

Sample Pocket Cards for Physicians and Nurses

REMOVE THAT URINARY CATHETER!

Foley catheters can cause:

- ↑ Infections
- ↑ Length of Stay
- ↑ Cost
- ↑ Patient Discomfort
- ↑ Antibiotic Use

Urinary Catheters confine patients to bed, making them more immobile and thus increasing their risk for skin breakdown.

PREVENTION IS KEY.

**OBTAIN ORDERS TO
DISCONTINUE UNNECESSARY
URINARY CATHETER!**

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Foley 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/ 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
- Patient request

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