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Answering a Clinical Question Online

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Objectives

- Perform an online search for research evidence to answer a clinical question
- Locate e-resources on HEAL-WA, the health evidence website for WA state nurses and other health professional groups
- Identify strategies to improve searching skills to find appropriate evidence on the web to answer clinical questions

What is evidence-based practice?

- Evidence based medicine is the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual patients.
- The practice of evidence based medicine means integrating individual clinical expertise with the best available external clinical evidence from systematic research.

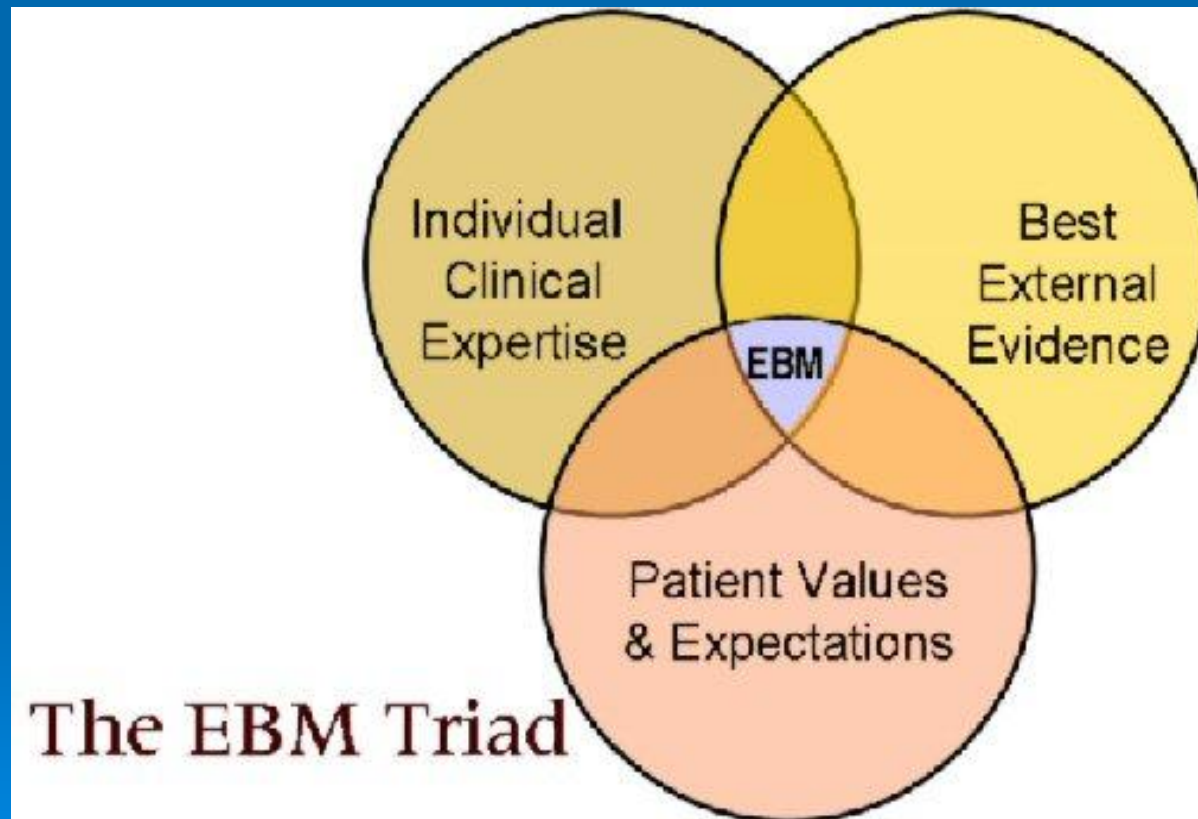
Sackett DL et al. *Evidence based medicine: what it is and what it isn't.* BMJ 1996 Jan 13; 312 (7023): 71-2.

What is evidence-based nursing practice?

"Evidence-based nursing (EBN) means using the best available evidence from research, along with patient preferences and clinical experience, when making nursing decisions."

Cullum N. Users' guides to the nursing literature: an introduction.
Evid Based Nurs 2000 Jul;3(3):71-2. doi:10.1136/ebn.3.3.71

Evidence-Based Practice



Why do nurses need to do EBP?

- Results in better patient outcomes:
Failure to use evidence results in lower quality, less effective, and more expensive care.

Berwick DM. Disseminating innovations in health care. *JAMA* 2003 Apr 16;289(15):1969-75.

- Standards of practice and “best practices” change over time
- Keeps practice current and relevant
- Increases confidence in decision making

What makes good evidence?

Good

- Based on scientific research
- RCT
- Systematic review
- Meta-analysis
- Clinical guidelines

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- Opinion
- Consensus
- Because it's been done this way for 100 years

Levels and Grades of Evidence

Levels of Evidence and Grades of Recommendations

Grade of recommendation	Level of evidence	Interventions
A	1a	Systematic review of randomized controlled trials
	1b	Individual randomized controlled trial
B	2a	Systematic review of cohort studies
	2b	Individual cohort study
	3a	Systematic review of case-control studies
	3b	Individual case-control study
C	4	Case series
D	5	Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal or based on physiology or bench research

5 (7) Steps for EBN Practice

1. Convert your information into an answerable question (PICO)
2. **Search the literature** for the best available evidence
3. **Critically appraise** the evidence for validity and usefulness
4. **Apply** the findings to your clinical practice along with clinical expertise and patient's perspective to plan care
5. **Evaluate** the outcomes of your practice decisions or changes based on evidence.

2 Additional Steps for EBP=7 Steps

Step 0: Cultivate a spirit of inquiry

Step 6: Disseminate EBP results

Melnyk BM, Fineout-Overholt E, Stillwell SB, Williamson KM. Evidence-based practice: step by step: the seven steps of evidence-based practice. *Am J Nurs* 2010 Jan;110(1):51-3. PMID: 20032669.

Refine Your Question

Step 1: Create an answerable question using the PICO framework

P Patient, Population, or Problem

I Intervention, prognostic factor, exposure

C Comparison

O Outcome

PICO Example

- **Initial question:** What type of indwelling catheter provides lower risk for urinary tract infections?
- **Reformulated question:** In hospitalized patients, which type of indwelling catheter, urethral versus suprapubic, provides lower risk for urinary tract infections?

PICO

PATIENT/POP/PROBLEM – hospitalized adult patients needing bladder drainage

INTERVENTION – indwelling catheter

COMPARISON – urethral versus suprapubic

OUTCOME – lower risk for urinary tract infections

Where can you find evidence
a click away?



HEAL-WA *heal-wa.org*

Health Electronic Resource for Washington

- Began: January 2009
- Website: offers online access to a collection of health information resources
- Who has access? selected health care providers in Washington **YES, NURSES !**
- Funded by: license fees
- Mission: provide you with evidence-based information to support patient care

What is included in HEAL-WA?

- **Resources:** electronic databases, online texts, and e-journals
- Includes information resources specific to nurses, such as *CINAHL* and the *Nursing Reference Center*
- Other excellent resources: *MEDLINE*, *DynaMed*, *Cochrane*, *Natural Standard*
- Gives practitioners access to timely, **evidence-based answers** to patient care Q's

How do I get to HEAL-WA?

- Site address: *heal-wa.org*
- Use the “**Getting Started**” link to set up your UW NetID and password
- You will need your RN license number in order to set up your UW NetID (even if you hold an advanced practice license)
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Stat!Ref

MedlinePlus - Health Information for Patients

Authoritative information for patients and health consumers from the US National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other government agencies and health-related organizations.

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Health Topics A-Z

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Natural Standard provides high-quality, evidence-based information on dietary supplements (including herbs, vitamins, and minerals), functional foods, diets, complementary practices (modalities), exercises, and medical conditions.

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The EthnoMed site contains information about cultural beliefs, medical issues and other related issues pertinent to the health care of recent immigrants to Seattle or the US, many of whom are refugees fleeing war-torn parts of the world. It includes information for patients as well as for providers.

RHIN@ - Refugee Health Information Network

RHIN@ is a national collaborative partnership managed by refugee health professionals whose objective is to provide quality multilingual, health information resources for those providing care to resettled refugees and asylees.

HEAL-WA Toolkit: ARNP

Physician, PA, ARNP

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DynaMed

With clinically-organized summaries for more than 3,000 topics, DynaMed is a clinical reference tool created for physicians and other health care professionals for use primarily at the 'point-of-care'.

Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy

Current Medical Diagnosis & Treatment - 49th Ed. (2010)

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AHFS Drug Information® (2008)

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Drug Information Portal

From the US National Library of Medicine. Searches more than a dozen sources for information about more than 12,000 drugs.

LactMed

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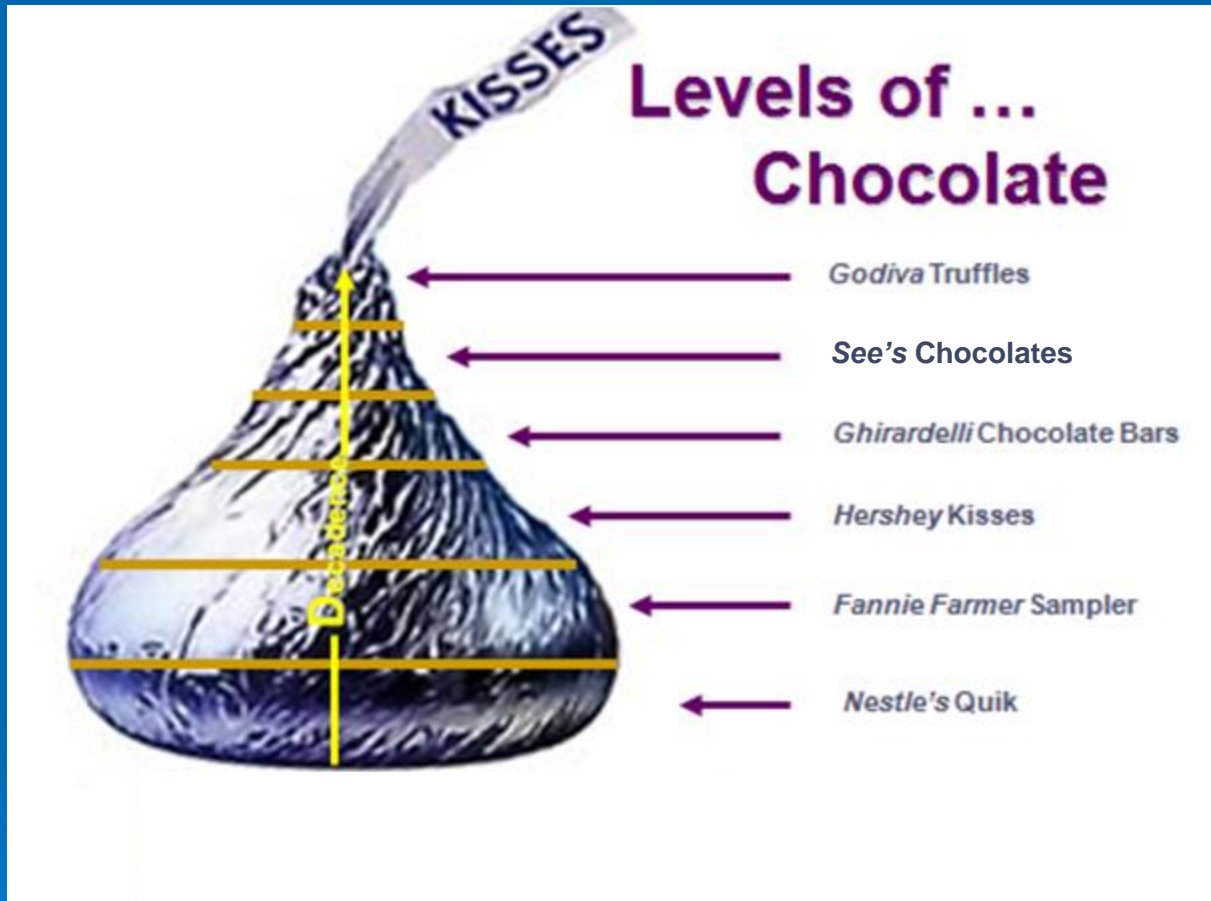
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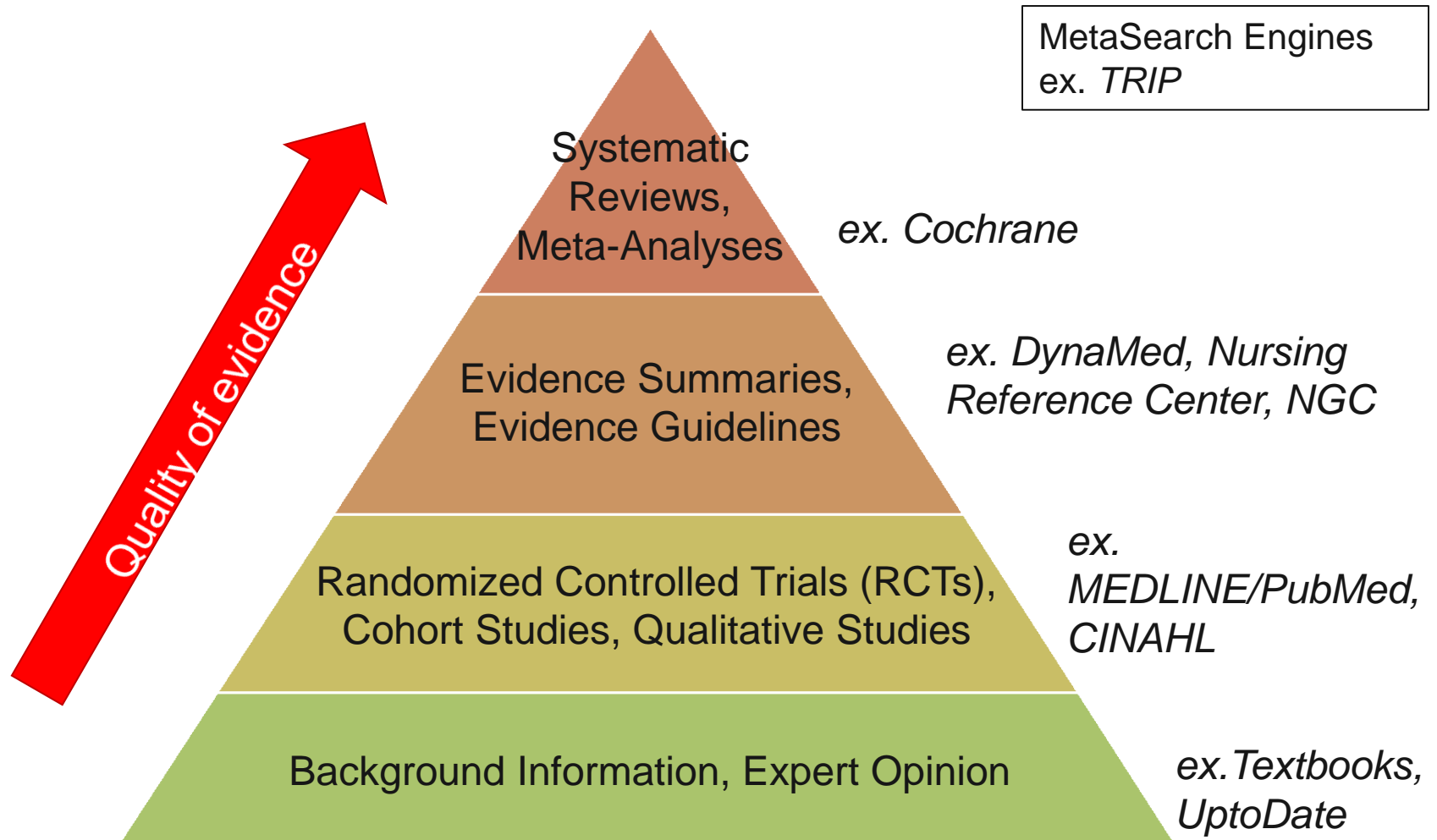
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answer your Clinical Question***






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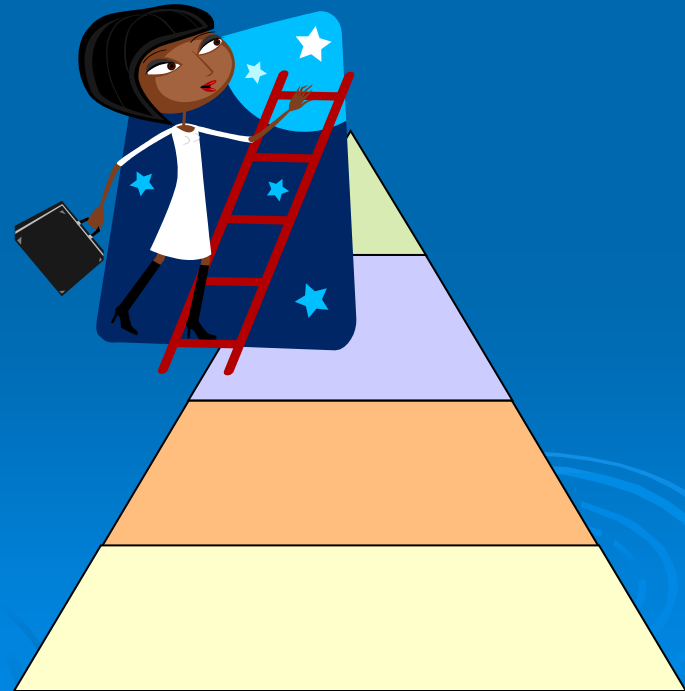
Live Demo of HEAL-WA Resources

The following slides are examples of the resources on HEAL-WA that will be searched to answer a clinical question.

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Search for Systematic Review and Meta-Analyses Resources

- Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR)
- PubMed/MEDLINE Systematic Reviews
- CINAHL/CINAHL Plus



Systematic review vs Meta-analysis

➤ Systematic review:

- a literature review of RCTs focused on a single question which tries to identify, appraise, select and synthesize all high quality research evidence relevant to that question.
- Uses explicit methods to identify, select and critically evaluate relevant research.

➤ Meta-analysis:

- a systematic review combining results of several studies using quantitative statistics.

Cochrane Database

The screenshot displays the Cochrane Database search interface. At the top left is the EBSCO HOST logo. The search bar contains the text "Searching: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews" and a link "Choose Databases »". The search terms are "catheter*", "urinary tract infections", and "urethral or suprapubic", each in a blue box. The search is performed in the "Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews". The results are displayed in a list format, with the first result highlighted in a red box. The first result is titled "Types of urethral catheters for management of short-term voiding problems in hospitalised adults" and is a Cochrane Review. The second result is titled "Urinary catheter policies for long-term bladder drainage" and is also a Cochrane Review. The third result is titled "Urinary catheter policies for short-term bladder drainage in adults" and is also a Cochrane Review. A red arrow points to the PDF Full Text link for the third result.

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BACKGROUND: **Urinary tract** infection (UTI) is the most common hospital acquired infection. The major associated cause is indwelling **urinary catheters**. Currently there are many types of **catheters** a...

Subjects: Adult; Humans; Alloys; Anti-Infective Agents, Urinary therapeutic use; Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic; Silver; Urinary Catheterization adverse effects; Catheters, Indwelling adverse effects; Cross Infection etiology; Urinary Catheterization instrumentation; Urinary Tract Infections etiology; Urination Disorders therapy

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BACKGROUND: People requiring long-term bladder draining commonly experience **catheter-associated urinary tract** infection and other problems. OBJECTIVES: To determine if certain **catheter** policies a...

Subjects: Humans; Bacteriuria prevention & control; Catheters, Indwelling adverse effects; Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic; Urinary Catheterization adverse effects; Urinary Tract Infections etiology; Antibiotic Prophylaxis; Drainage instrumentation; Urinary Catheterization methods; Urinary Tract Infections prevention & control

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Abstract

Background

Indwelling urinary catheters are often used for bladder drainage during hospital care. Urinary tract infection is a common complication. Other issues that should be considered when choosing an approach to catheterisation are patients' comfort, other complications/adverse effects, and costs.

Objectives

To determine the advantages and disadvantages of alternative approaches to catheterisation for short-term bladder drainage in adults.

Search strategy

We searched the Cochrane Incontinence Group Specialised Register (searched 29 May 2006). Additionally, we examined all reference lists of identified trials.

Selection criteria

All randomised and quasi-randomised trials comparing catheter route of insertion for adults catheterised for up to 14 days.

Data collection and analysis

Data were extracted by both reviewers independently and compared. Disagreements were resolved by discussion. Data were processed as described in the Cochrane Handbook. If the data in trials had not been fully reported, clarification was sought directly from the authors.

Main results

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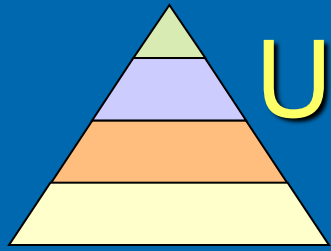
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Finding Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses in *PubMed/MEDLINE* and *CINAHL*

- In CINAHL:
 - Refine search to Publication Type: **Systematic Review**
 - Search **Meta Analysis** as a Subject Heading
- In PubMed/MEDLINE:
 - Select **Systematic Reviews** in Clinical Queries section
 - Limit to **Meta-analysis** as Publication/Type of Article



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2. Washout policies in long-term indwelling urinary catheterisation in adults

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2010

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Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2009

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4. Removal of Short-term Indwelling Urethral Catheters

Joanna Briggs Institute 2006

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5. Catheter care: RCN guidance for nurses

Royal College of Nursing 2008

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6. Short term urinary catheter policies following urogenital surgery in adults

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2006

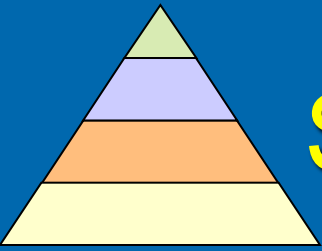
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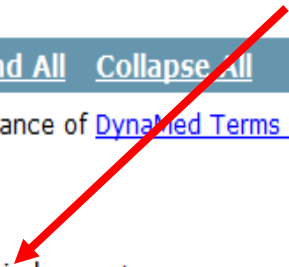
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- Updated 2011 Apr 14 02:36:00 PM: urinary catheter reminder systems may reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections in hospitalized adults (Clin Infect Dis 2010 Sep 1) [view update](#)
- ultrasound bladder scanner for monitoring urinary retention after surgery may reduce risk of catheter-associated urinary tract infection (J Clin Nurs 2010 Nov) [view update](#)
- silver alloy or antibiotic impregnated indwelling catheters may reduce asymptomatic bacteriuria in short-term catheterized hospitalized adults (Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2010 Nov 10;(11):CD00401) [view update](#)

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overstates clinical importance

- **suprapubic catheters reduce rates of bacteriuria, recatheterization and discomfort compared with indwelling urethral catheters but clinical significance of bacteriuria uncertain**
 - based on Cochrane review
 - systematic review of 17 randomized trials comparing catheter routes for up to 14 days
 - 14 trials compared indwelling urethral catheters vs. suprapubic catheters and found indwelling catheters associated with more bacteriuria, more frequent recatheterization and more discomfort
 - 3 trials compared indwelling urethral catheters vs. intermittent catheterization of which 2 trials with data found fewer cases of bacteriuria with intermittent catheterization while cost analyses favored indwelling catheters
 - limited evidence overall regarding complications or adverse effects
 - Reference - systematic review last updated 2005 May 25 ([Cochrane Library 2005 Issue 3:CD004203](#))
- **suprapubic catheterization reduces rates of bacteriuria (level 3 [lacking direct] evidence) and appears more comfortable with lower recatheterization rates (level 2 [mid-level] evidence) compared to transurethral catheterization for bladder drainage after abdominal surgery**
 - based on systematic review with heterogeneity
 - systematic review of 8 randomized trials comparing suprapubic vs. transurethral catheterization for bladder drainage after abdominal surgery
 - comparing suprapubic vs. transurethral catheterization
 - 10.7% vs. 20.6% had bacteriuria ($p = 0.0008$, NNT 11) in meta-analysis of 5 trials with 550 patients
 - 5.1% vs. 9.7% recatheterization rates in meta-analysis of 6 trials with 600 patients, but not statistically significant after adjusting for heterogeneity
 - 10.6% vs. 35.2% had pain or discomfort ($p = 0.004$, NNT 4) in meta-analysis of 4 trials with 462 patients, but analysis limited by heterogeneity ($p = 0.06$)
 - Reference - [Br J Surg 2006 Sep;93\(9\):1038](#)
 - **no significant differences in rates of bacteriuria comparing suprapubic catheterization vs. clean intermittent self-catheterization (31% vs. 23%)** in randomized trials following urogynecologic surgery ([Am J Obstet Gynecol 2007 Jul;197\(1\)](#))
- antimicrobial-coated urinary catheters
 - **silver alloy or antibiotic impregnated indwelling catheters may reduce asymptomatic bacteriuria in short-term catheterized hospitalized adults (level 3 [lacking direct] evidence)**
 - based on Cochrane review without clinical outcomes


DynaMed

Level of evidence

Reviews:

- review can be found in [Arch Int](#) [5;164\(8\):842](#)
- review of hospital-acquired infection and negative bacteria can be found in [N Engl J Med 2010 May 13;362\(19\):1804](#)
- review of nosocomial infections in intensive care units can be found in [Lancet 2003 Jun 14;361\(9374\):2068](#)  [EBSCOhost Full Text](#), commentary can be found in [Lancet 2003 Aug 9;362\(9382\):493](#)  [EBSCOhost Full Text](#)

Guidelines:

- guidelines on prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infection
 - European Association of Urology (EAU) guideline on treatment of urological infections (catheter-associated urinary tract infection) can be found at [EAU PDF](#) or at [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2010 March 22:14808](#)
 - United States Department of Health and Human Services prioritized recommendations to prevent catheter-associated urinary tract infections can be found at [HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-associated Infections accessed 2009 Jan 7](#)
 - Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC, panel to CDC and HHS) guideline on prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infections 2009 can be found in [Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2010 Apr;31\(4\):319](#) or at [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2010 Apr 19:15519](#)
 - Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America guideline on strategies to prevent catheter-associated urinary tract infections in acute care hospitals can be found in [Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2008 Oct;29 Suppl 1:S41](#) or at [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2009 May 18:13394](#)
 - Massachusetts Department of Public Health guideline on prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infections can be found at [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2009 Feb 9:12923](#)
- NICE guideline on prevention of healthcare-associated infection in primary and community care can be found at [NICE 2006 Jun:CG2](#) or at [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2005 Jul 25:5069](#)
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INTRODUCTION — Urinary tract infections (UTI) associated with urinary catheters are the leading cause of secondary nosocomial bacteremia. Approximately 20 percent of hospital-acquired bacteremias arise from the urinary tract, and the mortality associated with this condition is about 10 percent [1].

Issues related to symptomatic and asymptomatic bacteriuria (both of which are subsets of UTI and are sometimes referred to as symptomatic or asymptomatic UTI) in patients with indwelling bladder catheters will be reviewed here.

Issues related to asymptomatic bacteriuria and cystitis in other circumstances, and the indications for placement, methods of catheterization, and management and complications of bladder catheters are discussed separately (see "[Approach to the adult with asymptomatic bacteriuria](#)" and "[Acute cystitis in women](#)" and "[Acute cystitis and asymptomatic bacteriuria in men](#)" and "[Placement and management of urinary bladder catheters](#)" and "[Complications of urinary bladder catheters and preventive strategies](#)").

DEFINITIONS — Asymptomatic bacteriuria (with or without an indwelling catheter) is characterized by a urine culture with >10(5) colony forming units (cfu)/mL of uropathogenic bacteria in the absence of fever >38°C, suprapubic tenderness or costovertebral angle pain or tenderness [2]. While the CDC has established a definition of >10(5) colony forming units (cfu)/mL, the IDSA has defined asymptomatic bacteriuria as a single catheterized specimen with isolation of a single organism in quantitative counts of ≥10(2) cfu/mL [3]. The more sensitive definition reflects the lower threshold for diagnosis when urine is being sampled by direct bladder puncture or fresh diagnostic catheterization with careful pre-procedure site preparation; it is not so useful in the setting of indwelling catheters.

Symptomatic catheter-related bacteriuria (usually referred to as UTI since a clinically significant infection is inferred) is defined as the presence of fever >38°C, suprapubic tenderness, costovertebral angle tenderness, or otherwise unexplained systemic symptoms such as altered mental status, hypotension, or evidence of a systemic inflammatory response syndrome, together with one of the following laboratory profiles [4]:

- Urine culture with >10(5) cfu/mL irrespective of urinalysis results
- Urine culture with >10(3) cfu/mL with evidence of pyuria (dipstick positive for leukocyte esterase and/or nitrite, microscopic pyuria or presence of microbes seen on Gram stain of unspun urine).

Patients who are no longer catheterized but had indwelling urinary catheters within the past 48 hours are also considered to have catheter-associated UTI if they meet these definitions.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PATHOGENESIS — Bacteriuria in patients with indwelling bladder catheters occurs at a rate of

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Urinary Catheter Use and Prevention of Infection

What We Know

- Catheterization results in over 1 million urinary tract infections (UTIs) each year in the United States; catheter use is the leading cause of nosocomial infection. Nosocomial infections are associated with increased hospitalizations, increased morbidity and mortality, longer inpatient stays, and increased hospital costs^(2, 5, 8)
- Urinary catheters can be used on a short-term basis or long-term basis; long-term catheters are indwelling catheters, and hospitalized patients and patients in skilled nursing facilities often require indwelling catheters^(4, 9)
 - Short-term catheterization can involve intermittent catheterization (i.e., inserting and immediately removing the catheter when the bladder is emptied) or temporary placement of a catheter that is attached to a drainage bag for urine collection⁽²⁾
 - Long-term indwelling urinary catheters are used primarily for patients with urinary incontinence, urinary retention, or both⁽⁹⁾
- Catheters come in many types (e.g., straight, Foley, coude tip) and can be made of many different materials (e.g., silicone, latex, Teflon, silver)^(4, 9)
 - Silicone and silver catheters may reduce the risk of infection; Teflon and silicone catheters are used for patients who are allergic to latex
 - There are two types of drainage bags: a leg bag (i.e., a smaller urine collection bag that attaches to the leg with elastic bands, commonly used during the day) and a down drain (i.e., a larger collection bag that must be attached to a stable, above-the-floor object [e.g., the side of a bed], usually used at night)
- The most common complications of urinary catheterization are UTIs, bacteriuria (i.e., subclinical presence of bacteria in the urine), encrustation, and blockage. Other complications include hematuria (i.e., blood in the urine), urethral erosions, strictures, and injury; bladder stones; skin breakdown; septicemia (i.e., blood infection); renal disease/failure; and bladder cancer^(2, 3, 4, 8, 9)
 - Bladder cancer is a rare complication of long-term indwelling catheter use
 - Bacteriuria/UTIs: Bacteriuria and pyuria (i.e., pus in the urine) occur in most UTIs^(2, 3, 4)
 - UTIs are caused when bacteria is introduced into the bladder. Bacteria can enter the urinary tract in four ways
 - Upon initial catheter insertion
 - When the catheter enters the urethra
 - By ascending the catheter tubing from the drainage tubing and bag
 - When the drainage bag is incorrectly emptied
 - Although many patients are asymptomatic, catheter-related UTI symptoms (e.g., hematuria, renal inflammation, kidney infection, bladder spasms, elevated levels of white blood cells, and fever) differ from symptoms of non-catheter-related UTIs (e.g., burning or pain during urination, frequent urination, and lower abdominal pain or pressure)
 - Risk factors for catheter-associated UTIs include female gender, age over 60, long-term catheter use, debilitated condition, and postpartum state⁽¹⁾
 - Closed drainage systems are preferred over open drainage systems since they pose less risk for UTIs
 - Large catheters are associated with higher UTI rates because they are more likely to cause leakage and obstruct normal urethral secretions
 - Coated catheters result in fewer cases of bacteriuria than uncoated catheters since gram-positive or gram-negative bacteria cannot adhere to the coated catheter surface⁽¹⁰⁾
 - Encrustation and blockage: Encrustation causes blockage of the catheter lumen^(2, 4)
 - The primary cause of encrustation is the formation of crystal deposits resulting from increased urine pH due to the presence of the urease-producing bacteria *Proteus mirabilis*
 - Patients at risk for blockage include those who require catheters for incontinence and retention, those who need catheter replacement at less than 6 weeks, and those who have a history of bladder stones
 - Using a larger lumen catheter may reduce the risk of encrustation because crystal deposits take longer to form
 - Irrigation solutions may reduce/dissolve crystal deposits but may not effectively remove urease-producing bacteria
 - The clinical presentation of a patient with catheterization-related complications may include^(4, 5, 8, 9)
 - fever and chills
 - thick, cloudy, bloody, or foul-smelling urine

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Complications associated with catheters

- renal inflammation or kidney infection
- suprapubic pain/tenderness or flank pain
- large quantities of urine leaking from the catheter
- worsening mental or functional status
- little to no urine drainage from the catheter despite adequate fluid intake
- Strategies for preventing infection in catheterized patients include^(4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11)
 - daily cleaning of the urethral meatus and catheter with soap and water
 - using the smallest gauge catheter possible
 - increasing the patient's fluid intake
 - draining the drainage bag when it becomes full, or at least once every 8 hours, to prevent migration of bacteria
 - keeping the drainage bag lower than the level of the patient's bladder to prevent backflow of urine into the bladder
 - cleaning the drainage bag outlet valve with soap and water
 - disinfecting the drainage bag with vinegar or chlorine bleach and water and allowing it to air dry
 - alternating indwelling catheter use with either suprapubic (i.e., a catheter inserted through the abdomen and placed directly into the bladder) or intermittent catheterization
 - removing the catheter as soon as possible
 - washing hands and wearing gloves before handling the catheter and drainage bag
 - emptying the drainage bag prior to patient transport and avoiding clamping the catheter during transport
 - replacing the entire catheter and drainage bag if leakage or obstruction occurs
 - avoiding kinks in the catheter tubing
 - irrigating the drainage bag only if there is catheter obstruction
 - securing the catheter tubing to the thigh/body, which can help reduce urethral irritation, injury, infection, and bladder neck trauma as well as increase patient comfort
 - Types of catheter securement devices include Velcro closure straps and adhesive catheter anchors (e.g., Cath-Secure, K-Loak, or Staff-Lock Foley stabilization device)
- A 2009 randomized study of 239 patients who underwent abdominal surgery with perioperative intraurethral urinary catheters reported that antibiotic prophylaxis with trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (Septra) at the time of catheter removal significantly reduced the rate of symptomatic UTI and bacteriuria⁽⁹⁾

What We Can Do

- Become knowledgeable about evidence-based recommendations for preventing UTIs caused by catheters so you can accurately assess your patients' personal characteristics and health education needs, share this information with your colleagues
- Collaborate with your hospital's education department to provide ongoing training on indications for catheter use, procedures for insertion and securing, and prevention and monitoring of infections
- Wash hands frequently, use aseptic techniques and sterile barriers when inserting a catheter and obtaining urine samples, and follow facility protocols for catheter care; always secure the catheter and maintain a closed drainage system
- Assess your patients for risk factors for catheter-associated UTI, which include female gender, age over 60, immobility, and history of bladder stones
- Monitor for signs of complications in your patients with catheters: strong smell, cloudy or thick urine, blood around the catheter, urethral swelling around the catheter, urinary incontinence, elevated levels of white blood cells, and the presence of bacteriuria and pyuria; be aware that patients with catheter-related UTIs may be asymptomatic

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Urinary Catheter Insertion and Care

What Is Urinary Catheter Insertion and Care?

- ▶ A urinary catheter is any tube device or system that is inserted into the bladder for the purpose of urinary drainage. Placement of a urinary catheter may be indicated following urinary tract surgery, for relief of urinary retention, or to facilitate urine collection in patients who are incontinent and/or incapacitated.
- **What and How:** A urinary drainage catheter, made of flexible latex, silicone, or Teflon, is inserted into the bladder through the urethra (called transurethral catheterization, commonly referred to as Foley catheter insertion if indwelling catheterization is ordered) or by suprapubic catheterization through a percutaneous abdominal incision. The focus of the *How To* section of this paper is on performing transurethral catheter insertion.
 - During transurethral catheterization, the catheter is placed into the urethra and extended into the bladder using sterile technique. Once the catheter is in place, urine will flow freely through it until the bladder is emptied. The catheter is then removed if intermittent catheterization has been ordered or left in place for ongoing bladder drainage if indwelling catheterization has been ordered. The indwelling catheter is secured by inflating the balloon attached to the tip of the catheter inside the bladder with sterile water. Indwelling catheters are attached to a collection bag placed below the level of the bladder, allowing urine to flow into the collection bag by gravity. The procedure is moderately invasive and can be painful to patients who have urethral irritation.
 - Suprapubic catheterization is a surgical procedure requiring anesthesia during which the catheter is inserted into the bladder through an abdominal wall incision for the purpose of ongoing urinary drainage. Suprapubic catheters are indicated when placement of a transurethral catheter is contraindicated or is unsuccessful.
 - Catheter care is performed regularly on all urinary catheters to confirm that the system is intact and to prevent the proliferation of bacterial microorganisms, which can lead to infection of the urinary tract. Catheter care involves regular cleansing of the insertion site and the catheter device/system, checking of all connections, emptying the collection bag, and verifying proper placement of the collection bag. Depending on the indication for catheterization and/or the treating clinician orders, catheter care can include periodic or continuous irrigation.
- **Where:** Transurethral catheterization is commonly performed in inpatient, outpatient, and homecare settings. Suprapubic catheterization is performed in an outpatient surgical facility, in the operating room of a hospital, or at the bedside in an inpatient facility.
- **Who:** Transurethral catheterization can be performed by registered nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants. Suprapubic catheter insertion is typically performed by a urology clinician specialist. Patients can learn to self-perform intermittent catheterization at home when indicated for certain medical conditions and ordered by the treating clinician. Registered and licensed practical (vocational) nurses are principally responsible for routine catheter care and for patient education regarding self-catheterization. These tasks should not be delegated to assistive healthcare staff. Because of the need to promote patient privacy, it is usually not appropriate for family members to be present during the urinary catheter insertion and care. Exceptions can be made in the case of young children because the presence of a parent or other supportive adult known to the child will reduce the child's anxiety and promote cooperation with the procedure.

Why Is Urinary Catheter Insertion and Care Ordered?

- ▶ To relieve urinary retention due to acute or chronic obstruction, benign prostatic hyperplasia, or neurogenic bladder
- ▶ For the collection of sterile urine for laboratory analysis
- ▶ To measure residual bladder volume in evaluation of voiding dysfunction
- ▶ To precisely measure urinary output (e.g., in critically ill or surgical patients)
- ▶ To instill fluid into the bladder for a diagnostic procedure (e.g., pelvic ultrasound)
- ▶ As treatment for incontinence when other methods have proven unsuccessful and when it is essential to keep the perineal area clean of urine (e.g., for a patient at risk for a pressure ulcer or with an existing pressure ulcer)

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instilled, apply gentle traction to the catheter until resistance is met to verify that the balloon is adequately inflated and the indwelling catheter will not be expelled.

- ▶ If not already connected, connect the drainage bag to the catheter by attaching the tubing to the exposed end of the catheter. Place the drainage bag below the level of the bladder to allow urine to flow out of the bladder by gravity.
 - **Do not attach the drainage bag to the bed rails because doing so can result in pulling the catheter when the bed rails are lowered or raised.**
- ▶ Secure the catheter and tubing with hypoallergenic tape or a Velcro strap to the patient's inner thigh, and clip the drainage tubing to the mattress. Allow for enough slack in the drainage tubing so the patient can move his/her thigh without pulling the catheter.
- ▶ Discard gloves and other used materials in the proper receptacles and assist the patient into a comfortable position.
- ▶ Perform hand hygiene.
- ▶ Document catheter insertion, patient response to the procedure, urine specimen obtained, urine characteristics if appropriate, and patient education in the patient's medical record.

How To Perform Catheter Care

- ▶ Cleanse the insertion site (e.g., the urethral meatus or the incision site on the abdomen) and the catheter itself with soap and water daily and if soiled. If the patient has a suprapubic catheter, follow cleansing with the application of a dry dressing to the insertion site.
- ▶ Check all connections between the catheter, tubing, and the drainage bag daily to verify that the drainage system is intact.
- ▶ Empty the drainage bag at least every 8 hours or earlier if it is full. Cleanse the port of the catheter drainage bag before and after emptying the bag.
- ▶ Maintain drainage bag placement lower than the bladder at all times and attach it securely to the patient's bed or chair.
- ▶ Document the performance of catheter care, the amount and appearance of urine after emptying the drainage bag, patient response to the procedure, and any patient education in the patient's medical record.

Other Tests, Treatments, or Procedures That May Be Necessary Before or After Urinary Catheter Insertion and Care

- ▶ Bacterial culture and antibiotic sensitivity testing will be performed on urine if UTI is suspected, antibiotics will be prescribed if UTI is diagnosed.
- ▶ If the catheter becomes blocked or the area around the insertion site becomes painful, the catheter may need to be replaced.
- ▶ Urinary specimens should be transported promptly to the laboratory for testing, and results reviewed for abnormalities when available.
- ▶ Bladder irrigation may be ordered if urinary catheter obstruction occurs or following certain surgical procedures (e.g., transurethral resection of the prostate [TURP]), if ordered by the treating clinician. For more information, see *Nursing Practice & Skill: Bladder Irrigation and Nursing Practice & Skill: Urinary Catheter Insertion and Care—Patients Following TURP*.

What to Expect After Urinary Catheter Insertion and Care

- ▶ The catheter will be inserted using sterile technique and with minimal patient discomfort.
- ▶ The bladder will be completely emptied of urine either intermittently or continuously as ordered by the treating clinician.
- ▶ Any signs or symptoms of UTI or other complications of urinary catheterization will be promptly identified and treated.

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- ▶ Potential complications of catheter use include:
 - bladder stones due to accumulation of urinary crystals, which can result in catheter blockage
 - hematuria due to pulling on the catheter
 - skin breakdown in the urethral meatus or lower extremities due to friction from the catheter or urinary drainage bag tubing
 - urethral injury, which can occur during insertion or due to pulling on the catheter
 - UTI/sepsis due to a break in sterile technique or insufficient or improper catheter care
 - displacement of the catheter due to deflation of the catheter balloon, which is indicated by an increase in the length of the catheter that is visible outside the urethral meatus
- ▶ Fever, abdominal pain, foul-smelling urine, and/or hematuria may be indicative of a UTI. In patients with UTI, bacteria can ascend rapidly through the ureters to the kidneys, potentially causing damage to the kidneys and, in some cases, sepsis. Signs and symptoms of UTI should be reported promptly to the treating clinician.

What Do I Need to Tell the Patient/Patient's Family?

- ▶ Educate regarding indications for catheter placement, details regarding the procedure, risks and benefits of the procedure, and any discomfort the patient may experience.
- ▶ If laboratory testing or other diagnostic procedures are ordered, explain how these procedures are performed and when the results will likely become available.
- ▶ If intermittent catheterization or care of an indwelling catheter will be self-performed by the patient at home, educate the patient and family, if present, about techniques for insertion and observe the patient performing self-catheterization at least once if possible.

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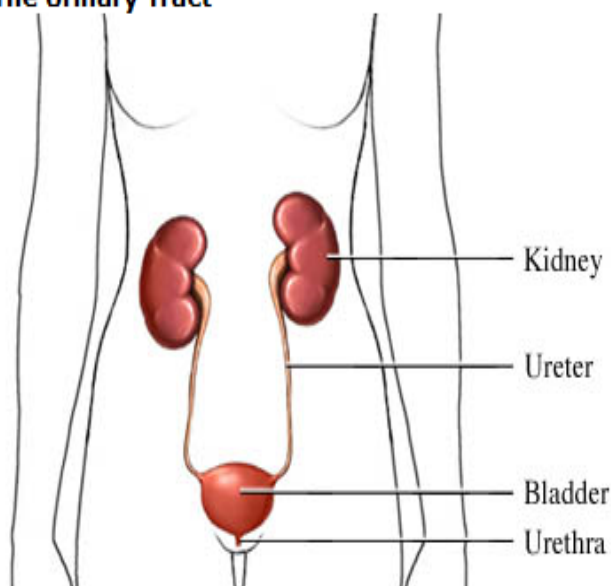
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Definition

UTIs are caused by bacteria. The bacteria invade the urinary system and multiply. The infection can occur in any part of the urinary system, but usually starts in the urethra. The urethra is a tube that carries the urine out of the body.

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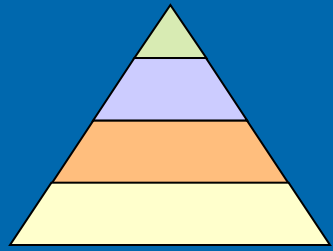
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Recommendations

Strategies to Consider Prior to Catheter Insertion

Infection Prevention

13. Hospitals and long term care facilities (LTCFs) should develop, maintain, and promulgate policies and procedures for recommended catheter insertion indications, insertion and maintenance techniques, discontinuation strategies, and replacement indications **(A-III)**.
 - i. Strategies should include education and training of staff relevant to these policies and procedures **(A-III)**.
14. Institutions may consider feedback of CA-bacteriuria rates to nurses and physicians on a regular basis to reduce the risk of CA-bacteriuria **(C-II)**.
 - i. Data are insufficient to make a recommendation as to whether such an intervention might reduce the risk of CA-UTI.
15. Data are insufficient to make a recommendation as to whether institutions should place patients with indwelling urinary catheters in different rooms from other patients who have indwelling urinary catheters or other invasive devices to reduce the risk of CA-bacteriuria or CA-UTI.

Alternatives to Indwelling Urethral Catheterization

16. In men for whom a urinary catheter is indicated and who have minimal postvoid residual urine, condom catheterization should be considered as an alternative to short-term **(A-II)** and long-term **(B-II)** indwelling catheterization to reduce CA-bacteriuria in those who are not cognitively impaired.
 - i. Data are insufficient to make a recommendation as to whether condom catheterization is preferable to short-term or long-term indwelling urethral catheterization for reduction of CA-UTI.
 - ii. Data are insufficient to make a recommendation as to whether condom catheterization is preferable to short-term or long-term indwelling urethral catheterization for reduction of CA-bacteriuria in those who are cognitively impaired.
17. Intermittent catheterization should be considered as an alternative to short-term **(C-I)** or long-term **(A-III)** indwelling urethral catheterization to reduce CA-bacteriuria and an alternative to short-term **(C-III)** or long-term **(A-III)** indwelling urethral catheterization to reduce CA-UTI.
18. Suprapubic catheterization may be considered as an alternative to short-term indwelling urethral catheterization to reduce CA-bacteriuria **(B-I)** and CA-UTI **(C-III)**.
 - i. Data are insufficient to make a recommendation as to whether suprapubic catheterization is preferable to long-term indwelling urethral catheterization for reduction of CA-bacteriuria or CA-UTI.
 - ii. Data are insufficient to make a recommendation as to whether intermittent catheterization is preferable to suprapubic catheterization for reduction of CA-bacteriuria or CA-UTI.

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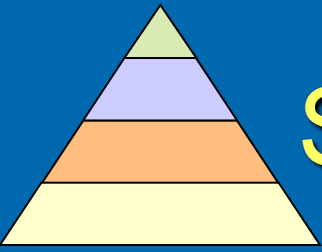
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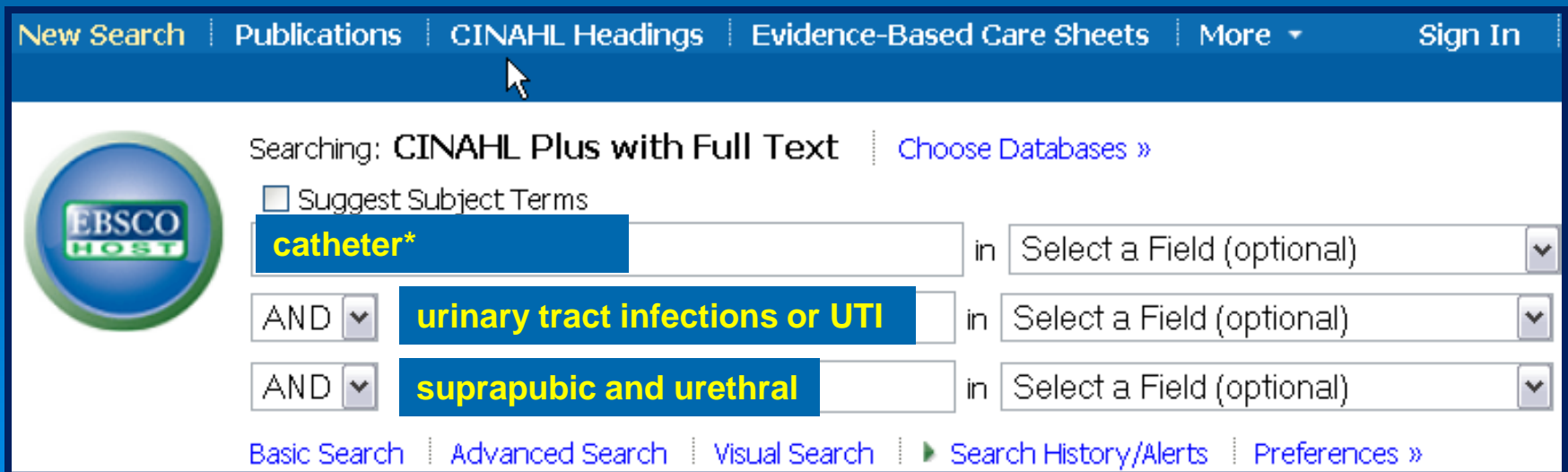
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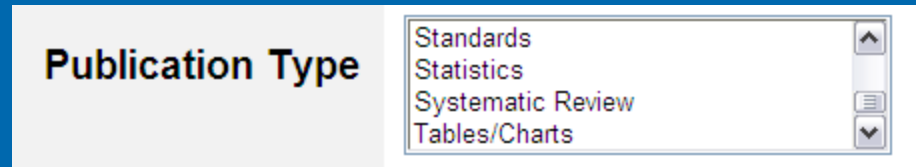
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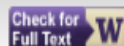
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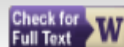
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Abstract: Objective: Bladder management for male patients with SCI is often limited by restrictions set forth by each patient. The objective of this study was to compare versus **suprapubic** tube (SPT) in patients with SCI. Methods: A study was carried out to identify SCI patients managed with SPT or urethral catheterization. Bladder stones, renal calculi, **urethral** complications, and urinary tract infections were evaluated to determine whether there was a significant difference between the two **catheterization** methods. Results: No complications specific to each group that could not be attributed to the SPT and SPT revision in the SPT group. Average serum creatinine was 1.2 mg/dl respectively. Conclusion: SCI patients with a chronic SCI may benefit from **urethral** and scrotal complications may be avoided with SPT. Serum creatinine was maintained in both groups. SPT should be selected on the basis of long-term comfort and ease of management challenges.

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RCT of urethral versus suprapubic catheterization.

Authors: Dixon L; Dolan LM; Brown K; Hilton P

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Abstract: Objective: To compare the use of intermittent **urethral catheterization** with indwelling **suprapubic catheterization** in women undergoing surgery for urodynamic stress incontinence or uterovaginal prolapse. Design: Randomized controlled trial. Setting: Tertiary referral urogynaecology unit. Population: Women undergoing surgery for pelvic organ prolapse and/or stress **urinary** incontinence. Methods: Women were randomized into one of two groups. Group 1 had bladder drainage using a **suprapubic catheter** inserted in theatre. The **catheter** was left on free drainage for 48 hours post-operatively before clamping. Group 2 was **catheterized** intermittently post-operatively. Main outcome measures: Length of post-operative hospital stay; time to resume normal voiding (defined as voided volumes greater than 200 ml and residual urine volumes less than 100 ml on three occasions); number of **urinary tract infections** (UTIs); **catheterization** costs; patient experience (determined from questionnaire); and a pain score. Results: 75 women were randomized; 38 to **suprapubic catheterization**; 37 to intermittent **catheterization**. Three were withdrawn from study, leaving 36 women in each group. Groups were closely matched for age and type of surgery undertaken. Length of hospital stay and total duration of **catheterization** were both significantly shorter for the intermittent **catheterization** group; although there was no difference in the rate of **UTI** between the two groups. There was no clear patient preference for a specific **catheterization** method. Conclusions: The use of intermittent **catheterization** following urogynaecological surgery is associated with a more rapid return to normal micturition and a shorter hospital stay, although the clinical significance of the difference is perhaps limited.

RCT of urethral versus suprapubic catheterization

Liz Dixon, Lucia M Dolan, Karen Brown, Paul Hilton

The use of catheterization following pelvic surgery is intended to prevent urinary retention and its associated long-term risks.

A number of factors have been identified which predispose patients to developing voiding difficulties following pelvic surgery (Hilton, 1987). These include:

- Pain and perineural oedema
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In most cases, indwelling catheterization via urethral or suprapubic routes has been the standard method of bladder drainage following gynaecological surgery.

The usual practice of the authors has been routine insertion of an indwelling suprapubic catheter in theatre, with catheterization discontinued when normal voiding has resumed. The authors defined normal voiding to be voided volumes greater than 200 ml and residual urine volumes less than 100 ml on three occasions.

Suprapubic catheterization involves the insertion of an indwelling catheter through the anterior abdominal wall and into the dome of the bladder. Urethral integrity is maintained and allows for the resumption of normal voiding, when the suprapubic catheter is clamped post-operatively in women who are unable to void, the catheter may be unclamped, thereby allowing continuing bladder drainage without the need for re-catheterization.

Intermittent catheterization is an alternative to indwelling suprapubic catheter as a means of ensuring adequate bladder drainage when a patient is unable to void spontaneously after surgery. This technique involves episodic urethral catheterization, with the patient remaining catheter-free between drainage episodes.

Both of these catheterization techniques are aimed at the prevention of post-operative urinary retention and the long-term risks arising from bladder over-distension. However, catheterization itself has an associated morbidity, particularly the risk of urinary tract infection (UTI) (Pankin and Akhavan, 2001; Pratt et al, 2007). Additional risk factors for developing UTI include the use of indwelling catheterization and longer duration catheterization (Stamm, 1998).

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Abstract

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Key words: Randomized controlled trial • Urinary catheterization • Intermittent • Suprapubic • Urogynaecological surgery

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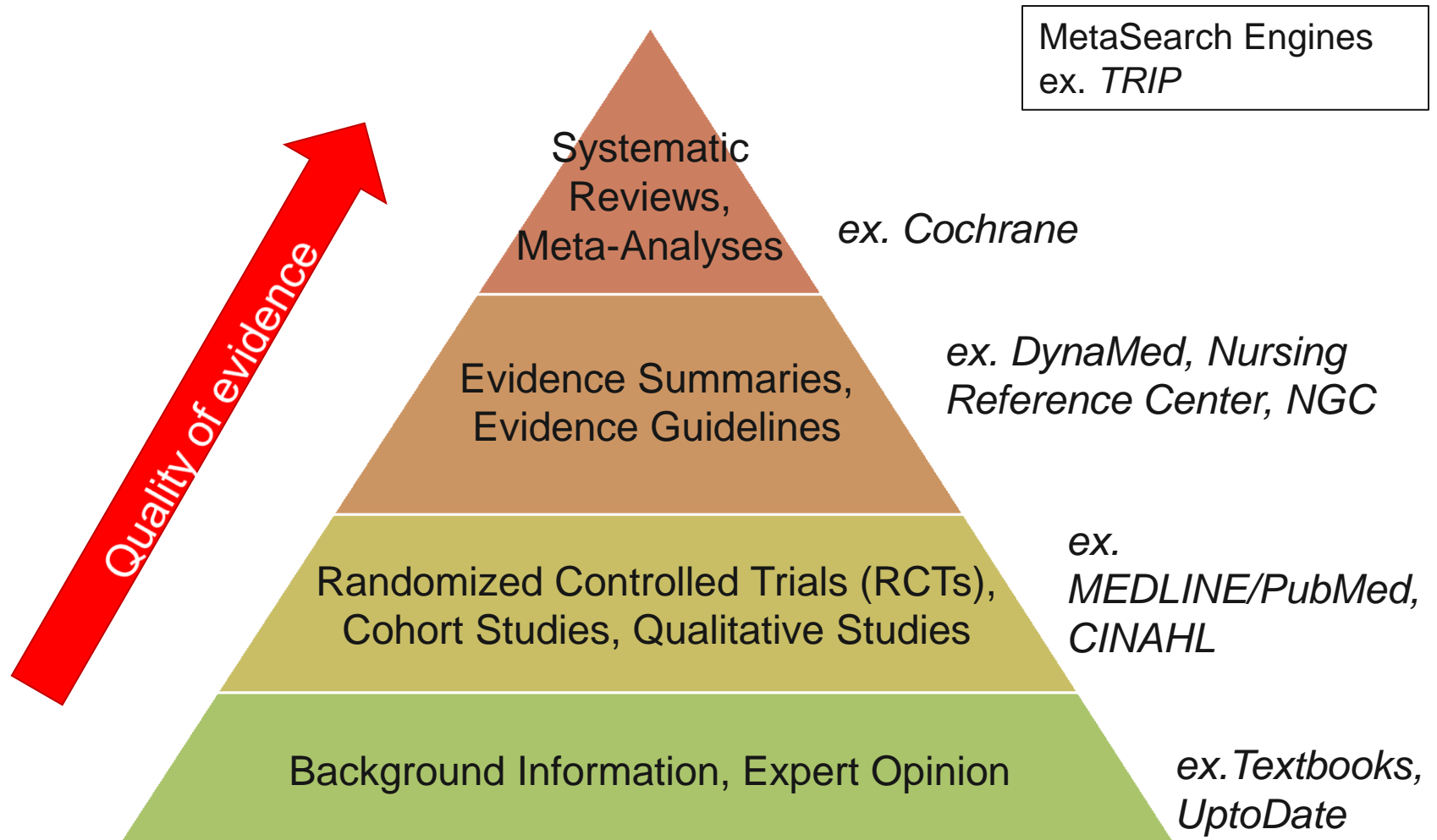
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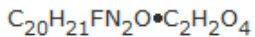
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Escitalopram Oxalate

Introduction



- Escitalopram, the S-enantiomer of citalopram, is a selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) and an antidepressant.¹

Uses

• Major Depressive Disorder

Escitalopram oxalate is used in the treatment of major depressive disorder as established in 3 placebo-controlled studies.^{1, 2} In these studies, 10-15% improvement in Montgomery Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS) scores was noted in patients receiving escitalopram compared to placebo.^{2, 14, 16} In addition, escitalopram was superior to placebo in the improvement of 20-40 mg daily.^{4, 16} There is some evidence that escitalopram is a selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitor (SSRI); however, additional studies are needed to establish this. For further information, see the prescribing information for Escitalopram Oxalate Hydrobromide 28:16.04.20.

Routes	Dosage Forms	Strengths	Brand Names
Oral	Solution	5 mg (of escitalopram) per 5 mL	Lexapro ®
	Tablets, film-coated	5 mg (of escitalopram)	Lexapro ®
		10 mg (of escitalopram)	Lexapro ® (scored)
		20 mg (of escitalopram)	Lexapro ® (scored)

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Lexapro 10MG Tablets (FOREST): 30/\$92.99 or 90/\$259.97

Lexapro 20MG Tablets (FOREST): 30/\$95.99 or 90/\$265.98

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NURSING IMPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT

- Monitor mood changes and level of anxiety during therapy.
- Assess for suicidal tendencies, especially during early therapy. Restrict amount of drug available to patient. Risk may be increased for children or adolescents. After starting therapy, children and adolescents should be seen by health care professional at least weekly for 4 wks, every 2 wks for next 4 wks, and on advice of health care professional thereafter .
- Assess for sexual dysfunction (erectile dysfunction; decreased libido) .

POTENTIAL NURSING DIAGNOSES

Ineffective coping (Indications).
Risk for injury (Side Effects).
Sexual dysfunction (Side Effects).
(Indications).

IMPLEMENTATION

- Do not administer escitalopram and citalopram concomitantly. Taper to avoid potential withdrawal reactions. Reduce dose by 50% for 3 days, then again by 50% for 3 days, then discontinue.
- **PO:** Administer as a single dose in the morning or evening without regard to meals.

PATIENT/FAMILY TEACHING

- Instruct patient to take escitalopram as directed. Take missed doses on the same day as soon as remembered and consult health care professional. Resume regular dosing schedule next day. Do not double doses. Do not stop abruptly, should be discontinued gradually .
- May cause dizziness. Caution patient to avoid driving or other activities requiring alertness until response to medication is known.
- Advise patient to avoid alcohol and other CNS-depressant drugs during therapy and to consult a health care professional before taking other Rx or OTC medications or herbal products.
- Instruct female patients to notify health care professional if pregnancy is planned or suspected or if they plan to breastfeed an infant.
- **Caution patients that escitalopram should not be used for at least 14 days after discontinuing MAO inhibitors, and at least 14 days should be allowed after stopping escitalopram before starting an MAO inhibitor.**
- Emphasize importance of follow-up exams to monitor progress.
- Encourage patient participation in psychotherapy to improve coping skills .
- Refer patient/family to local support groups.

EVALUATION/DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Increased sense of well-being - Renewed interest in surroundings. May require 1-4 wk of therapy to obtain antidepressant effects. Full antidepressant effects occur in 4-6 wks .

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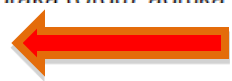
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Clinical Bottom Line/Effectiveness



Brief Background:

- The rhizomes and stems of ginger have assumed significant roles in Chinese, Japanese, and Indian medicine since the 1500s. The oleoresin of ginger is often contained in digestive, antitussive, antilflatulent, laxative, and antacid compounds.
- There is supportive evidence from several randomized controlled trials that ginger reduces the severity and duration of nausea or emesis during pregnancy (1;2;3;4;5;6;7;8;9;10). Ginger's effects on other types of nausea or emesis, such as chemotherapy-induced (11;12;13;14;15), postoperative nausea, or motion sickness remain undetermined (16;17). Zinopin, made of Pycnogenol® and standardized ginger root extract (SGRE), has been suggested as a possible treatment for motion sickness (18). However, a clinical trial reported that patients could not distinguish ginger from placebo (19).
- Ginger is used orally, topically, and intramuscularly for a wide array of other conditions without clear scientific evidence of benefit.
- The most frequent side effects associated with ginger use are gastrointestinal upset, heartburn, gas, and bloating. Ginger may inhibit platelet aggregation or decrease platelet thromboxane production, thus theoretically increasing bleeding risk.

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Ginger



Indication	Evidence Grade
Hyperemesis gravidarum	B
Anti-platelet agent	C
Chemotherapy-induced leukopenia	C
Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting	C
Dysmenorrhea	C
Exercise recovery	C
Hemorrhage (upper digestive tract)	C
Hyperglycemia-evoked dysrhythmias	C
Hyperlipidemia	C
Knee pain	C
Migraine	C
Motion sickness/sea sickness	C
Nausea and vomiting (postoperative)	C
Osteoarthritis	C

Rheumatoid arthritis
Shortening labor
Urinary disorders (post-stroke)
Weight loss

Level of Evidence Grade	Criteria
A (Strong Scientific Evidence)	Statistically significant evidence of benefit from >2 properly randomized trials (RCTs), OR evidence from one properly conducted RCT AND one properly conducted meta-analysis, OR evidence from multiple RCTs with a clear majority of the properly conducted trials showing statistically significant evidence of benefit AND with supporting evidence in basic science, animal studies, or theory.
B (Good Scientific Evidence)	Statistically significant evidence of benefit from 1-2 properly randomized trials, OR evidence of benefit from ≥1 properly conducted meta-analysis OR evidence of benefit from >1 cohort/case-control/non-randomized trials AND with supporting evidence in basic science, animal studies, or theory. <i>This grade applies to situations in which a well designed randomized controlled trial reports negative results but stands in contrast to the positive efficacy results of multiple other less well designed trials or a well designed meta-analysis, while awaiting confirmatory evidence from an additional well designed randomized controlled trial.</i>
C (Unclear or conflicting scientific evidence)	Evidence of benefit from ≥1 small RCT(s) without adequate size, power, statistical significance, or quality of design by objective criteria,* OR conflicting evidence from multiple RCTs without a clear majority of the properly conducted trials showing evidence of benefit or ineffectiveness, OR evidence of benefit from ≥1 cohort/case-control/non-randomized trials AND without supporting evidence in basic science, animal studies, or theory, OR evidence of efficacy only from basic science, animal studies, or theory.
D (Fair Negative Scientific Evidence)	Statistically significant negative evidence (i.e., lack of evidence of benefit) from cohort/case-control/non-randomized trials, AND evidence in basic science, animal

Nausea and related conditions

Levels of scientific evidence for specific therapies

Grade: A (Strong Scientific Evidence)

Therapy

Specific therapeutic Use(s)

Acupressure, shiatsu, tuina

Nausea (of various etiologies)

Grade: B (Good Scientific Evidence)

Therapy

Specific therapeutic Use(s)

Acupuncture

Nausea (chemotherapy-induced)

Acupuncture

Post-operative nausea / vomiting (adults)

Acustimulation

Motion sickness

Acustimulation

Nausea (postoperative)

Cayenne

Post-operative nausea / vomiting (plaster at acupoint)

Ginger

Hyperemesis gravidarum

Grade: C (Unclear or Conflicting Scientific Evidence)

Therapy

Specific therapeutic Use(s)

Acupuncture

Nausea

Acupuncture

Nausea and vomiting of pregnancy

Acupuncture

Post-operative nausea / vomiting (pediatric)

Acustimulation

Nausea (chemotherapy-induced)

Acustimulation

Nausea and vomiting (electroconvulsive therapy-related)

Acustimulation

Nausea and vomiting during pregnancy

Aromatherapy

Nausea and vomiting (postoperative)

Ginger

Motion sickness/sea sickness

Ginger

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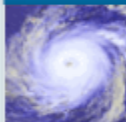
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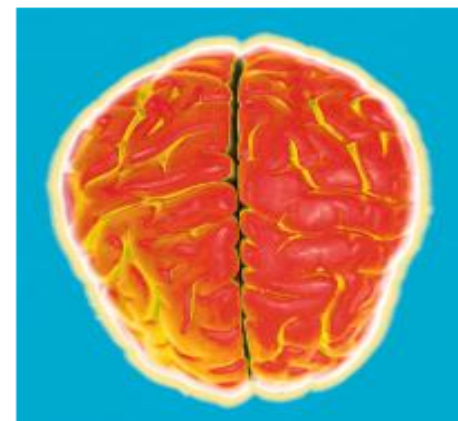
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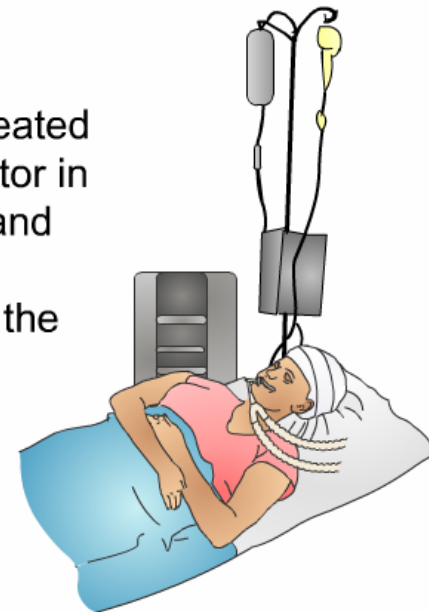
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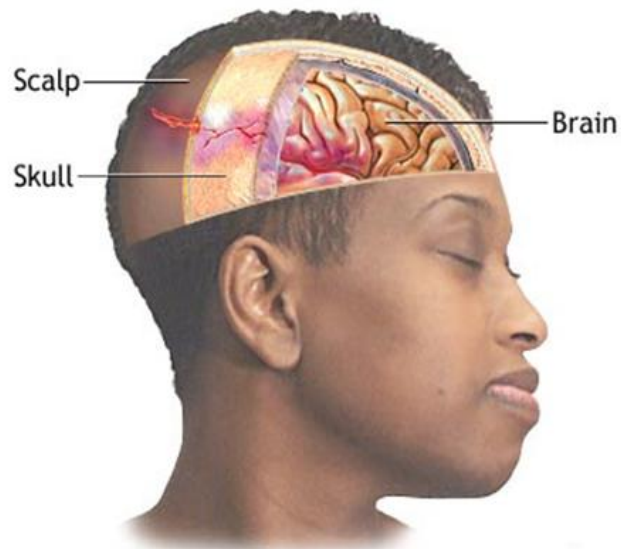
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Severe TBI is sometimes treated with placement on a respirator in order to protect the airway and hyperventilate the patient. Hyperventilation decreases the pressure inside the skull.



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Head injury



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Head injuries can range from a minor bump on the head to a devastating brain injury. Learning to recognize a serious head injury, and implementing basic first aid, can make the difference in saving someone's life. Common causes of head injury include traffic accidents, falls, physical assault, and accidents at home, work, outdoors, or while playing sports.

Final Thoughts

- Contact Your Ultimate Search Engine...*a librarian*
- Remember key evidence-based practice resources on **HEAL-WA**:
 - MEDLINE and CINAHL
 - DynaMed, Cochrane, Natural Standard
 - Nursing Reference Center ...and more
- Investigate **HEAL-WA!**



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Answering a Clinical Question Online

PowerPoint presentation located:

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