

A new protocol has been developed by Virgin Care Surrey Services to support our community nurses to maintain and improve the continence service provided for our patients. As part of this improvement the requirement for an Emergency Kit for catheter change has been recognised. Nurses do not have access to the equipment required for catheter change as these products are supplied by prescription from the patient's GP. For planned catheter change the nurse can ensure that the patient has requested the required items from their GP in advance. However for emergency catheter change this forethought is not available and there have been instances when community nurses have arrived at patients' homes to find no products available for them, causing delays in treatment and discomfort for patients. The proposed kit will be held within every community nursing base, ready for immediate use when a patient telephones in with a catheter issue that will require an unplanned catheter change. Alongside the benefits of immediate treatment for the patient this kit will prevent the need for the patient to go into hospital for a catheter change. The proposed kit listed below contains items that will be taken from nursing stock and specific items* that we would like to add to ONPOS. Nurses will only order enough stock from ONPOS to keep the Emergency Kit in a ready state.

Item	Description	Number	Obtained from Virgin Care nursing stock	Obtained from ONPOS*
Catheter	Linc Foley 2 way rounded Tip Silicone catheter Standard length, 12ch, 14ch, 16ch	3 of each		Yes
Catheter	Female length, 12ch, 14ch	2 of each		Yes
Lubricating anaesthetic gel	Hydro-Caine Gel 6ml Syringe	Pack of 10		Available on ONPOS already
Lubricating anaesthetic gel	Hydro-Caine Gel 11 ml Syringe	Pack of 10		Available on ONPOS already
Dressing pack	Apron and sterile field	2	Yes	
Sterile gloves	Various sizes	3 packs	Yes	
Urine drainage bags	Linc-Flo Leg bag with lever tap500ml 30cm tube (includes leg strap)	Pack of 10		Yes
Urine drainage bags	Linc-Flo Leg bag with lever tap500 ml 10 cm tube (includes leg strap)	Pack of 10		Yes
Urine night bag	Linc-Flo twist tap non-reusable night bags 2 L	Pack of 10		Yes
Water for injection	OptiFlo S 0.9% Saline 50 ml	5		Yes
10ml syringes		5	Yes	
Bladder wash out	Uro-trainer Twin 3.23% Citric acid, Suby G	3 x (2 x 30 ml)		Yes
G strap	Simpla G strap adult, catheter and leg bag tubing retaining strap	3		Yes

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