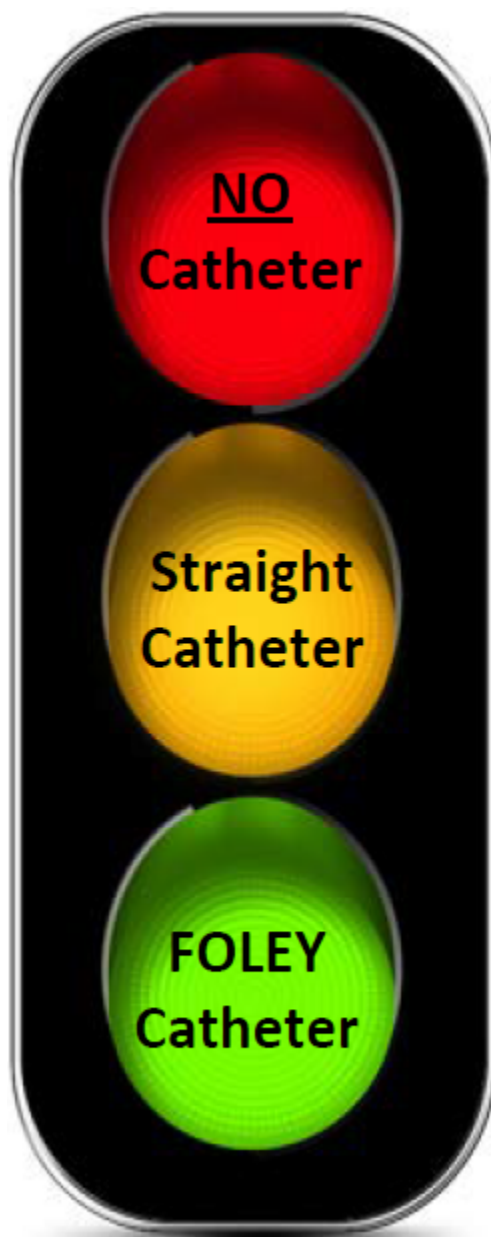


Indications for Foley Catheters:

Decreased Foley device utilization rate is associated with decreased catheter associated infections.

Below is a visualization with accepted indications for Foley catheters and alternatives when not indicated. A nurse-driven protocol to remove Foley catheters follows these guidelines and an order to follow the nurse-driven protocol is entered when a Foley is ordered.



- Ambulatory patient
- No Urine Production (Renal Patients)
- Very Little Urine Production
- Incontinence

****Consider alternative devices****

- Male External Catheter (MEC)
- Urinal- male/female

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- Chronic Straight Cath Patients
 - Bladder Scanned with Minimal Urine - For Specimen Collection

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- Accurate measurement (Q 1-2 hours) of urinary output in critically ill patient
 - Comfort/End of Life Care
 - Required/prolonged immobilization where alternative device inappropriate
 - Acute Urinary retention
 - Continuous bladder irrigation
 - Stage 3 or 4 Decubitus Ulcer with Incontinence
 - Select surgeries (urologic, prolonged surgery, large volume infusions and intraop monitoring of UOP)