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# SAFE CLINIC COLLABORATIVE CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

POSITIONING CONSIDERATIONS

# CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

- Medical
- Eating Specialist
- Nutrition
- Positioning Specialist

# SAFE CLINIC AREAS OF POSITIONING CONCERN

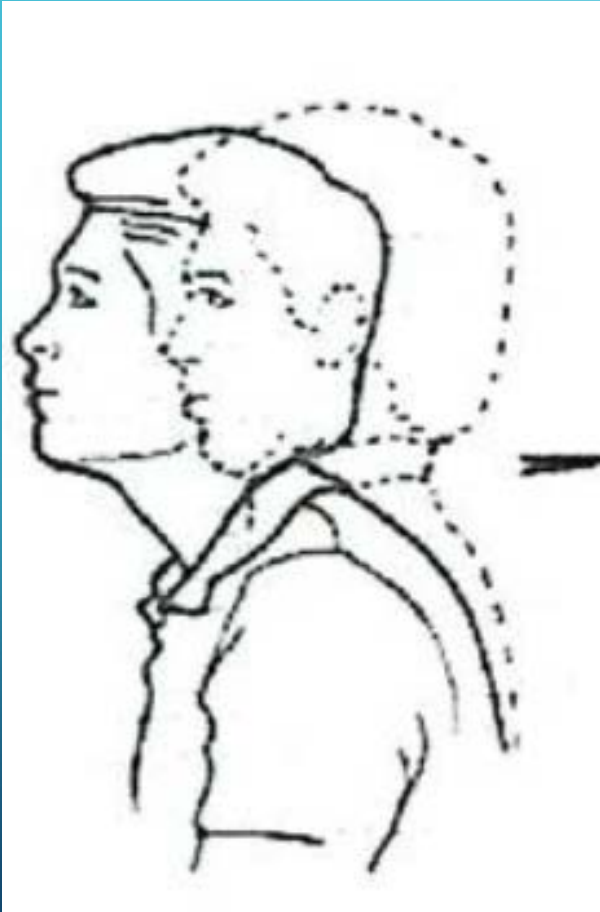
- Airway protection
- Positioning for tube feeding
- Manage oral secretions
- Maximize motor control
- Reduce GERD
- Reduce rumination

# AIRWAY PROTECTION

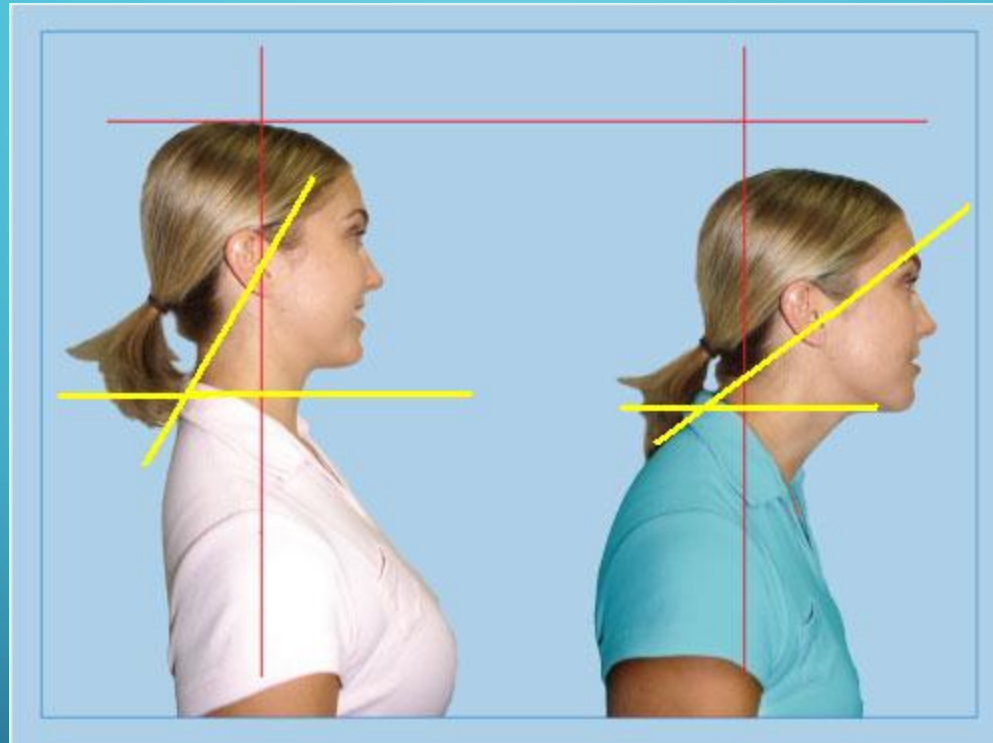
- Head position and airway protection
- Positioning and the individual with I/DD



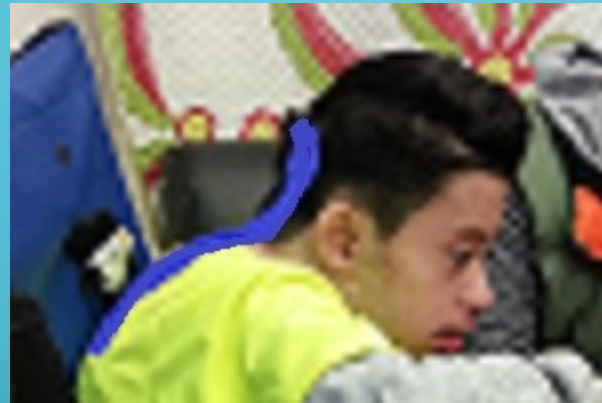
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# FORWARD HEAD



# WHAT WE SEE IN SAFE CLINIC





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# ADDRESSING FORWARD HEAD



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# SOLID SUPPORT SURFACE

# SUPPORT BEHIND PELVIS AND LUMBAR SPINE





# PROPER SEAT DEPTH





# POSITIONING FOR TUBE FEEDING

- Generally not observed in SAFE Clinic
- Where do tube feedings take place?
- Positioning recommendations

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Generally accepted guidelines
- Positioning therapist should observe positioning recommended in CARMP
- Consider fixed deformities and other positioning factors

# PRESSURE ON STOMACH





# MANAGING ORAL SECRETIONS

- Head Position
- Position of other people



# OPENING THE AIRWAY

- Cervical hyperextension



# HEAD POSITION DURING ORAL HYGIENE



# OTHER PEOPLE





# ATTENDING TO ANOTHER PERSON





# DROOLING



# MAXIMIZING MOTOR CONTROL



# POSITIONING TO REDUCE GERD

- Staying upright after meals
- Maintain posture that allows adequate room for the stomach





# POSITIONING TO REDUCE RUMINATION



# THINGS TO LOOK FOR

- Is the individual wearing a tight belt
- Does the individual bring a foot up into the chair
- Does the individual seek a place where he can squat
- Is the environment stimulating/does the individual have something to do that is more interesting than rumination