Appendix H. Urinary Catheter Pocket Card

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| 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 |