

Appendix K. Infographic Poster on CAUTI Prevention

The poster on the following page is intended to be printed with dimensions of 28 by 36 inches. This can be done by sending the PDF out to a printer for large-format printing, or by printing it in tiled sections. Print the poster in tiled pieces by selecting "Poster" in the "Page Sizing & Handling" section of the Adobe Acrobat Reader print dialog box.





Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are a significant cause of illness, death, and excess cost in all health care settings.

Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) are among the most common HAIs in the United States.

Securement

Ensure the catheter remains securely attached to the closed drainage system, and minimize breaking into

nsertion of a urinary Maintain an independent loop; ensure that there are Staff responsible for the not loops in the insertion of urinary catheter tubing that catheters should have increase bladder struction on this procedure 🌒 pressure and their competency validated prior to

dependent insertion necessary to maintain aseptic chnique, a second staff member may be needed to assist

required during the

the person doing the insertion When inserting urinary catheters for patients who will require close urine output monitoring (e.g.,

Catheters should be secured in a position that is comfortable for the patient and that will decrease movement and trauma to the urethra

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not to empty the drainage bag or to move it above the level of the bladder.

Maintain the bag at

The bag should never come into contac

with the floor. Hang it on a hook below the patient's bladder. Hooks can be on the

a level below the

patient's bladder

Empty the bag regularly.

Before emptying the bag perform hand hygiene and Empty it by don gloves. draining the urine in the tubing into Empty the bag regularly via the bag and then

At any given time, HAIs affect 1 out of every 20 hospital patients.

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By taking these steps, your hospital can eliminate CAUTI and make care safer for patients.

Prompt Removal Your unit team can make sure the steps are done consistently through audits, observations, and assessments.

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