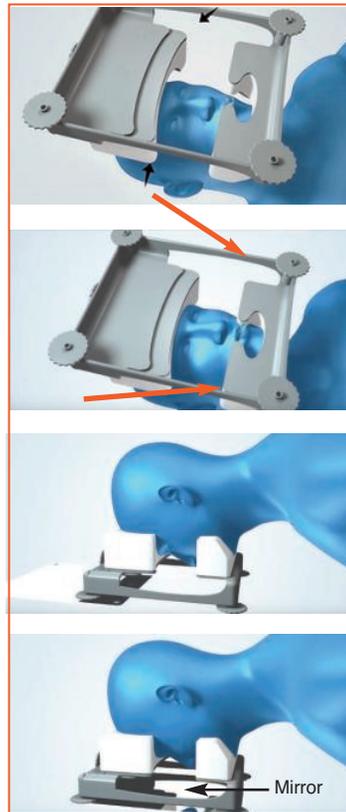




TIPS
for Turning Patients
with the
Face Cradle
Prone Positioner.

The Face Cradle is for use in prone position surgeries offering clinicians greater visibility of the patient's face.



While supine, place the Face Cradle base, with cushions, over patient's face, making sure the eyebrows are visible and ET tube is not kinked. Note the depth of the ETT before turning the patient. Hold the Face Cradle with cushion set securely on face during the "turn to prone" position.

Clinicians can hold the base of the Face Cradle frame, *using the sides as handles*, when turning a patient.

After turning a patient to the prone position, recheck the depth of the ETT and slide the mirror underneath placing the feet of the Face Cradle base into the inserts on the mirror.

Readjust the foam and feet for patient fit and neutral spinal alignment. When necessary, adjust the patient's body to maintain a neutral neck position. Adjust the Face Cradle feet so that the base is level. Connect Anesthesia Circuit to ET Tube.

Once in position, recheck the face and cushions for correct fit making sure the face and eyes are within the cushion set opening and that there is adequate space between the nose and the mirror. ET Tube or other devices should not be kinked or obstruct the view of the eyes. **Recheck the eyes, nose and neck frequently to ensure that they are in the proper position.**

Important Warnings:

1. Failure to maintain neutral neck position can result in neck damage and/or chin abrasions.
2. To reduce the likelihood of skin abrasions or pressure ulcers, check the patient's face frequently and periodically reposition their head as directed by your department manual or guidelines for suggested frequency of repositioning. Standard clinical guidelines suggest every two hours.*

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*Perioperative Standards and Recommended Practices, Denver, CO: Aorn, Inc: 2008: 497 - 520.