Appendix J. Urinary Catheter Brochure
Patient Management for Incontinence

- Turn patient every 2 hours to cleanse area and change linens.
- Use quilted pad under patient.
- Use skin barrier creams.
- Start toilet training program: Offer bedpan or commode with assist every 2 hours.
Evaluation of Urinary Catheter Need

Is a urinary catheter in place?

Avoid urinary catheter placement.

Does the patient meet criteria for a urinary catheter?

Contact physician to obtain order to remove urinary catheter.

Continue to monitor urinary catheter need on a daily basis.

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