

# Catheter Passports

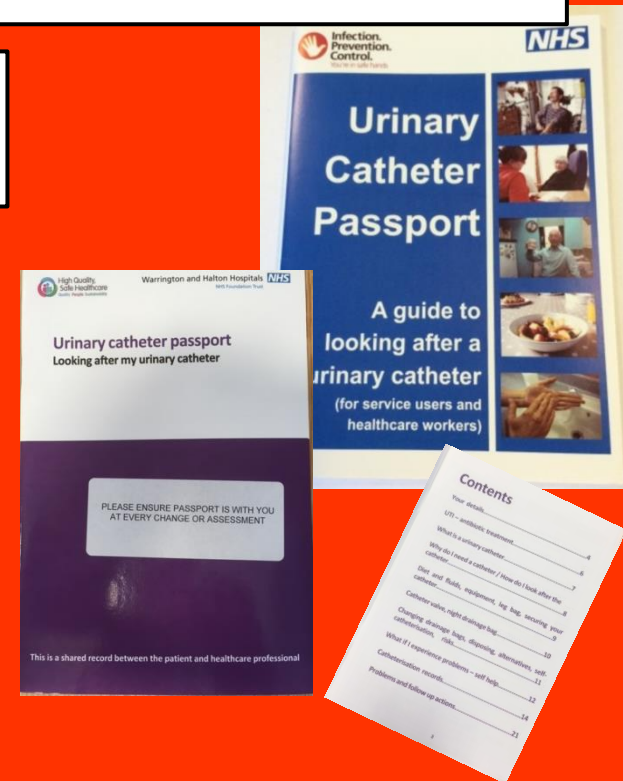
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The Urinary Catheter Passport is a national initiative to ensure that patients with a urinary catheter receive the best standards of care. The passport helps the resident and carers understand why the catheter has been inserted and how to care for the catheter. There is also a section at the back of the passport for the health professional to record important information about catheter insertion, change and removal and any joint decisions made about the resident's care. The passport will help to improve communication between the hospital, community and care home.

It is important that all information regarding the insertion, any catheter changes and the removal of the catheter is recorded by staff in the back of the catheter passport .

Catheter-associated urinary tract infections comprise a large proportion of healthcare-associated infections, and can occur whether a person has either a short-term or a long-term catheter. There is a strong association between duration of urinary catheterisation and risk of infection. This risk is increased if catheters are not inserted, cared for, or removed correctly. The information in this passport helps to ensure correct care of all aspects of this process.

Please ensure each of your residents with a urinary catheter has a catheter passport.  
Make sure they take it into hospital if they are admitted and it is returned when they come home.  
If a resident does not have a passport contact the District nurse or Urology nurse at the hospital to get one.



The infection control team can be contacted if you require any additional advice/support on 01744 457 314