

REMOVE UNNECESSARY URINARY CATHETERS!

URINARY CATHETER PROJECT

Goals:

- To decrease catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)
- To improve patient safety
- To teach nurses the indications for urinary catheter use
- To reduce the unnecessary use of urinary catheters in the inpatient setting

Background:

- 600,000 patients develop hospital-acquired UTIs per year.
- 80% of these are urinary catheter-associated.
- Approximately half of the patients with a urinary catheter do not have a valid indication for placement.
- Each day the urinary catheter remains, the risk of the CAUTI increases 5%.

Prevention of CAUTI:

Follow criteria indicated for a urinary catheter:

1. Acute urinary retention or obstruction
2. Perioperative use in selected surgeries
3. Assist healing of perineal and sacral wounds in incontinent patients
4. Hospice /comfort care/ palliative care
5. Required immobilization for trauma or surgery
6. Chronic indwelling urinary catheter on admission

Promptly Remove Unnecessary Urinary Catheters!

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