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**Statement/ Purpose:**

To provide guidance for changing various urinary drainage bags.

**Authority:**

**Application:**

All SCDPH CHHA RNs

**Terminology:**

**Responsible Party:**

Training and Quality Improvement Coordinator

**Cross-Reference:**

Hand Hygiene

**Procedure:**

**Changing Straight Urinary Drainage Bag to Leg Bag**

1. Explain the purpose and procedure for changing straight urinary drainage bag to a urinary leg bag to the patient/ caregiver. The purpose is to promote freedom in mobility while wearing an indwelling catheter.
2. Perform hand hygiene
3. Ensure patient's privacy.
4. Remove protective covering from tip of new urinary leg bag opening.
5. Clean urinary leg bag opening tip with alcohol wipe.
6. Wipe juncture of Foley catheter tube and urinary drainage bag tube, taking care to maintain sterility.
7. Place urinary leg bag tube between your fingers; keep tube's open end straight up to avoid contaminating the urinary leg bag tube.
8. Replace cap on straight urinary bag tube with your other hand.
9. Insert urinary leg bag tube into Foley catheter.
10. Secure straps on urinary leg bag to patient's leg, keeping urinary leg bag tube straight without kinks.
11. Empty, measure, observe and record urine amount in the straight urinary drainage bag.
12. Dispose of urine in patient's toilet.
13. Dispose of drainage bag in patient's trash.
14. Document procedure, including the following, in the patient's clinical record:
  - a. Results of changing straight urinary drainage bag to urinary leg bag.
  - b. Date and time of procedure
  - c. Any pertinent observations made during the process.

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### Changing Leg Bag to Straight Drainage Bag

1. Explain the purpose and procedure for changing a urinary leg bag to a straight urinary drainage bag. The purpose is to promote a patent urinary flow while patient is in the recumbent position, thus preventing infections from the backflow of urine into the bladder.
2. Perform hand hygiene.
3. Ensure patient's privacy.
4. Remove protective covering from tip of urinary drainage tube opening.
5. Clean urinary drainage tube opening with alcohol wipe.
6. Wipe juncture of Foley catheter tube and urinary leg bag tube with alcohol wipe.
7. Separate junction of Foley catheter tube and urinary leg bag, taking care to maintain sterility.
8. Clamp catheter.
9. Hold Foley catheter tube with one hand; remove cap from straight urinary drainage bag and join straight drainage bag tube to Foley catheter tube.
10. Secure straight urinary drainage bag to side of the bed; position straight urinary drainage bag above the floor or below the level of patient's bladder.
11. Dispose of urine in patient's toilet.
12. Dispose of leg bag in patient's trash.
13. Document procedure, including the following, in patient's clinical record:
  - a. Results of changing urinary leg bag to straight urinary drainage bag
  - b. Date and time of procedure
  - c. Any pertinent observations made during the process.