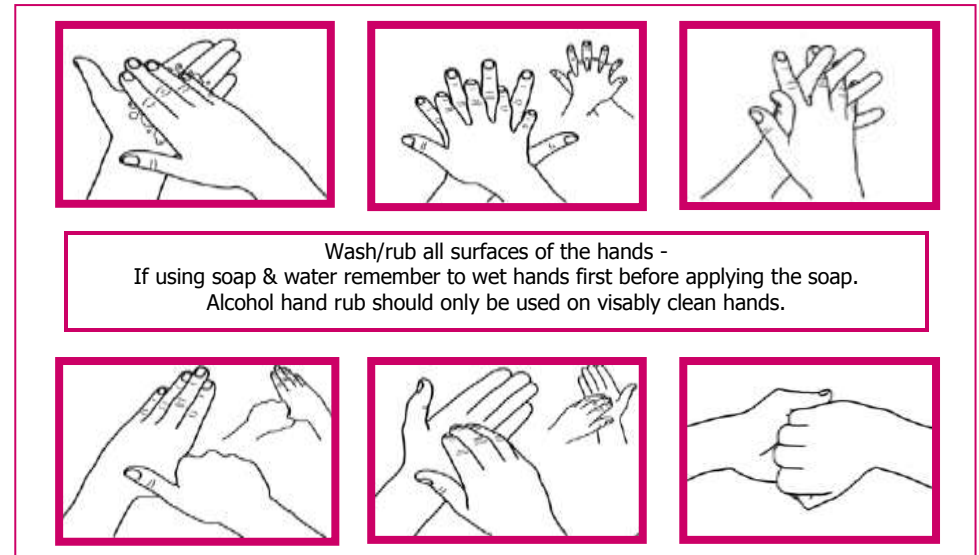


ESSENTIAL STEPS: Urinary catheter **continuing care**

PROMPTS FOR ASSESSORS

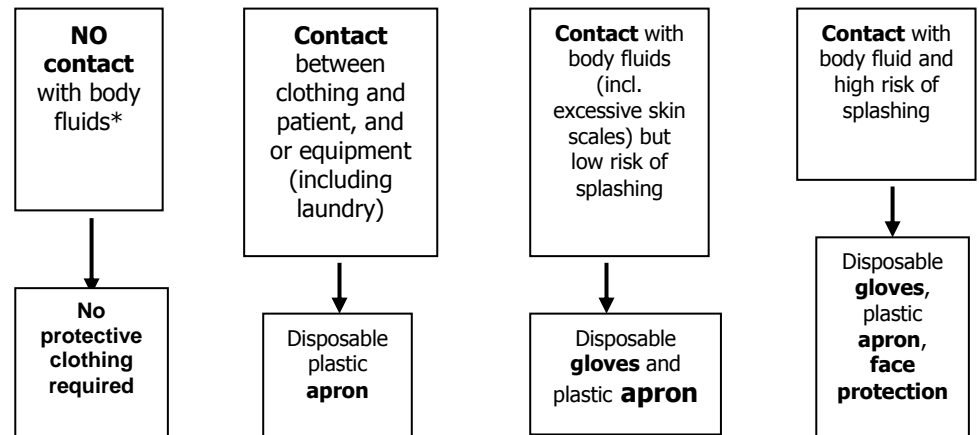
Intervention	Criteria required	Standard not achieved if
Taking a CSU	Catheter specimens of urine are collected for a diagnostic reason such as suspected infection and as such should be documented.	Failure to document sample/reason for sample
	Samples must be collected from the drainage bag sample port located in the tubing, cleaned with an Isopropyl alcohol 70% impregnated swab & left to dry prior to accessing the sample port	Breaching of the closed system Failure to clean port prior to access
Preventing the spread of infection Refer to preventing the spread of infection prompt	Hand hygiene - Suitable method and six step technique used.	Hands not washed (using 6 steps). Or wearing: nail varnish, false nails, wrist watch, wrist/ hand jewellery (except plain wedding band). Or long nails.
	Personal Protective equipment used as appropriate for the procedure	PPE not worn as required by procedure
	Aseptic technique adopted and Sterile equipment used	Level of asepsis is not maintained/ breaks in asepsis not addressed.
Maintaining a closed drainage system	Breaks in the closed urinary drainage system kept to a minimum e.g. emptying urine bag, taking urine samples	Failure to minimise breaks in the closed system/ inappropriate break made.
	Urine drainage bag is emptied using the tap and a clean receptacle when 2/3 full (also see Preventing the spread of infection)	Failure to wash hands prior to emptying catheter bag.
	Overnight the night bag is connected to the drainage tap of the leg bag (if applicable)	Failure to minimise breaks in the closed system.
Drainage bag position	Bag positioned below the level of the patients bladder but not touching the floor – this may be an activity carried out by the patient/carer	Drainage bag above patient bladder level or in contact with floor at any time. Concerns re: self care not addressed with patient or carer

Suggested hand washing and alcohol hand rub technique



Risk assessment for the use of PPE

*NB the term body fluids includes wounds



NICE guidelines require documentation of all insertions, changes and care.