

 <p>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</p>	<p>SECTION D: PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION CHAPTER 17: PHYSIOLOGICAL NURSING CARE</p> <p>POLICY AND PROCEDURE 17.5.8 Performing Suprapubic Catheter Care</p>
<p>Authorization: Nursing Executive Committee</p>	<p>Date Effective: May 1, 2018 Scope: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses</p>

PURPOSE: A suprapubic urinary catheter (SPC) is a flexible tube that is introduced percutaneously into the bladder through the abdominal wall at the midline just above the pubic bone to permit urine drainage.

POLICY: **Connecticut Valley Hospital's Nursing Executive Committee** has reviewed and approved the resources contained in *Nursing Reference Center* relating to Suprapubic Catheter Care. Click on the links below to review Nursing Practice and Skills/Skill Competency Checklists. **Note:** any policy information that is specific to Connecticut Valley Hospital will be displayed in the HOSPITAL SPECIFIC SECTION.

HOSPITAL SPECIFIC: At CVH the care of a SPC is performed by nurses, however, responsibility for patient assessment remains a registered nurse function. Care of an SPC involves regular assessment and inspection of the catheter, dressing (for newly inserted SPCs), and insertion site to evaluate the integrity of the catheter and monitor for microbial infection, changing the dressing and tubing, as indicated, regular cleansing of the external urethra/abdominal insertion site, changing the drainage system, and monitoring the catheter and tubing for obstruction.

SUPRAPUBIC CATHETER CARE: PERFORMING

Reference: CINAHL Nursing Guide, March 18, 2016

Click on link below for the Nursing Practice and Skill:

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