

Appendix D:

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| WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL | MANUAL: Patient Care Services | NUMBER: IV-MED-M-210 |
| | SECTION: IV – MED - Medical Directives | |
| MEDICAL DIRECTIVE | TOPIC: Medical Directive for Removal of Indwelling Urinary Catheters | DATE: |

PURPOSE:

To ensure early removal of indwelling urinary catheters.

INCLUSION CRITERIA:

All patients with an indwelling urinary catheter.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA:

- Acute urinary obstruction
- Perioperative use in selected surgeries
- Assistance with the healing of stage III or IV sacral wounds in incontinent patients
- Comfort for end of life patients
- Required immobilization for trauma or surgery patients
- Established permanent indwelling catheter
- Continuous bladder irrigation (CBI) for gross hematuria
- ECU only: Accurate measurement of urinary output in critically ill patients (e.g. q1h monitoring or strict ins/outs in severe hypernatremia)

Authorized to perform Act:

All Registered Nurses (RNs) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs)

Specific Patient Criteria: N/A

DIRECTIVE:

Nurse to assess patients with indwelling urinary catheters

If the patient doesn't meet the exclusion criteria, remove catheter and follow Choosing Wisely Canada algorithm.

Note - Nurses do not need to obtain a physician order to perform an in-out catheter as described in this algorithm.

REFERENCES:

www.catheterout.org
Choosing Wisely Canada

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