

## Sample Checklist \_ Prevent Perioperative Pressure Ulcers

Access the free AORN Prevention of Perioperative Pressure Ulcers Tool kit at <http://www.aorn.org/guidelines/clinical-resources/tool-kits>.

- ✓ For every surgical patient, perform a risk assessment for pressure ulcer development and use a standardized method.
- ✓ Develop a plan of care for each patient to reduce the risk of a perioperative pressure ulcer.
- ✓ Reassess the patient's risk for pressure ulcers frequently.
- ✓ Implement measures to prevent the occurrence of perioperative pressure ulcer development in surgical patients.
  - Reduce, relieve, and redistribute pressure
  - Prevent shear
- ✓ Communicate and include information about the risk and prevention measures for perioperative pressure ulcers in patient hand off communication to the next care provider.
- ✓ Educate perioperative team members about the patients' risks for the development of perioperative pressure ulcers and prevention methods to decrease the occurrence.
  - Listen to the recorded webinars available in the tool kit.
  - Share the components of the tool kit with all team members.
  - Review guidelines for patient positioning in surgery.
  - Print and display the posters available in the tool kit.
- ✓ Evaluate your facility's progress to decrease the incidence of perioperative pressure ulcers.
  - Work together as a process improvement team.
  - Conduct a gap analysis.
  - Review current policies in place.

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