

## **PIAP** Medical Device-Related Pressure Injuries in Pediatric Populations

## Medical devices are the #1 cause of pressure injuries in children!

- ✓ **Choose** the correct size of medical device(s).
- 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.



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