Appendix F. Urinary Catheter Decision-Making Algorithm

Is there a urinary catheter in place?

Does the patient meet criteria for catheter placement?

Avoid catheter placement.

Accepted Urinary Catheter

 Placement Indications

1. Acute urinary retention or obstruction
2. Perioperative use in selected surgeries
3. Assistance in healing of severe perineal and sacral wounds in incontinent patients
4. Hospice/comfort care/palliative care
5. Required strict immobilization for trauma or surgery
6. Accurate measurement of urinary output in the critically ill patients (intensive care)

Contact physician to obtain order to remove urinary catheter!

Assess patient daily for possibility of catheter removal.

NO

NO

YES

YES