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## *Acceptable Indications for a Urethral Catheter*

Acceptable Indications for a Urethral Catheter		NOT Acceptable Indications for a Urethral Catheter
<b>H</b>	Hematuria, gross	
<b>O</b>	Obstruction, urinary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients with acute urinary retention or bladder outlet obstruction</li> </ul>	Incontinent bariatric patients
<b>U</b>	Urologic or pelvic surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catheters placed by urology service for treatment including continuous bladder irrigation</li> <li>Need for intraoperative monitoring of urinary output</li> <li>Anticipated prolonged duration of surgery</li> <li>Patients anticipated to receive large volume infusions or diuretics during surgery</li> <li>Urologic surgery or other surgery on contiguous structures of the genitourinary tract</li> <li>Gynecological, colorectal, and organ transplant surgery</li> </ul>	All patients in the OR
<b>D</b>	Decubitus ulcer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assist in healing of open sacral or perineal wounds in incontinent patients</li> </ul>	Incontinent patients at risk for developing a pressure ulcer
<b>I</b>	Input and output <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical for patient management, hemodynamic instability requiring hourly fluid assessment or fluid replacement</li> </ul>	All patients in the ICU
<b>N</b>	No code   Comfort Care   Hospice Patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve comfort for end of life care</li> </ul>	Patients who can voluntarily void for urine cultures
<b>I</b>	Immobility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient requires prolonged immobilization (e.g. potentially unstable thoracic or lumbar spine, multiple traumatic injuries such as pelvic fractures)</li> </ul>	Patients without a plan for discontinuing the urethral catheter