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NATIONAL PRESSURE INJURY ADVISORY PANEL

Best Practices for Prevention of Medical Device-Related Pressure Injuries in Critical Care

- ✓ **Choose** the correct size of medical device(s) to fit the individual.
- ✓ **Cushion** and protect the skin with dressings in high risk areas (e.g., nasal bridge).
- ✓ **Inspect** the skin under and around the device at least daily (if not medically contraindicated).
- ✓ **Rotate** sites of oximetry probes.
- ✓ **Rotate** between O2 mask(s) and prongs (if feasible).
- ✓ **Reposition** devices (if feasible).
- ✓ **Avoid** placement of device(s) over sites of prior or existing pressure injury OR directly under an individual.
- ✓ **Educate** staff on correct use of devices and prevention of skin breakdown.
- ✓ **Be aware** of edema under device(s) and potential for skin breakdown.
- ✓ **Change** rigid C-collar to softer collar when medically cleared.



ET Tube

Mucosal Membrane Pressure Injury



Trach Ties

Unstageable



Retention Sutures

Stage 3



NG Tube

Unstageable



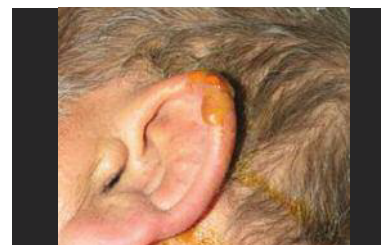
Oxygen Tubing

Stage 2



CPAP Mask

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O₂ Saturation Probe

Stage 2



Arterial Line Tubing

Stage 2