

Tips to Avoid Pressure Injuries

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AnchorFast™
Oral Endotracheal Tube Fasteners

Tip #1:

Pressure injuries may occur with prolonged unrelieved pressure on the ET tube by added tubing or weight. To help prevent this, be sure to manage the ventilator circuit per hospital protocol and use a ventilator arm to relieve tension on the ET tube when appropriate. Reposition the ET tube from side-to-side using the shuttle at least every two hours.

Tip #2:

Pull back gently on the cheek pads so they are out of the way, allowing the upper lip foam to be centred into the proper position. Secure placement may help prevent the product from slipping down over the patient's mouth.

Tip #3:

Improper removal technique may lead to redness or skin stripping under the cheek pads. Consider using a wet washcloth, medical adhesive remover wipe, and careful technique to help avoid any issues.

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Tip #6:

When applying the neck strap, be sure to allow for two fingers between the neck strap and the patient's head. Overtightening the neck strap may increase the risk of pressure injury.

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Tip #4:

Bottom lip and areas around the tube may be at risk for pressure injury. Inspect the patient's upper and bottom lip, skin, and oral cavity every two hours. Consider more frequent shuttling.

Tip #5:

The tongue is at increased risk for pressure injury from the ET tube, which may warrant more frequent inspection of the oral cavity. This may be done during routine oral care and when repositioning the ET tube.

Shown: AnchorFast Guard™ Oral Endotracheal Tube Fastener

Warnings

- The oral endotracheal tube fastener is indicated for single use. **To help ensure proper adhesion, do not reuse.**
- As with any fixation device, excessive pressure introduced by the device and/or patient's head and/or body position (e.g. prone or side-lying) may cause dermal injury, dental damage (associated with biting), tissue ischemia, or necrosis.
- Improper assembly and/or attachment of the device may increase the risk of hypoventilation or aspiration.

Precautions

- Store, handle, and dispose in accordance with institutional protocol and universal precautions.
- Be sure to frequently assess patient since wear time varies by patient.
- To minimise the risk of pressure injury, inspect the patient's lips, skin and oral cavity at least every two hours or more frequently if the patient's condition dictates^{1,2} (e.g. vulnerable to fluid shifts and/or oedema).
- After application of the oral endotracheal tube fastener, check the patient frequently to ensure that both the oral endotracheal tube fastener and the ET tube are secure and correctly positioned.
- Use caution in patients with full or swollen lips, facial swelling, dental appliances, restorative implants, and/or loose or protruding teeth.
- Patients without front upper teeth or unable to wear upper dentures may lack the maxillary support required to use the oral endotracheal tube fastener.
- Patients with facial hair may lack the necessary support to anchor the skin barrier pads.
- Reconfirm position, depth of intubation, and patency of the ET tube or other airway device during and after any change in the patient's head, neck, or body position, or any change in the location of the fixation device.
- Use caution during patient movement and/or repositioning to avoid dislodging the ET tube.
- To ensure proper fixation of the device, exercise caution with the use of other devices and/or instruments (i.e., feeding tubes, fibre optic (fiberoptic) scopes) within the oral cavity during endotracheal intubation.
- Discontinue use of the device if redness, skin irritation or pressure injury occurs.
- Repeated adjustment of the ET tube in a distal or proximal direction may affect the performance of the "ET tube wrap" [wrap].
- Avoid aligning the inflation lumen directly under the non-slip grippers when securing the ET tube, and including all other tubes (e.g. inflation, subglottic) within the wrap.

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Prior to use, be sure to read the Instructions for Use for Information regarding Intended Use, Contraindications, Warnings, Precautions, and Instructions. Not all products are CE marked.

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