Appendix H. Urinary Catheter Pocket Card

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| **Front** | **Back** |
| Remove that Urinary Catheter!Foley catheters can cause:* **↑ Infections**
* **↑ Length of Stay**
* **↑ Cost**
* **↑ Patient Discomfort**
* **↑ Antibiotic Use**

Urinary catheters confine patients to bed, making them more immobile and thus increasing their risk for skin breakdown.**PREVENTION IS KEY.****OBTAIN ORDERS TO****DISCONTINUE UNNECESSARY URINARY CATHETERS!** | **Remove that Urinary Catheter**!Foley Catheters ***are*** indicated for:* Acute urinary retention or obstruction
* Perioperative use in selected surgeries
* Assistance in healing of severe perineal and sacral wounds in incontinent patients
* Hospice/comfort/palliative care
* Required strict immobilization for trauma or surgery
* Chronic indwelling urinary catheter on admission
* Accurate measurement of urinary output in critically ill patients (intensive care)

Foley Catheters are ***not*** indicated for:* Routine urine output monitoring OUTSIDE intensive care
* Incontinence
* Prolonged postoperative use
* Morbid obesity
* Immobility
* Confusion or dementia
* Patient request
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