Urinary Catheters Increase:
- Likelihood of Infection
- Patient Discomfort
- Antibiotic Use
- Length of Stay
- Cost

*Patients with urinary catheters tend to stay in bed, making them more immobile, and increasing their risk of skin breakdown.*

Urinary Catheters ARE Indicated for:
- Acute urinary retention or obstruction
- Perioperative use in selected surgeries
- Assist healing of perineal and sacral wounds in incontinent patients
- Hospice /comfort care/ palliative care
- Required immobilization for trauma or surgery
- Chronic indwelling urinary catheter on admission

Foley Catheters are NOT indicated for:
- Urine output monitoring OUTSIDE intensive care
- Incontinence (place on toileting routine, change frequently)
- Prolonged postoperative use
- Patients transferred from intensive care to general units
- Morbid obesity
- Immobility (turn patient q 2 hours, up in chair)
- Confusion or dementia

Questions?
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