



Use of Indwelling Urinary Catheters in the ED

In emergency department, indwelling urinary catheters are inserted to monitor critically ill patients' urine output, to help in relieving their symptoms if they are not able to urinate, for patients going for OR, or as part of end-of-life care. Unfortunately, insertion of urinary catheters is a common risk for urinary tract infections. For that reason, it is important to share the decision of urinary catheter insertion with the patients and/or their relatives and look for alternatives. Following the evidence-based guidelines adopted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's and use of urinary catheters when indicated is advisable.

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