

## Prevent Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections.

### .....**Remember**.....

**A urinary catheter is indicated only for:**

- ✓ **Perioperative use in certain specified surgeries\*;**
- ✓ **Accurate measurement of urinary output in critically ill patients (intensive care);**
- ✓ **Management of acute urinary retention or obstruction;**
- ✓ **Promoting healing of pressure ulcers in incontinent patients; or**
- ✓ **Improved patient comfort for end-of-life care.**

\*Genitourinary surgeries, surgeries of prolonged duration, surgeries requiring large-volume infusions or diuretics, and surgeries requiring intraoperative monitoring of urinary output.

## Get the catheter out to avoid a UTI.

**Remember to discuss urinary catheter removal with physician\*:**

- 1. By post-op day 2 for surgical patients\*\*, with day of surgery being day zero**
- 2. When a patient is able to get out of bed**
- 3. When a patient is transferred to another patient unit**
- 4. When a patient is hemodynamically stable—vasopressors are discontinued**

\* If urinary catheter is not removed, there should be documentation as to reason for continuation.

\*\* SCIP Inf. 9 criteria from the Specifications Manual for National Hospital Inpatient Quality Measures for Surgical Patients

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