

# Problem Solving Guide

<b>PROBLEM:</b>	<b>PROBABLE CAUSE(S):</b>	<b>SOLUTION(S):</b>
<b>Blisters</b>	Backsheet turned under Tape touching skin Brief applied too tightly	Make sure backsheet is away from skin Make sure tape is correctly applied to brief Check for areas of restriction during application
<b>Red groin creases or lines on thighs</b>	Leg gathers not fitted in leg creases	Fit leg gathers up in groin area; make sure leg gathers are turned out with backsheet away from skin
<b>Redness on perineal area or buttocks</b>	Lack of proper peri-care Infrequent changes	Ensure proper peri-care is done with each change Change brief in a timely manner, when indicator is 3/4 activated or per facility protocol
<b>Red inner thighs</b>	Thick thighs tightly closed Lack of proper peri-care Brief is too large; baggy between thighs	Skin should be kept clean and dry Skin should be kept clean and dry Check for correct size; leg gathers fitted up in groin
<b>Wet beds and/or clothing</b>	Resident not wearing brief Brief saturated Loose fit Improper size Incorrect penis position	Evaluate residents' need for brief Report to charge nurse; More frequent changes – check every 2 hours; change when wet – especially heavy wetters Remind staff that a snug fit is necessary for containment Ensure that brief is correct size; too large a size may leak Point penis down
<b>Resident picking or removing brief</b>	Improper application (if brief is applied improperly, it is uncomfortable) Brief is not discreet enough Confused resident	Make sure brief is applied properly Cover brief with underwear/pajamas Be persistent; often a resident will get used to wearing the brief and will leave it alone
<b>Scratching in hips &amp; buttocks area</b>	Build up of urine and sweat salts	Make sure hips and buttocks are cleansed adequately during peri-care

PLEASE NOTE: Misapplication or incorrect fit may result in skin problems; however other medical conditions may cause these irritations and a physician should be consulted whenever a skin irritation develops.