

Algorithm Example for Urine Management Device Selection

Does your patient have an appropriate indication for an indwelling catheter per your hospital policy?¹

Indications per Hospital Policy:

No

Consider less invasive options for urine management

Yes

Yes

Can your patient's indication be managed with a less invasive option such as:¹

- Toileting schedule
- External catheter
- Bladder scanning / intermittent catheterization

No

Obtain order (if needed) and insert indwelling catheter, following manufacturer's directions for use (DFU)

- Ensure indwelling catheter maintenance per hospital policy.¹
- Reevaluate daily and remove as soon as no longer indicated.¹

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

