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Clean Intermittent self-catheterization

Definition:

Intermittent catheterization is the temporary placement of a catheter (tube) to remove urine from the body. This is usually done by placing the catheter through the urethra (the tube that leads from the bladder to the outside opening) to empty the bladder.

Alternative Names:

Self-catheterization; CISC; CIC; Intermittent catheterization

Information:

INTERMITTENT CATHETERS:

Some people may require catheterization for a short period of time or on an occasional basis. Intermittent (short-term) catheterization may be necessary for people with neurological disorders, women who have undergone certain gynecological surgeries, and anyone who is unable to properly empty the bladder.

The goal of intermittent catheterization is to prevent urinary tract infections, further bladder or kidney damage, and to completely empty the bladder. Most people are able to learn how to perform this procedure.

To perform clean intermittent self-catheterization (CISC), the person must learn the basic location of the important locations in the urinary system.

Additionally, the person must have the physical ability to reach the urethra, and must be able to move the equipment as necessary. People who are unable to see the urethra may be taught how to feel for the proper location of the urethral opening.

Catheters that are used for CISC are slightly different from the catheters used for long-term catheterization. A long-term catheter is held in place by a balloon -- CISC catheters do not have this balloon or the side port, found at the end of the catheter, for balloon inflation.

CISC catheters may be made of a clear plastic or a softer rubber material. These catheters also come in a variety of sizes.

Although some catheters are intended to be disposable, some CISC catheters may be reused.

HOW TO PERFORM CISC (MEN):

1. Assemble all equipment: catheter, lubricant, drainage receptacle (container).
2. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water and clean the penis and urethral opening.
3. Lubricate the catheter.