

# Tip Sheet: Care of Urology Patients on 8W

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## Foley Removal Considerations:

- Do not remove/discontinue the Foley without an order from the urology service. (This aligns with the Nurse-Driven Foley Protocol Pathway).

## Post Void Residual (PVR) Order:

- Almost every urology patient will require a PVR after Foley removal.
- This requires that you bladder scan the patient immediately following their first void after removing the Foley, and notify the urology service with the result.
- PVR helps the urologist determine whether or not the patient is able to adequately empty their bladder without assistance of a Foley.

## Continuous Bladder Irrigation (CBI):

- Do not let the irrigation bag run dry!
- Always ensure the irrigation is dripping and that there is output from the Foley.
- Titrate irrigation flow to maintain a urine output that is pink (this will be in MD orders).
- Supplies: 3 Liter CBI bags & 2-Way Tubing can be ordered from central supply
- If you get a patient with CBI and need assistance, you can ask the unit leaders for assistance.

## JP Drain

- Several of the urology procedures/surgeries will require placement of a JP drain. Maintain accurate documentation of output from JP drains.
- It is not unusual to see bloody output from the JP drain, or bloody drainage/seepage around the drain's insertion site. These are typically not cause for alarm, unless the patient shows signs of hemodynamic changes or instability.

## Prostate Procedures/Surgeries

- These patients will come to you with scrotal support (jock strap) and fluffed gauze dressing (you do not have to do anything with the dressing). Patient care includes routine cool compresses/ice packs (refer to MD orders for frequency).

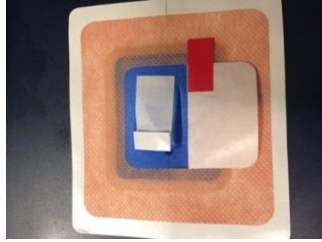
## JP Creatinine Lab Collection

- This tests the creatinine level of the JP drainage and requires RN collection of drainage from the JP. It is ordered with AM labs for collection time between 4:00am-5:00am.
- It is frequently ordered for patients who have undergone prostate surgery or partial nephrectomy.

## Nephrostomy Tubes

- Nursing care for nephrostomy tubes is consistent with other drain care practices:

- Document output per MD orders
- Document description of output (color, consistency, etc.)
- Document assessment of site
- Stayfix dressing changes PRN (obtain Stayfix dressing from 8W or central supply).



**Additional Resources:**

- Elsevier Clinical Skills