

## What Our Customers are Saying...

My institution began using the Pigazzi Pink Pad in September 2012. Since that time we have been extremely pleased with its performance. Prior to its use, we would support our patients on a Vac Pac for all laparoscopic lithotomy positioning. The Vac Pac needed disinfecting, Velcro reinforcement, and would often have an uneven disbursement of beads when placed to suction. During the case, the patient would lie on this hard surface for several hours.

The "pink pad" is a memory foam cushion that does an excellent job holding the patient onto the table during all of our advanced laparoscopic and robotic cases. Our busy Operating Room performs 20-25 cases per week using the Pigazzi Pink Pad. This has decreased the amount of time we spend on positioning and cleaning.

— Jodi Rennie RN, BSN Team Coordinator Laparoscopic Surgery

"We successfully completed a robotic assisted laparoscopic total hysterectomy on a patient that was 147 kg with a BMI of 46. THE PINK PAD held the patient for the duration of the procedure and we were very pleased with the product."

— Brett Hilliard CRNA

Winnie Palmer Hospital for Woman and Babies

Thanks for making a great product! We have been using your "Pink Pad" for at least 6 months for our Robotic GYN cases. We love how quickly and easily the pad is attached to the table. The pad works great at preventing the patient from sliding on the OR table while in a steep trendelenburg position. The strap across the chest just adds that little extra assurance that the patient won't slide. Since using the Pad at our facility our doctors have requested the product to be purchased at the other facilities they work at. They are so impressed with your product. We love the "Pigazzi Pink Pad" and refuse to try anything else. ITs our Product of Choice.

— Melissa Harbison RN, Robot Coordinator

Methodist Richardson Medical Center

"Every once in a while, a new product comes along that is extremely useful and practical. Your new Pink Pads provide the stability we need for special procedures. The straps allow us to secure the pad with ease and in a timely manner. In addition, it eliminates the need for other equipment such as shoulder pads. This allows for increased patient safety, which is our first concern. The Pink Pad also decreases skin friction. This is very beneficial to those who are already compromised by poor circulation or skin breakdown. Additionally, we really appreciate the heat retention to the patient's torso. This is very beneficial to the patient's healing process. All in all, the ease of use and the application make this a desirable product."

— OR Staff

Mary Lanning HealthCare

"The Pink Pad is the best solution I have found to prevent a patient's slipping on the OR table while in steep Trendelenburg position during laparoscopic or robotic surgery. Set up is quick, pressure points are well padded, patients do not slip, and we avoid the potential morbidity of shoulder supports."

— Terry A. Harrison

M.D. Gynecologic Oncologist, San Diego, California

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“I am the coordinator for the service lines using the new ‘Pink Pads.’ So far we have had nothing but positive feedback from our surgeons. We can now achieve optimal patient positioning and safety in one device. The Pink Pad is comfortable for our patients and does not place pressure on the shoulders, arms or neck. We have eliminated the need for tape near the sterile field as well as any custom assembly during positioning. Our Patient Care Techs, who clean and prepare the beds, have been thrilled with the pads. The single-use nature of the product makes their job easier and much more efficient, which in turn leads to faster and more efficient turn-over times. We are loving the ‘Pink Pads.’”

— *Jamie DuToit*  
RN Clinical Nurse Coordinator  
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

“We have used all of the pink pads that we obtained from you and your company for trial. We have tried them on at least 2 procedures with Dr. Hamilton, the GYN surgeon we have here who is most against the use of shoulder braces for keeping the patient from sliding up on our O.R beds while in Trendelenburg position. We in serviced him on the pads and he has verbally told me that he likes the product very much. We have also used them on cases with Dr. Miller, Dr. Andele and Dr. Toso, all with positive comments. They want to keep using the pads. One comment that was made at the end of one of the procedures was that ‘the material of the pad made it such that it felt when we were turning the patient on the side to move them from the O.R. bed back to the stretcher it felt like we were interrupting a vacuum or seal that was keeping the patient secure on the pad. That made me confident that the patient would not move on this pad.’ I feel that the cost of these pads is reasonable and well worth the patient safety that they will provide.”

— *Denise A. Harman, RN*  
Specialty Coordinator for OB-GYN and Plastics  
Meritus Hospital

“Just wanted you to know how much I like the Pink Pad! What I like best about it is that we don't have to use the sleds anymore to tuck the arms. The drawsheet provided in the kit is perfect and leaves enough of the arm visible that anesthesia can keep an eye on the IV and the pulse oximeter. Also, unlike the gelpad, it doesn't slide and most importantly, it is single use. I plan to keep using it! Thanks!”

— *Molly Allison, RN*  
East Cooper Regional Medical Center

“The Pink Pad is great! It keeps the patients from sliding while in deep Trendelenburg position during our laparoscopic cases, it's comfortable for the patient and absorbs fluids. The Pink Pad is also user friendly and disposable. It also allows for consistent positioning.”

— *Stacey Cannon, RN*  
Team Leader GYN Service  
Carolinas Medical Center - One Day Surgery

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"During the last month, our institution has been using the Pigazzi Pink Pad for the intricate positioning of our patients. The results from using this pad have been nothing less than amazing. I must admit, I was skeptical about this pad being able to keep our patients from moving during laparoscopic and daVinci cases. I also was concerned about physicians being reluctant to try a new and unproven method of positioning their patients. The first case we used the pink pad on was a patient weighing 127 lbs, who was scheduled for a daVinci hysterectomy. First of all, the positioning took less time to perform and second, the need for shoulder braces was eliminated. These patients are positioned to 25 degrees trendelenberg which makes the possibility for movement very prominent. The patient did not move and the results were great! The surgeon and anesthesiologist were quite pleased. The following case was a daVinci hysterectomy on a patient weighing 290 lbs. Now here comes the REAL test, I thought to myself. We positioned the patient and tested them in trendelenburg. It worked great again! In fact, the patient never moved during the whole procedure. This was the same surgeon as the first case, so he was adamant that we could change his positioning to include the Pigazzi pink pad for all his laparoscopic and daVinci procedures. Since first using the Pigazzi pink pad, I have introduced it to most of our surgeons and it has been approved by them 100%. By using the Pigazzi pink pad, we have saved our patients the possibility of having any skin or tissue breakdown from shearing or blisters which may be caused by other positioning devices. It also saves us time when turning over our cases. When I enter the peri-operative suite with my patient, I have them feel the soft pad that they will be laying on and their response has consistently been: 'Can I take that home with me?'. I am pleased to say that this is one of the most important tools I use each day to provide the best practice for my patients here at Franciscan St. Francis Health. Thank you for producing such a superior product."

— Cathy Harding, RN, CNOR  
GYN Team Leader

"We at UCI have tried many variations over the years to address the concerns of slipping of the patient during cases that involve the utilization of Steep Trendelenburg position of our patients. We have used many different techniques to prevent patients slipping while in Steep Trendelenburg position, techniques like 3 liter bags taped near to the patients shoulders, full gel pads, z-flow taped to the OR table, lateral posts to the shoulder, and even the huggy bear. All of these different techniques did not perform satisfactory, and every system had varying degrees of slippage.

We are currently using the Dr. Pigazzi stabilization system, which is a tempurpedic type of material that is secured to the side rails of the OR table. The molding effect of the material secures the patient from slipping in Steep Trendelenburg. We have performed a small scale study measuring the slippage of the patient after each case, using the various techniques discussed earlier, and the results showed that the Pigazzi system had the least amount of slippage. This system performed very well with large heavy patients as well. All the patients studied were in lithotomy position, with both arms tucked, and at times placed in maximum Trendelenburg. We have had no skin issues, no post-op complaint of shoulder pain, and no complication of patient slippage with this new system.

We have performed over four hundred cases using this system and are very happy with its results. This system is easy to use and performs consistently."

— Joe Jung, RN, CLIN IV  
Clinical Coordinator for General Surgery  
UCI Medical Center