PUREWICK® Female External Catheter

A non-invasive urine output method for female patients | PS#157061

Eligibility

▪ Patient requiring urine output monitoring but does not meet indications for indwelling Foley catheterization
▪ Urinary incontinence and/or frequent urination
▪ Difficulty walking from bed or chair to toilet
▪ Difficulty using a bedpan
▪ Post-surgical or procedure immobility
▪ Skin injury or irritation related to urinary incontinence or diapers
▪ Bedrest orders

Contraindications

▪ Patients with urinary retention

Warnings

▪ Do not use with bedpan or other material that does not allow for sufficient airflow
▪ To avoid potential skin injury, never push or pull the catheter against the skin during placement or removal
▪ Never insert the catheter into vagina, anal canal, or other body cavities
▪ Discontinue use if an allergic reaction occurs
▪ After use, this product may be a potential biohazard. Dispose accordingly

Specifics

1. Procedural Setup
   □ Explain procedure, request additional staff as needed, and obtain supplies:
      ▪ Suction canister
      ▪ Standard suction tubing
      ▪ Chux or absorbent pad
      ▪ Peri-care supplies
      ▪ Clean gloves
      ▪ PUREWICK® Female External Catheter
   □ Connect canister to wall suction and set to a minimum of 40mmHg continuous suction. Always use the minimum amount of suction necessary.
   □ Using standard suction tubing, connect the PUREWICK® Female External Catheter to the collection canister.
      ▪ Prior to connecting the PUREWICK® Female External Catheter to hospital wall suction tubing, verify suction function by covering the open end of the suction tubing with one hand and observing the pressure dial. If the pressure does not increase when the line is covered, verify that the tubing is secured, connected, and not kinked.

2. Peri-Care
   □ Wash hands and don clean gloves
   □ Perform perineal care and assess skin integrity (document per hospital protocol). Separate legs, gluteus muscles, and labia.
□ Palpate pubic bone as anatomical marker.

3. Placement
□ Wash hands and don clean gloves.
□ With soft gauze side facing the patient, align distal end of wick at gluteal cleft. Gently tuck soft gauze side between separated gluteus and labia.
□ Ensure that the top of the gauze is aligned with the pubic bone. Slowly place legs back together once the PUREWICK® Female External Catheter is positioned.

4. Removal
□ To remove the PUREWICK® Female External Catheter, fully separate the legs, gluteus, and labia.
□ To avoid potential skin injury upon removal, gently pull the PUREWICK® Female External Catheter directly outward. Ensure suction is maintained while removing the PUREWICK® Female External Catheter.
□ After use, this product may be a potential biohazard. Dispose of in accordance with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.

5. Maintenance
□ Replace the PUREWICK® Female External Catheter at least every 8-12 hours or if soiled with feces or blood.
□ Always assess skin for compromise and perform perineal care prior to placement of a new PUREWICK® Catheter.
□ Assess and document device placement and skin integrity at least every 2 hours.

6. Patient Education
□ Assess and document patient education provided in the LDA: Urinary Elimination Management, row: information.

Documentation

Associated Policies & Resources
- Catheterization Urethral, Adult (Insertion, Care of and Removal) (N-12.012)
- https://www.crbard.com/medical/PureWickVideo

Questions? Please call SWOT, or PUREWICK® Customer Support at 1-800-526-4455