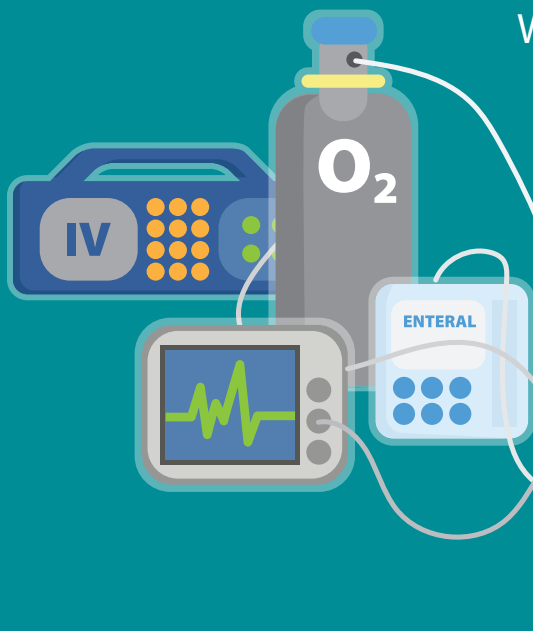


# MEDICAL LINE ENTANGLEMENT

UNDERSTANDING WHAT MEDICAL LINE ENTANGLEMENT IS AND BEING AWARE OF THE RISKS MAY HELP PREVENT UNINTENTIONAL INJURY

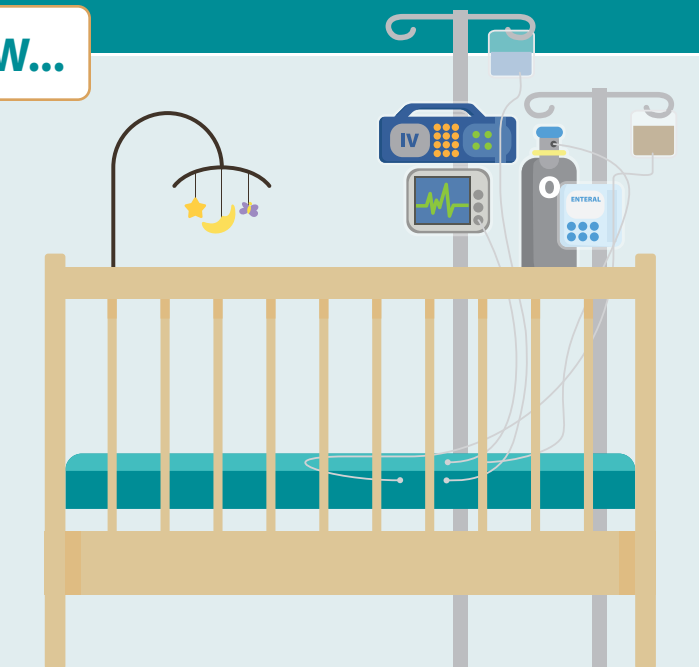
## DID YOU KNOW...



When medical lines become trapped under or wrapped around a part of a person's body, or when they become twisted with each other, it is called **medical line entanglement**. Medical lines are common components of medical devices such as tubing from IV or enteral pumps, gravity administration sets, oxygen tubing, cables from monitors, and even power cords.

## WHAT TO KNOW...

Avoid leaving tubing and cords where infants, children, or those deemed at high risk for medical line entanglement, can become entangled. Be aware that if these items become wrapped around a patient's neck, there is an increased risk of strangulation or death.



## WHAT TO DO...

For patients who are risk for medical line entanglement, discuss how to **MANAGE & MONITOR**.

Caregivers and healthcare providers should discuss how to properly **manage** medical lines and how to properly **monitor** the patient whenever devices with medical lines are in use.



Where appropriate, consider implementing measures which reduce **unmonitored** use of medical lines with at risk populations. Where not possible, discuss methods of **managing** medical lines to keep them from becoming entangled around the patient.