ALGORITHM FOR DIFFICULT MALE FOLEY CATHETERIZATION

Physician Order for Foley Insertion in a Male Patient

Nurses obtain patient history from the EMR and from patient

Risk Factors for "Difficult Foley" Insertion

- All Males over the age of 40
- Enlarged Prostate
- History of Urethral Stricture
- Previous "Difficult Foley" insertion previously (patient report)
- History of False Passage
- Anticoagulant Therapy
- Recent Urologic Surgery
- Patients with Artificial Urinary Sphincter – (Absolute contraindication - discuss with Urology)

Yes

Obtain order for 2% Lidocaine Jelly for insertion

Obtain 16 French Coude Urethral Catheter

Install lubricant into urinary meatus and insert Coude Catheter to the "Hub"

Successful Placement of Catheter?

Yes

CATHETERIZATION COMPLETED

No

Resistance advancing to "Hub" or significant bleeding from meatus

Yes

Ordering physician to call Urology for difficult Foley insertion

No

Use Standard Foley Catheter: 16 or 18 French

Was resistance felt or catheter coiled?

Yes

Advance catheter to "Hub" and press on suprapubic area to see urine flow

No
References


