

Acute Urinary Retention Algorithm

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Nursing to use clinical reasoning and may inform MD of retention issues at any point.
May consult Pharmacy for Meds causing retention at any point.

INDICATIONS / SYMPTOMS

Bladder Palpable
Suprapubic/Bladder Discomfort /Pain
Urge to void but unable to void
Unable to void 8 hours (reported)

VOIDING MEASURES

- Privacy
- Relaxed Environment
- Suprapubic Massage
- Suprapubic Warm Compress
- Trigger Techniques
- Stand to Void
- Bedside Commode

