Reflective Technology® training products have undergone thorough review by AORN and provide a set of tools, education, and guidance to maintain perioperative normothermia that align with AORN Recommended Practices for the Prevention of Unplanned Perioperative Hypothermia. AORN recommendations include implementing passive thermal care measures preoperatively. According to evidence-based practices, prewarming for a minimum of 15 to 30 minutes, also known as banking heat, can minimize the impact of redistribution temperature drop (RTD).

While not an endorsement, the Seal of Recognition is confirmation that Thermoflect® Heat Reflective Technology® training materials meet AORN guidelines. “The approval of our program helps to educate caregivers on selecting the best patient-focused warming strategy or combination of strategies. This recognition is significant to Encompass as it assists in improved education and the reduction in the number of hypothermic patients,” said Kelley Terrell, senior marketing manager, Techstyles Nonwovens. “We are proud to be recognized as a valued partner in helping to achieve the goal of normothermia throughout the surgical journey, from admission to recovery.”

About the AORN Seal of Recognition™

To assist the perioperative community in selecting quality activities that promote safety and optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures, AORN has created a directory of materials and activities that have been awarded the AORN Seal of Recognition.

About Encompass Group

Encompass is one of the world’s leading manufacturers and marketers of reusable textiles, professional apparel, and disposable and single use medical products. Encompass believes that every patient, resident, caregiver and family member should feel Safe and Comfortable in today’s healthcare environments.

The way Encompass enhances the healthcare experience is by developing innovative products that are reliably delivered and cost effective for all providers.

Encompass is a privately held company headquartered in McDonough, Georgia.

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Markets served include Acute Care, Long-Term Care/Senior Care, Retail Health Care Apparel, Hospitality, and Government Operations.

For more information, visit www.encompassgroup.net, email info@encompassgroup.net, or call 800-284-4540. AORN Booth #1619.

About AORN

AORN is a nonprofit membership association that represents the interests of more than 160,000 perioperative nurses by providing nursing education, standards, and clinical practice resources to enable optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. For more information, visit <http://www.aorn.org/>.

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