

# Devices that Create Pressure Areas for Residents Potential Skin Breakdown



Hearing aids can create pressure points especially behind the ear



Check glasses for fit. Glasses that fit too tightly may create skin breakdown around ears. Broken nose pieces cause irritation around bridge of nose



Tubing and connectors lodges under resident creates potential for skin breakdown at site.



If leg bag straps are too tight they can cause skin irritation and abrasions



Leg braces or splints can cause pressure to toes, ankles or lower legs. Check for proper placement and comfortable fit every shift.



Residents at risk for pressure to heels due to immobility should wear soft AFO.



There are many edges on a wheelchair that can cause pressure or skin irritations. Consult OT for any areas of concern. Do not place additional layers on top of pressure-reducing cushion



Oxygen tubing can easily cause skin breakdown behind the ears. Pad tubing with foam or gauze



Do not place call bells under residents. They can create discomfort and pressure to skin



Arm, wrist or hand braces or splints can cause skin abrasions and irritation. Check for proper placement and comfort every shift



RoHo cushions must be checked for proper inflation. Do not place resident on flat RoHo. Contact OT for any issues



Ensure contoured cushions are placed properly on wheelchair with contour at the wheelchair front and soft part at back under resident's buttocks

Monitor all Bony Prominence Areas for Possible Skin Breakdown

