

Catheter Care Awareness Week



Identifying CAUTI risk factors starts with you.

Identify the indications

Circle the Clinical Indications for an Indwelling Catheter as defined by APIC¹

- Accurate I/O for critically ill patients requiring hourly urine output measurement for clinical decisions (must document I/O q1h)
- Continuous bladder irrigation
- Staff convenience
- Epidural or spinal anesthesia within the first 24-48 hours
- Order to maintain chronic long term urinary catheter
- Retention that can otherwise be managed by bladder scanning and intermittent catheterization
- Prolonged immobilization (unstable spine and pelvic fractures pre-stabilization, prone patients)
- Specific surgical procedures—surgery on the contiguous structures of the genitourinary tract
- Large volume diuretics
- Stage 3 or 4 pressure injury health due to incontinence
- Urinary Obstruction
- Patient and/or family request
- End of Life—death expected within 48 hours and patient is in pain

1. Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. (2025). Guide to preventing catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI). <https://www.apic.org>



Answer key - correct answers in orange

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