



Best Practices for Prevention of Medical Device-Related Pressure Ulcers in **LONG TERM 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 in contact with device at least daily (if not medically contraindicated)
- **Avoid** placement of device(s) over sites of prior or existing pressure ulcer
- **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



Elastic Wrap

Deep Tissue Injury of the Patella (post BKA)



Trach Ties

Unstageable



Splint

Deep Tissue Injury



Oxygen Tubing

Stage II



CPAP Mask

Unstageable



Bedpan

Stage III