

**Answer: Blanket Warming Temperature Standards and The Joint Commission**

Enthermics is often asked if there are blanket warming temperature standards set by The Joint Commission. The Joint Commission has indicated to Enthermics that their EC.6.10 and EC.6.20 standards for medical equipment do not have any prescriptive requirements for the temperature of blanket warmers. The Joint Commission also indicated that the recommendations of the manufacturers of such devices be referenced for temperature set-points, validation of the temperature, and high temperature safety shut-offs. The Joint Commission standards indicate a risk assessment should be performed referencing applicable codes, guidelines, and standards.

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