

## *Current trends in the management of difficult urinary catheterizations*

### ***Article summary:***

*A review of the best practice methods for blind catheter placement and of an algorithm for management of difficult urinary catheterization (DUC), including direct visualization of the urethra during catheter placement.*

Best practice methods for standard blind catheter placement are reviewed and an algorithm for the management of DUC, incorporating direct visualization of the urethra during catheter placement, is presented. The algorithm aids healthcare workers in avoiding urethral trauma, the subsequent risk of CAUTI, and the associated hospitalization and procedure escalation costs. Improved catheter placement techniques are essential for all healthcare personnel involved in the management of patients with acute urinary retention.

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