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# GEDA Executive Summary Care Processes Template – Level 3

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## Care Process

**Select the care process this corresponds to from this dropdown menu:**

A.1 Reduce foley catheter use

**Your care process name:**

Foley Catheter Care Process

**Date care process approved by your EM Department/Division:**

2/1/2023

## Description

**Rationale: Provide any background or rationale for this process.**

Foley catheter use is necessary for certain indications during an acute care visit. However, catheter use increases the risk of CAUTIs, and also restricts mobility and movement of the patient. Catheter use can also potentially cause discomfort. This care process aims to ensure that catheters are only placed when indicated and that alternative means are used whenever possible. The care process uses a combination of system constraints (EMR checks) and education of staff around optimizing sterile procedure during catheter insertion.

**Describe the population that the care process will apply to and any exemptions. For example, it may apply to all patients age 65 and over or a subset based on age, ESI, or another positive screening tool. Patients who are severely ill or intubated may be exempted:**

This process will apply to all patients age 65 and over who present to the ED.

**Hours of the day when the care process will be implemented or available if applicable:**

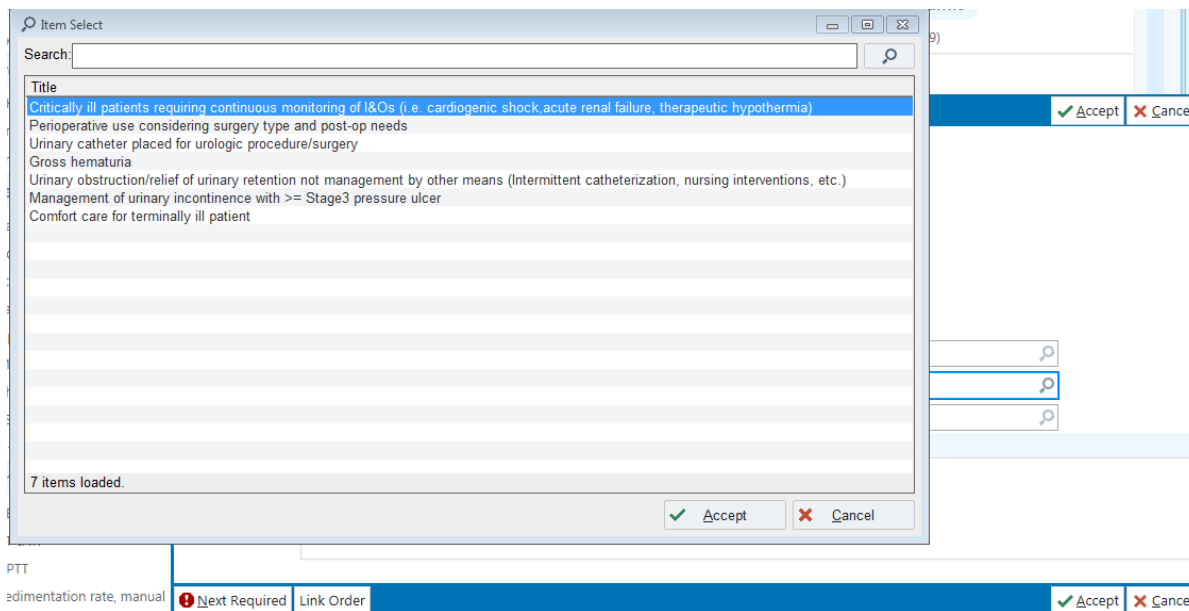
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**Describe where in the ED workflow this care process fits in. For example, it may occur in triage, once the patient is roomed, at discharge, after discharge, after admission, during another transition of care, or other time:**

This process occurs when a Foley catheter is ordered by a physician or APC.

**Brief description of the care process:**

We have built an automatic pop-up in the EMR, Epic, that requires them to select an applicable indication. This step will serve to ensure the catheter is being ordered appropriately when alternatives, such as I&O catheterization or a purewick or a condom catheter are not appropriate or feasible. See below for screenshot. We also have hospital-wide nursing instructions for how to minimize infections during catheter placement.



**Who will be responsible for performing the actions in the care process:**

The physician or APC placing the order must select the indication. The RN placing and managing the catheter will be responsible for following the hospital-wide infection minimization protocols.

**Describe how this care process is geriatric-specific:**

This is one of the required care processes, and will apply to all patients over 64.

**Describe any further follow-up or interventions involved:**

Rates of CAUTI are tracked and monitored for all units and reported quarterly at departmental QI meetings. If there are increase, measures will be taken to determine any systematic underlying cause, and also deploy an in-service training program for RNs regarding infection prevention.

## Education and Monitoring

**Where relevant, describe how you will educate the relevant staff, physicians, or other stakeholders about the care process:**

Nursing staff receive training regarding infection prevention with catheter placement during orientation.

**Describe how you will monitor adherence to the care process.**

CAUTI rate tracking is performed on a hospital-wide basis. The ED will monitor its own numbers and take measures to continuously reduce them through ensuring adequate materials are stocked, and there is periodic education on best-practices.

**Please describe how you will help improve the rates of completion or impact of the protocol if rates are currently low or become low in the future.**

Since the epic checklist is required, there is 100% completion.

**If relevant, please upload any further evidence or documentation of adherence to the care process.**  
*Attach most recent quarterly data on Foley use rates and CAUTI rates.*

**Please attach your official ED care process policy if present, or other relevant documentation such as order sets, flow charts, etc. Please do not include hospital-wide policies. This policy should be ED-specific.**

*See above for epic screenshot of hard stop for Foley catheter orders.*