

Jackson County Medical Control Authority
Community Paramedicine Protocols
FOLEY CATHETER CARE

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Indications: This protocol provides general guidance for the evaluation of patients with Foley Catheter problems under the Community Paramedicine Program. These complaints may include blocked Foley, damaged or the need for replacement of the catheter. The CPU will respond to a residence on request from the primary care provider, on request by the patient through 911 triage or on referral from ALS 911 response. The CP will follow guidelines outlined by the primary care providers or on-line medical direction orders.

Purpose: To assess complaints related to Foley catheters.

CPU Directives:

1. Follow **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments**.
2. Obtain and review patient health history and primary care provider's orders prior to evaluation when available.
3. Examine the Foley catheter for patency, functionality and placement.
4. If there is evidence of Foley catheter blockage, using sterile technique flush the Foley catheter using sterile Saline. If unable to establish good flow, consider Foley catheter replacement.
5. If the Foley Catheter is non-functional, damaged or has become displaced, consider Foley Catheter replacement.
6. If the Foley Catheter is replaced, use sterile technique and obtain a urine sample for urine dip stick.
7. Report the dip stick results to on-line medical direction. As the Foley Catheter may be colonized with bacteria making the dipstick unreliable, treat the patient as directed by on-line, refer to **Urinary Complaints** protocol.
8. Contact the PCP or on-line medical direction per the **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments**. Along with the patient report, give the results of the urine dipstick, if obtained, and discuss treatment and continuity plans.
9. Continue treatment and follow the **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments** until a disposition is determined and continuity plan completed.