INDWELLING URINARY CATHETER REMOVAL PROTOCOL

General Information and Purpose

Effective September 11, 2012, the Indwelling Urinary Catheter Removal Protocol will be implemented for the purpose of decreasing Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI).

General Information: Evidence-based guidelines recommend limiting the use and duration of catheters to prevent infection. If a catheter is used, guidelines recommend assessment of the need for its continued use. The catheter should be removed unless criteria are met to continue.

The Indwelling Urinary Catheter Removal Protocol applies to all patients who have a catheter present on admission or who have a catheter inserted during the Methodist Le Bonheur encounter.

Catheter Type Inclusions: Coude, Indwelling/Continuous, Latex free and Three-way

Catheter Type Exclusions: Intermittent, Suprapubic or Straight In & Out

Protocol Process

1. Based upon the nursing documentation of indwelling urinary catheter insertion in iView, an automatic order and task for Foley Assess per Protocol will be generated. The nurse will review the criteria to continue the indwelling urinary catheter on a daily basis at 10:00 A.M. once the indwelling urinary catheter has been in place for 24 hours.

The criteria include the following reasons to continue the indwelling urinary catheter:

- Physician order to continue, including a documented acceptable indication
- Post-op surgery less than 24 hours ago
- s/p OB or Gynecologic surgery
- s/p Urologic surgery
- s/p Colorectal Surgery
- s/p surgery on structures surrounding the genitourinary tract
- s/p kidney, pancreas, or liver transplant
- Patient is sedated and on a ventilator
- Urine output monitoring in critically ill patients
- Continuous irrigation OR Medication instillation
- Acute urinary retention
- Bladder outlet obstruction
- Open sacral or perineal wound w/ urinary incontinence
- Epidural in place
- 24 hour urine collection and incontinence
- Hospice or terminal care
- Chronic history of indwelling or suprapubic catheter
- Patient refused catheter removal

2. If the patient meets one or more of the criteria, the nurse will document this in lview and the catheter will remain in place.
3. If the patient **does not meet** any of the criteria to continue the indwelling urinary catheter, **per protocol**, the nurse is to remove the catheter.

**NOTE:** If there is any question as to whether the urinary catheter should be removed, the nurse may call the physician to determine if the catheter should remain in place and to request the order, **Continue Foley per Protocol**.

4. The order, **Continue Foley Per Protocol**, **must** be entered on a daily basis **by the physician or related role** to prevent the removal of the catheter, once it has been in place for 24 hours.

A nursing communication order is **not** an acceptable order to indicate the continuance of the urinary catheter.

The order, **Continue Foley Per Protocol**, contains a **required** order detail, Reason for Continuing Foley.

**Please** be proactive and place this order on a daily basis if the indwelling urinary catheter should remain in place.

### Other Changes Related to the Protocol

1. The **Indwelling Urinary Catheter Insert** order will have a **required** order detail of Reason. The reasons listed will match the criteria reasons listed in Iview and the Detail Values on the Continue Foley per Protocol order.

2. The **Indwelling Urinary Catheter Insert** order will be replaced in care sets and powerplans. For care sets or powerplans that may be saved as Favorites, the change should display automatically.

3. All active orders related to the indwelling urinary catheter will be discontinued when the nurse documents the removal in Iview.

### Assistance

For questions related to this MEC approved protocol, please contact Medical Staff Services. For assistance in managing this new process in oneChart, please contact the facility based Physician Systems Analyst.