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# 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)
- ✓ **Remove** or move removable devices to assess skin at least daily
- ✓ **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



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Mucosal Membrane Pressure Injury



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Retention Sutures

Stage 3



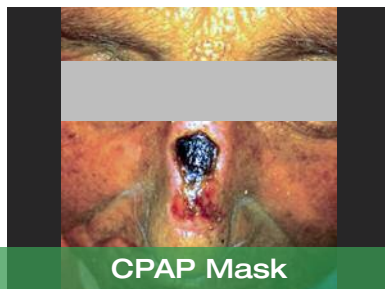
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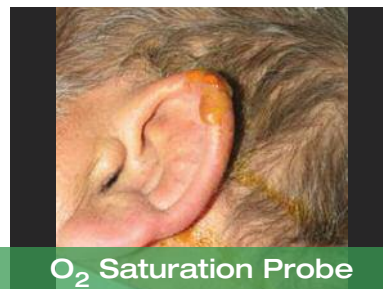
Oxygen Tubing

Stage 2



CPAP Mask

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O<sub>2</sub> Saturation Probe

Stage 2



Arterial Line Tubing

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