

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Nursing	SUBJECT: Catheter Plug Use	SECTION: C
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CATHETER PLUG USE

POLICY:

To enable a foley catheter to safely be disconnected from the catheter drainage tubing by inserting a sterile plug into the catheter.

OBJECTIVE:

- To make the bath of the resident(s) more comfortable.
- To prevent injury to the bladder or urethra by accidentally pulling the drainage tubing during a bath.

PROCEDURE:

Prior to the bath, Registered Staff will:

1. Disconnect the drainage tubing from the foley catheter.
2. Insert a sterile plug into the foley catheter port.
3. Cover the top of the drainage tubing with the sterile cap of the plug.

After the bath, the Registered Staff will:

1. Reconnect the drainage tubing to the foley catheter.
2. Store the catheter plug and cap in a sterile bottle of Gluticide and store in the unit's Medication Room.