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*This correspondence is to confirm the importance of the "Heart Hugger" (Sternal Chest Support Device) in the post-operative period after heart surgery.*

*The Heart Hugger is utilized virtually on all our heart surgery patients starting on the second post-operative day. We ran a clinical trial on 20 patients ourselves prior to usage and found the device helpful. The device allows the patient to take deeper breaths while providing both lateral and frontal support. It is also particularly helpful in allowing the patient to get in and out of bed without assistance, thus lessening the complication of immobilizations.*

Sincerely,  
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