Clinical Practice Process Improvement Tool : Urinary Catheter Insertion

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Observation: 1

Functional Area: Start Date: Overall Auditors:

Module: Urinary Catheter Insertion

Date: Auditors:

Standard: Evidence based best practice is being consistently applied to prevent catheter associated urinary tract infections

Question Set: Urinary Catheter Insertion - Urinary Catheter Insertion

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	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment			
1	Have alternatives to urinary catheterisation been considered and documented?	Review documentation.							
2	Is the clinical reason for insertion specified and documented?	Review documentation.							
3	Is the healthcare worker trained in catheterisation or supervised by a trained person?	Check training records.							
4	Is the smallest gauge catheter used for effective drainage?	Check gauge.							
5	Is hand hygiene performed before urinary catheterisation? (90)	Observe practice. Moment 2 - before an aseptic task.							
6	Is a single use apron worn for urinary catheterisation?	Observe practice.							
7	Are single use sterile gloves worn for the aseptic procedure?	Observe practice.							
8	Is the urethral meatus area cleaned with sterile normal saline prior to urinary catheterisation?	Observe practice.							
9	Is asepsis maintained throughout the procedure?	Check: Sterile Items are intact. Sterile Packs integrity. Equipment is in date. No unsterile items are touched. Contaminated items are replaced.							
10	Is sterile, single use lubricant used prior to insertion?	Observe practice.							
11	Is the catheter connected aseptically to a sterile closed drainage system?	Observe practice.							
12	Is the urinary catheter bag positioned below the level of the bladder for effective drainage?	Check that no part of the catheter system is touching the floor.							
13	Is waste discarded into the appropriate waste stream according to local policy?	Observe practice.							
14	Is all personal protective equipment removed?	Observe practice.							



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Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Urinary Catheter Insertion - Urinary Catheter Insertion

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