## Possible Complications and Risks for Injury in the Lateral Position

- Excess pressure on dependent side
- Patient movement
- Brachial plexus injury
- Prolonged surgery in the lateral position may lead to
  - local muscle compression with ischemia and subsequent reperfusion injury, leading to compartment syndrome or rhabdomyolysis
  - vascular congestion and relative hypoventilation in the dependent lung

**FOOL KIT** 

## **AORN** Prevention of Perioperative Pressure Injury