Evidence table: Indwelling Urinary Catheter Insertion and Ongoing Care

Reference	Evidence level (I-VII)	Key findings, outcomes or recommendations
 A guide for nurses- Management and care of catheters and collection systems (2001). USA: Bard 	VII	 Health care workers need to be trained in how to insert urinary catheters To perform this procedure in a manner that minimises trauma and infection Indications for urinary catheterization Equipment required
 Gould, C; Umscheid,C; Agarwal,R; Kuntz,G; Pegues, D; and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC).(2009). Guideline For Prevention Of Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections. Centre for Disease Control. Downloaded from: http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/cauti/001_cauti.html 	V	 Evidence based guidelines for insertion and ongoing management of urinary catheters to prevent UTIs Proper technique for insertion in aseptic manner Proper technique for ongoing urinary catheter management including hygiene, sampling, closed drainage systems and preventing obstruction Provision of guidelines, education auditing and feedback
 Department of Health. (2001). Guidelines for preventing Infections associated with the Insertion and Maintenance of Short Term Catheters in Acute Care. Journal of Hospital Infection, 47(Suppl), S39 S46 	V	 Guideline for prevention of infection Limit catheter use-review need for catheter daily Develop care plans Surveillance and feedback on urinary infection rates Implementation of written guidelines for catheter use, insertion and maintenance
 Laker, C (1995). Urological Nursing. Great Britain, Alden Press Ltd. 	VII	Collection of catheter specimens
 Royal Children's Hospital, Infection Control Dept. Antiseptic and Disinfectant Usage. 	VII	Urinary tract infection guidelinesHand washing
 Association of Continence Advice, Notes on Good 	VII	Documentation/legal record and point of reference for

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Practice (2006) Urethral Catheterisation NO.6		further interventions if required Record for investigation of complaints and/or litigation What needs to be documented Indications for catheterisation
Robson, J (2001) Urethral Catheter Selection. Nursing Standard. 15 (25)	VII	 Catheter size and length of insertion Catheterisation procedure Technique for male and female catheterisation
 Royal College of Nursing Catheter Care RCN Guidance for Nurses (2007) 	VII	Indications for catheterisationCatheter care
The Australian and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society INC. (ANZUNS) Talbot, Kay (2006)	VII	 Catheter care guidelines Indication for catheterisation Balloon size and inflation Infection control principles
 Kids Health Info for Parents. The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Indwelling Urinary Catheter Fact Sheet. (2008) 	VII	 Trouble shooting Parental understanding of catheters and their care Catheter 'by-pass'
 Simpson, L (2001) Indwelling Urethral Catheters. Nursing Standard. 15 (46): 47 - 54 	VII	 Importance of hand washing Nursing considerations Securing the catheter Maintaining a closed system

The Hierarchy of Evidence

The Hierarchy of evidence is based on summaries from the National Health and Medical Research Council (2009), the Oxford Centre for Evidence-based Medicine Levels of Evidence (2011) and Melynyk and Fineout-Overholt (2011).

- I Evidence obtained from a systematic review of all relevant randomised control trials.
- II Evidence obtained from at least one well designed randomised control trial.
- **III** Evidence obtained from well-designed controlled trials without randomisation.
- IV Evidence obtained from well designed cohort studies, case control studies, interrupted time series with a control group, historically controlled studies, interrupted time series without a control group or with case- series
- V Evidence obtained from systematic reviews of descriptive and qualitative studies
- VI Evidence obtained from single descriptive and qualitative studies
- VII Expert opinion from clinicians, authorities and/or reports of expert committees or based on physiology
- Melynyk, B. & Fineout-Overholt, E. (2011). *Evidence-based practice in nursing & healthcare: A guide to best practice (2nd ed.).* Philadelphia: Wolters Kluwer, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- National Health and Medical Research Council (2009). *NHMRC levels of evidence and grades for recommendations for developers of guidelines* (2009). Australian Government: NHMRC. http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/ files nhmrc/file/guidelines/evidence statement form.pdf
- OCEBM Levels of Evidence Working Group Oxford (2011). *The Oxford 2011 Levels of Evidence*. Oxford Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine. http://www.cebm.net/index.aspx?o=1025