INDWELLING URINARY CATHETER
NURSING-DIRECTED DISCONTINUATION PROTOCOL

All patients with urinary catheters are placed on the protocol unless excluded by provider order.

Was the catheter placed
- For urinary retention or obstruction?
- In conjunction with GU surgery or instrumentation?
- By Urology?

YES

Contact the ordering provider for discontinuation instructions/orders if not already noted in chart.

NO

Does the patient have one or more of the following conditions?
- Terminal illness receiving comfort care or withdrawal of care;
- Open perineal or sacral wounds;
- Critical illness AND a need for accurate monitoring of urinary output.

YES

LEAVE catheter in place
Reassess with change in shift, caregiver, or level of care

NO

Is the patient able to use one or more of the following?
- toilet
- bedpan
- urinal
- bedside commode
- adult protective garment

YES

REMOVE catheter

NO

Patient able to void within 4 hours following removal?

YES

Notify Provider.
Consider I/O catheterization.

NO

Evaluate bladder using bladder scanner

YES

Continue to monitor per unit standards.

Scanned volume ≥ 300 mL
AND / OR
Suprapubic pain

REPEAT BLADDER SCAN every 2 hours until:
(a) patient able to void OR
(b) patient meets criteria for I&O Cath

NO

Notify Provider.
Consider I/O catheterization.