**Foley Catheter Removal - Nurse Driven Protocol**

**Foley Catheter, Insertion and Maintenance:**

* **Aseptic technique for insertion**
* **Stabilize the catheter with Statlock® securement device and green sheeting clip.**
* **Maintain continuous closed unobstructed drainage system:**

**Catheter patent, seal intact, no dependent loops or kinked tubing**

**Maintain bag < ¾ full. Keep bag below the bladder and off the floor.**

* **Label Foley bag with date and time of insertion**
* **Perform routine hygiene (clean meatal surface during daily bathing).**

* **Promote tubing drainage with appropriate placement**

**Foley Catheter, Daily Audit:**

**Complete Daily Audit to determine necessity for Foley Catheter. Does patient still meet any of Indications for Medical Necessity?**

* **Urology surgery or Foley catheter placed by urology**
* **Urinary obstruction / retention**
* **Gross hematuria / bladder irrigation**
* **Immediate post-op or peri-operative use (24-48 hrs)**
* **REQUIRES accurate I & O Measurement**
* **Epidural catheter in place**
* **Stage III or IV Decubitus**
* **Comfort care / palliative measure**

**NO**

**Foley Catheter, Removal**

* **Remove Foley catheter**
* ***Document Foley catheter removal in Meditech***

**Foley Catheter Removal, Post Care:**

* **Assess patient’s voiding and record I&O for 24 hours.**
* **Perform post-void bladder scan if patient is voiding more**

**frequently than normal for them.**

* **Perform bladder scan if unable to void, or has complaints of**

**bladder discomfort within 6 hrs after Foley catheter removal.**

* **If bladder scan is < 180 mls, notify physician for further orders.**
* **If bladder scan is > 350 mls, straight catheterize x 1.**
* **Rescan if unable to void within 6 hrs.**
* **If bladder scan is < 180 mls, notify physician for further orders.**
* **If scan is >350 mls, straight cath again x 1 and notify physician of results and for further orders.**

**If bladder scan is > 350 mls, straight catheterize x 1.**

* **Rescan if unable to void within 6 hrs. If scan is >350 mls, straight cath again x 1 and notify physician of results and for further orders.**

**YES**

**Document the indication for Medical Necessity in MediTech**

