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APIC¹

Use external urinary catheters when appropriate for the patient.

SHEA²

Train clinicians to consider other methods for bladder management such as intermittent catheterization, or external male or female collection devices, when appropriate before placing an indwelling catheter.

Consider using alternatives to indwelling urethral catheterization in selected patients when appropriate.

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