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**TITLE: The NO-BITE V-SUCTIONING ASSIST DEVICE
(ORAL CAVITY AND MOUTH CARE)**

PURPOSE: To keep oral cavity clean and moist

APPLICABILITY: Adult inpatient areas

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Patient's oral cavity will be kept clean and moist
2. Use minimal amounts of cleansing solution and or water when cleansing the mouth of disoriented or comatose patients to decrease the risk of aspiration.
3. Excessive dryness or irritation of the patient's mouth or lips must be reported to the nurse.
4. Perform hand hygiene before and after patient care

EQUIPMENT/ PROCEDURE

A. Special Oral Care (for patients biting down and resisting care)

EQUIPMENT

- Toothbrush or Suctioning Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Green Oral Swab or Suctioning Swab
- Yankauer Suction
- Mouthwash Solutions/Peroximint/ CHG Solution
- Water Soluble Lubricant for oral cavity and lips
- Towel or Tissues
- No-Bite V

PROCEDURE:

1. Open mouth gently.
2. Insert No-Bite V and allow patient to bite on No-Bite V to maintain an opened mouth.
3. Turn on No-Bite V light and assess oral cavity and report any changes to RN/Physician/NP/PA.
4. Provide oral cleaning, oral suctioning, and oral bacteria decontamination utilizing the hospital approved Oral Cleansing and Suctioning System

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5. Safely utilize the hospital approved Oral Cleansing and Oral Suctioning System per hospital protocol. If patient is uncooperative, use another caregiver to assist.
6. Apply water soluble lubricant to oral cavity and lips
7. Frequency of oral care is based on hospital protocol

The No-Bite V may be **INDICATED** for oral cavity and mouth care on patients who are biting down and resisting oral care.

The No-Bite V use for oral cavity and mouth care on patients who are biting down and resisting oral care is **CONTRAINDICATED** in patients with moderate to severe dental/gum disease, or recent surgery or trauma to dental, oral, maxillofacial areas.

Do not advance or remove The No-Bite V while patient is biting down. Wait for the patient to relax jaw and continue. Do not use before consulting with physician.

DOCUMENTATION: Document actions taken; care provided

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