

Genito-Urinary

Foley Catheter Removal

Many patients present to the ED with urinary retention. ED management of these patients includes:

- Workup to identify underlying cause
- Foley catheter insertion
- Medical treatment (antibiotics or alpha-1 adrenergic blockers)
- After 1 week, catheter removal and trial of void

Catheter removal can be accomplished in a community office with a pair of medical gloves and a 10cc syringe.

If the patient is unable to void urine within 8 hours of foley catheter removal (or 24 hours if overnight and the patient is not experiencing discomfort), they should be instructed to return to the ED for foley catheter re-insertion.

Resources

- [Foley catheter removal video](#)

