



Urinary Catheter: Observation

Instructions: Observe patients with urinary catheters in place. Observe each practice and record the observation. In the column on the right, sum (across) the total number of “Yes” and the total number of observations (“Yes” + “No”). Sum all categories (down) for overall performance.

Urinary catheter: Observation Categories		Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Summary of Observations	
						Yes	Total Observed
1	Is the catheter properly secured to the patient?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
2	Is there unobstructed flow from the catheter into the bag?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
3	Is the collection bag below the level of the bladder?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
4	Are the bag and tubing off of the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
Total YES and TOTAL OBSERVED							



Date: _____

Observer Role: Nurse Tech Other _____ Initials: _____

Location/Unit: _____

Notes and comments: