

Instructions:

The purpose of the CAUTI Urine Culture Discovery Tool is to provide a checklist to be utilized when observing the collection of a urine specimen from a urinary catheter.

1. Start at the point where the urine culture is ordered (i.e., review medical record to confirm a urine culture has been ordered)
2. Observe all steps along the way
3. Trace to the point where the urine specimen reaches the laboratory to be processed
4. Utilize this tool to observe potential opportunities for improvement

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Chart Identifier	Pt A	Pt B	Pt C	Pt D	Pt E	Pt F	Pt G	Pt H	Pt I	Pt J
(LAB ORDERS) There is:										
An order for a urinalysis and urine culture										
(SIGNS/SYMPTOMS) The patient has:										
At least one of the following: new onset or worsening of fever, rigors, altered mental status, malaise or lethargy with no other identified cause; flank pain, costovertebral angle tenderness; acute hematuria; pelvic discomfort										
A urinalysis that demonstrated at least one abnormality (e.g., + Nitrite, + Leukocyte esterase (LE), ≥ 5 WBC/hpf)										
(SPECIMEN COLLECTION and TRANSPORTATION) The following was observed:										
The urine specimen was collected from the sampling port										
The sampling port was scrubbed with a disinfectant (e.g., alcohol wipe) prior to entry										
A dedicated transfer device designed to luer-fit directly onto the sampling port was used										
The current urinary catheter was removed, need for replacement was confirmed, and a new catheter was inserted before the urine specimen was collected										
The specimen is labeled correctly as catheterized, with time, date, initials in accordance with hospital policy										

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The urine specimen was either analyzed by the clinical lab within two hours of collection or was refrigerated (2-8°C) or in a tube containing a preservative											
(LAB INTERPERETATION)											
The lab performs a culture only if UA is abnormal <small>(e.g., + Nitrite, + Leukocyte esterase (LE), ≥ 5 WBC/hpf)</small>											
(TREATMENT)											
The urine sample was obtained from the urinary catheter BEFORE initiation of antibiotics											
(OTHER) - Please specify:											

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