

*This document is intended to be a visual care guide for your patients that may require inpatient stay, or have multiple clinical personnel nearby that may not know your patient in detail (nursing staff helping with repositioning, nursing assistants, transporters, nutrition/dietary setting up for meals, etc). While these things should always be formally reflected in the patient's orders, the following pages can be posted by the head of bed, on patient's chart, etc as **visual aids/reminders** for those caring for the patients in the inpatient setting and minimize the chance of positioning errors that could jeopardize pelvic interstitial HDR implant integrity.*

Please feel free to edit and save this tool to best fit your team's needs.

Feedback or questions – please contact ABS Nursing at abs@americanbrachytherapy.org

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Pelvic Interstitial HDR Brachytherapy

- NO radiation precautions necessary (no radiation is present)
- Strict flat bedrest
- PLEASE DO NOT elevate head of bed: (_____ pillows under head allowed)
- Use reverse Trendelenburg position if needed for hygiene, eating, emergencies, etc.
- Turn every two hours per specific instructions (guide available)
- Patients are NOT to reposition themselves without supervision
- Monitor closely for development of hematuria
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For any questions on the care of this patient, please contact:

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ELEVATE HEAD OF
BED AT ANY TIME