

upward, adducted, or abducted.

Check function of each component:

- Position of bandages, frames, splints, specialized boot
- Ropes: In center track of pulley, taut, no fraying, knots tied securely
- Pulleys: In original position on attachment bar; have not slid from original site; wheels freely movable
- Weights: Correct amount of weight, hanging freely, in safe location

Check bed position: Head or foot elevated as directed for desired amount of pull and counter traction.

Do not remove skeletal traction or adhesive traction straps on skin traction.

Maintain Alignment

Observe for correct body alignment with emphasis on alignment of shoulder, hip, and leg.

Check after child has moved.

Maintain correct angles at joints.

Skin Traction

Replace nonadhesive straps or elastic bandage on skin traction *when permitted* or absolutely necessary, but make certain that traction on limb is maintained by someone during procedure.

Assess straps or bandages to ascertain if they are correctly applied