

# **New 3M Surgical Clipper Offers Reliable Convenience of Corded or Cordless Operation All in One**

## **Association of periOperative Registered Nurses conference**

3M Health Care now offers the only surgical clipper on the market with a fixed disposable blade assembly that can be operated by either rechargeable battery or electrical cord. The company will introduce the new product at the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) conference next week in Chicago, Ill.

The versatile 3M surgical clipper is the first surgical clipper for full body and head hair removal that offers continuous, fail-safe operation because battery run-time is not an issue with the option of corded operation. So whether hair removal time is expected to be long or short, one clipper, battery- or cord-operated, is all that is needed to do the job.

"It used to be that the decision was between preoperative shaving or clipping. Clipping is recommended because it results in fewer cuts and lower infection rates than shaving," said Craig Wadzink, marketing manager, Medical Division, 3M Health Care. "3M brought the first surgical clipper to market, and now we've eliminated the decision of whether to purchase corded or battery-operated surgical clippers, or both. By providing the prep team with the reliability of a corded clipper and the convenience of a battery-operated model all in one, the team never has to be without a dependable method to clip hair."

The 3M clipper 9671 with fixed head is both clinically proven and cost-effective. Unlike other brands that have their cutting blade on the bottom, close to the patient's skin, the cutting blade of the 3M clipper 9671 is on the top, away from the skin, so there is less risk of nicks, cuts and possible infection. It can be used in either a raking or pushing motion to remove all types of head or body hair - fine or coarse, wet or dry - as close as any surgical clipper available.

The single-use blade assembly is fixed (nonrotating) and easy to attach and remove. Ergonomically designed with a nonslip grip, the clipper is compact, lightweight and fits comfortably in the hand. The NiMH battery charges continuously during corded operation. A light indicates when it is in charging mode.

The new 3M clipper 9671, with a one-year warranty that is the most extensive in the industry, is just one of many reliable infection prevention products offered by 3M Health Care. 3M also offers tips on proper clipping techniques and other infection prevention programs.

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