

## Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)

### Process Improvement Discovery Tool

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Review a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 20 medical records. When reviewing the medical record, if documentation is found for the process, mark “Yes” in the box. If documentation is not found for the process, mark “No”. If the process being reviewed is not applicable to the medical record, mark “N/A”. After completing review of all records, note the rows with the highest number of “No” responses. This will identify priority focus areas for improvement.

#### FOCUS:

For this exercise, review randomly selected charges of inpatients (for example, the last 5) who had a CAUTI identified. Do not include patients who were *admitted* with a diagnosis of a CAUTI.

#### FINDINGS:

Share your findings with your improvement team and leadership. You can also submit findings to [calcompare@convergencehealth.org](mailto:calcompare@convergencehealth.org), along with any questions.

**NOTE:** Do not spend more than 20-30 minutes per medical record!

Chart Identifier	Pt A	Pt B	Pt C	Pt D	Pt E	Pt F	Pt G	Pt H	Pt I	Pt J
<b>INSERTION</b>										
The patient had...										
An order to insert a urinary catheter.										
A defined clinical indication for an indwelling urinary catheter.										
A urinary catheter inserted using sterile technique. Hand hygiene and peri-urethral cleaning performed prior to insertion.										
A two-person insertion (e.g., two nurses).										
Urinary catheter securement.										
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>										
The patient had...										
Daily assessment of urinary catheter necessity.										
Catheter securement device in place.										
Drainage bag emptied in accordance with hospital policy.										
Maintenance of unobstructed urine flow (closed drainage system, drainage bag below bladder, no dependent loops, bag kept off the floor).										
Routine peri-care done (e.g., per hospital policy after fecal incontinence).										
Education provided for patient, family member, or caregivers.										