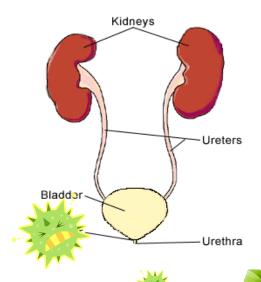
## **REMOVE THAT URINARY CATHETER!**



## **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



**Questions?**Contact [Insert info]

## **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