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Brachytherapy Nursing/RTT Skills Checklist: Positioning of Patients with Pelvic HDR Brachytherapy Applicator/Implant (GYN, Prostate, Rectal)

Employee Name:

Date:

Assessment	Comment
1. Employee understands proper positioning of legs to minimize pressure or potential movement on pelvic brachytherapy implant. This includes ensuring the legs are aligned appropriately to avoid any compression or disruption to the implant, as well as adjusting for patient comfort without compromising the integrity of the procedure.	
2. Employee understands how to properly reposition patient, ensuring no movement or implant on the brachytherapy implant, IF APPROVED BY BRACHYTHERAPY MD. This may involve careful support and alignment, using padding or other measures to maintain the implant's position, and minimizing any strain on the pelvic area.	
3. Employee understands Head of Bed (HOB) restrictions (example: HOB flat at all times with 1-2 pillows) when pelvic brachytherapy implant is in place, to minimize potential movement or implant disruption. The employee knows the rationale behind this restriction to ensure the stability of the implant and to prevent any movement that could interfere with treatment efficacy.	
4. Employee understands the potential interventions to reduce the risk of impaired skin integrity during pelvic brachytherapy. This involves using protective padding or pressure-relieving devices, regularly assessing the skin condition, and employing proper repositioning techniques to prevent pressure sores and other skin-related complications.	
5. Employee understands the process of participating in lateral transfers of patients when necessary. Utilizing assistive devices such as slide boards and ensuring the involvement of adequate personnel. Employee is able to perform these transfers while maintaining proper positioning of the pelvic area and minimizing the risk of implant movement or injury.	
6. Employee can verbalize the rationale for strict position and movement restrictions in the pelvic brachytherapy population, when applicator or interstitial implant is in place. This includes understanding the importance of maintaining the stability of the implant to ensure	

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treatment effectiveness, prevent displacement, and minimize potential complications such as tissue damage or disruption of the treatment site.	
7. Employee understands to facilitate eating, drinking or emesis, when a patient requires to remain flat, the bed can be adjusted to the reverse Trendelenburg position thereby minimizing the risk of aspiration. This position can also help to reduce the risk of aspiration and ensure airway protection. The employee also ensures patient safety by raising the side rails and engaging the bed brakes to prevent any risk of falling.	

Comments:

Employee Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____

Supervisor/Trainer Signature: _____

Date: _____