

# Bella Blankets®

Protective Coverlets for Mammography

We asked customers if they felt that Bella Blankets® were even more important during COVID-19. The majority felt that Bella Blankets® are even more important during COVID-19, while others felt Bella Blankets® have always been important for added sanitary protection. Here is what they shared:

"I think **patients feel some extra comfort/safety amid COVID-19 with our use of the Bella Blankets.** When we first re-opened, we were asked almost daily if we had cleaned the equipment. Patients have commented that Bella Blankets are very pretty. We are really enjoying the Bella Blankets and have noticed that we are able to obtain more breast tissue on all four images. Also, in hindsight we were getting an artifact high in the axilla from using another product."

*~Lead Mammography Technologist, McMinnville, OR*

"Bella Blankets are more important than ever. The single use comfort of **Bella Blankets provides another layer of protection for the patient in a time when patients may be leery of touching public use items** regardless of the cleaning performed on the equipment. Patients are happy that there is something between them and the cold detector. I am very happy to be using Bella Blankets in our mammography suite. I think that they help in comfort and warmth with the bonus of helping to hold the breast in place while positioning."

*~Lead Technologist, Hannibal, MO*

"I think Bella Blankets are even more important because it adds a layer of protection for each patient. Most of our patients are already familiar with having a Bella Blanket during their exam but **I have had a couple of comments stating they appreciated having it on the machine during this time.**"

*~Mammography Technologist, Mount Vernon, IL*

"Our patients have always liked the Bella Blankets. **With our recent COVID-19 situation, I have heard patients state they are glad there is something covering the unit.** We still assure them everything is cleaned before placing the Bella on the unit. We get positive feedback from patients."

*~QC Lead Technologist, Wyoming, MI*

"Patients like the plate covered during COVID-19. **It makes them feel safer.** The tech had a patient that didn't remember using the Bella Blanket last time and really appreciated her using it for her mammogram this time."

*~Mammography Manager, Richmond, VA*

"Patients are very aware of what you are doing and using to keep surfaces clean during this pandemic. Patients have indicated that not only do they appreciate having something between them and the detector, **they appreciate the added layer of protection when we explain that the blanket is a part of our infection control efforts.** It gives them the sense that we are doing everything possible to keep them safe."

*~Manager of Breast Center & Imaging Center, Nashville, TN*

"**Bella Blankets offer another layer of sanitary protection that I think patients do recognize** when they walk into the room. Most of my patients like the look and feel of the blankets. Their skin isn't placed right on the hard, cold plastic."

*~Lead Mammography Technician, Sharon, CT*

"We use on every patient. Patients like it for the warmth, it is sanitary, and we use one on every patient and it adds a little bit more protection. We explain to them that it is single use for comfort and warmth. Patients that have gone to other facilities that didn't use them can tell the difference. Someone just today questioned if we wipe down the machine. **We showed her the wipes and explained that Bella Blankets is used for single time use and offers added protection. She said, 'Thank you so much, I feel so much better'.** We also used to use another product and since making the switch, we feel we have gotten back further when positioning."

*~Mammography Technologist, Granite Falls, MI*

"**Bella Blankets are even more important now because it adds an extra layer of protection for the patient** for cleanliness, and placing it on the receptor in front of the patient demonstrates that it hasn't been used and is new for them. The patient appreciates them. The Bella Blankets make much more of a difference than I originally thought they would. The patient is more comfortable because the blanket makes the machine not feel as cold and hard. This makes a big difference in how much the patient relaxes and that makes for easier and better positioning. Many patients comment on how pretty they are. They like the appearance. Little things like that matter. Whatever can make them a little more likely to cooperate with an exam that almost every patient dreads is a plus!"

*~Mammography Technologist, Glen Valley, VA*

"**Even though the machine is cleaned off in between patients, the Bella Blanket gives added protection to the patient**, especially during COVID-19. We have used Bella Blankets for several years and during this time we have had so many compliments about them. It provides more protection from the patient's skin contact with the machine. We use them for all patients, even for breast biopsies. We have had many people come from other facilities that have complimented us on using the Bella blankets. The patients truly love them."

*~QA/QC Mammography Technologist, Olean, NY*

"Our Breast Center feels like **Bella Blankets offer peace of mind for patients during COVID-19.** They are changed after every patient and offer another layer of sanitation. It probably brings more peace of mind for us (the technologists), as we know we are doing the best for our patients by offering a very clean experience. We have always used Bella Blankets, so with COVID-19, our standard was already in place. We have always taken extra precautions to make our patients feel more comfortable. We prefer to offer them as much protection as possible - especially during the COVID-19 crisis. We had a patient that was very anxious about having her mammogram due to COVID-19. We explained our processes to her and showed her how we place a Bella Blanket prior to each patient. This helped to calm her anxiety and made it acceptable for her to have her exam. She was very appreciative for the extra steps we took to ensure her safety."

*~Mammography Supervisor, Merrillville, IN*

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