Best Practices for Prevention of Medical Device-Related Pressure Injuries

- **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.

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ET Tube, Trach Ties, Retention Sutures, NG Tube, Oxygen Tubing, CPAP Mask, O2 Saturation Probe, Arterial Line Tubing

Mucosal Membrane Pressure Injury, Unstageable, Stage 3, Unstageable, Stage 2, Unstageable, Stage 2, Stage 2

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