


EXTERNAL CATHETER ALTERNATIVES

Female anatomy options


PureWick
PS #157061

- Δ8–12° or when soiled
- Suction @ 40–60 mmHg




Versette
PS #179451

- Δ8–12 or when soiled
- Suction @ 40–60 mmHg



Premium Underpad
PS #53255


- Use barrier creams to protect the patient's skin from moisture breakdown
- Weigh underpad for accurate I/O in EMR



Male anatomy options


PureWick
PS #157061

- Δ8–12° or when soiled
- Suction @ 40–60 mmHg




Versette
PS #179451

- Δ8–12° or when soiled
- Suction @ 40–60 mmHg
- Use adhesive strip (PS #113678) to secure



Men's Liberty Acute
PS #169814

- NO SUCTION: connect to a straight drainage bag
- Δwhen falling off (turns milky-white) or soiled



Hole-in-the chux
PS #53255

- Fold a premium underpad in half and cut a slit
- Bring penis and scrotum through, fold into a box



Barrier wipes or creams will prevent adhesive from sticking. Ensure proper cleaning prior to application and allow to dry.

If external catheter alternatives fail, does the patient have an appropriate indication for an indwelling urethral catheter?

A. Examples of appropriate indications for indwelling urethral catheter use¹⁻⁴

- Patient has acute urinary retention or bladder outlet obstruction.
- Need for accurate measurements of urinary output in critically ill patients.
- Perioperative use for selected surgical procedures:
 - Patients undergoing urologic surgery or other surgery on contiguous structures of the genitourinary tract.
 - Anticipated prolonged duration of surgery (catheters inserted for this reason should be removed in PACU).
- Patients anticipated to receive large-volume infusions or diuretics during surgery.
- Need for intraoperative monitoring of urinary output.
- To assist in healing of open sacral or perineal wounds in incontinent patients.
- Patient requires prolonged immobilization (e.g., potentially unstable thoracic or lumbar spine, multiple traumatic injuries such as pelvic fractures).
- To improve comfort for end of life care if needed.

B. Examples of inappropriate uses of indwelling catheters

- As a substitute for nursing care of the patient or resident with incontinence.
- As a means of obtaining urine for culture or other diagnostic tests when the patient can voluntarily void.
- For prolonged postoperative duration without appropriate indications (e.g., structural repair of urethra or contiguous structures, prolonged effect of epidural anaesthesia, etc.).