

Clinical Guideline

Indications for Use:

Primary

- Prevention and management of pressure injuries
- Comfort

Secondary

- Assists caregivers with patient turning, repositioning and lateral transfers



Examples of clinical conditions and needs of patients who would benefit from WAFFLE Overlay usage include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Inability to reposition self**
- **Braden score of 18 or less**
- **Braden Mobility sub score of 1 or 2**
- **Existing or history of pressure injuries**
- Frail, Cachexic, Malnourished
- Critical (ventilated, prone, sedated, immobilized, on vasopressors)
- Awake prone (COVID-19, pneumonia)
- Orthopedic/Trauma (hip fracture, amputation)
- Cardiac (ECMO)
- Renal (CVVHD, CRRT)
- Post-operative
- Altered sensory perception (CVA, sedation, neuropathy, spinal cord injury)
- Impaired cognition (unable to follow self-repositioning)
- Existing co-morbidities (COPD, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, edema)
- Requiring frequent transfers via gurney/stretchers/cart (radiology, x-ray)

Interventions

- Hand checks should be performed at least once per shift and after repositioning
- Ensure airway remains unobstructed in patients who are unable to reposition self
- The WAFFLE Overlay straps may be a ligature risk for some patients. Follow your facility's ligature risk policy

Contraindications

- Unstable spine
- Recent sacral flap or graft surgery, unless otherwise determined by a physician
- Patients with contraindications for the prone position per facility protocol

Additional Information:

- Single patient use
- Patients may require the WAFFLE Bariatric Overlay, based on body type
- The WAFFLE Overlay can be used across the continuum of care