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| FOLEY CATHETER IRRIGATION (INTERMITTENT) | | | | NO. 61 | |
| PURPOSE:  Irrigation is used to keep the system of tubing open and not to rinse the bladder. It is done only upon the direct order of the physician. Because of the danger of infection, sterile technique must be followed.  EQUIPMENT:   1. Irrigation set (sterile) – disposable 2. Irrigation solution   PROCEDURE: 15 min. 0.25 hr.   1. Obtain medication card/sheet for current treatment. 2. Check medication card/sheet with doctor’s orders. 3. Take equipment to beside and wash your hands. 4. Explain procedure to patient. 5. Draw up exact amount of irrigation solution ordered for patient, being careful to observe sterile technique. 6. Disconnect catheter and drainage tubing, keeping ends of tubing free from contamination. 7. Clean catheter outlet with alcohol. 8. Insert syringe into foley outlet and inject solution into bladder. 9. Allow solution to drain out by gravity into basin. 10. When fluid goes in and does not return, very gentle suction may be tried. 11. If a return flow is not obtained after the initial suctioning, the tubing should be reattached to the drainage system and observed. 12. Clean catheter outlet and end of drainage tubing with an alcohol pad and reconnect. 13. If no return after one hour, the physician should be notified and/or the catheter changed. 14. Remove equipment from patient’s room and dispose in proper container. 15. Chart procedure, being sure to note the amount of irrigation fluid not returned. This must be subtracted from the total output. | | | | | |
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