Best Practices for Prevention of Medical Device-Related Pressure Ulcers

- 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)
- Remove or move the device daily to assess skin
- Avoid placement of device(s) over sites of prior, or existing pressure ulceration
- Educate staff on correct use of devices and prevention of skin breakdown
- Be aware of edema under device(s) and potential for skin breakdown
- Confirm that devices are not placed directly under an individual who is bedridden or immobile