Bundle (ABCDE) Checklist for Prevention of CAUTIs

- **Adherence to general infection control principles**
  - Hand hygiene - most important factor in preventing nosocomial infections
  - Aseptic catheter insertion
  - Proper Foley catheter maintenance, education, and care by nursing staff
  - Foley catheter use surveillance and feedback

- **Bladder ultrasound use protocol in place to avoid unnecessary catheterizations**

- **Catheter alternatives**
  - Intermittent (“in and out”) catheterization for incomplete bladder emptying
  - External condom catheter for men with urinary incontinence
  - Absorbent pads and products for men and women with urinary incontinence

- **Do not use the Foley catheter unless medically appropriate; know appropriate indications**

- **Early removal of the catheter using a reminder or nurse-initiated (i.e., automatic “stop orders”); removal protocol appears warranted**


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