

Chapter 22

ELIMINATION OF URINE

PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING URINARY DRAINAGE BAG:

1. Gather necessary equipment.
2. Wash your hands. Put on gloves.
3. Explain what you are going to do.
4. Provide privacy.
5. If applying a reusable leg bag, swab the end to be connected with alcohol and place on sterile gauze in alcohol packet. Do not allow it to touch anything else.
6. Crimp with your fingers or clamp the catheter tubing so urine does not flow.
7. Disconnect catheter tubing from drainage bag. Apply cap over end of tubing if the drainage bag is to be reused.
8. Swab end of catheter tube with alcohol before connecting to leg bag.
9. Connect leg bag to the catheter.
10. Unclamp catheter. Check to see that urine is flowing (may take a few minutes)
11. If placing a leg bag or applying new tape, allow enough slack so catheter does not get pulled.
12. If drainage bag is to be reapplied later, remove the cap, swab the end of the connection with alcohol, and replace cap.
13. Remove and dispose of gloves. Wash hands.
14. Make the client comfortable.
15. Record observations and report anything unusual to the supervisor/nurse.