

The Emergency Nurse and CAUTI Prevention

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Objectives

At the end of this presentation you will be able to:

- Describe the emergency nurse perspective
- Relate how the emergency nurse can affect CAUTI
- Discuss ENA's role in the CUSP: CAUTI project

Who is the Emergency Nurse?

- Jack-of-All-Trades
- Autonomous
- Rapid decision maker

Who is the ED Patient?

- Age
- Specialty
- Acuity

What is the ED Environment?

- Unpredictable
- Focused on the here and now
- Team oriented
- Strong communication

Why is This Important?

- Practice by protocol
- Mnemonics and algorithms
- Change the culture to change the practice
 - Know the culture to change it

Urinary Catheters in the ED

- Trauma
 - “Tube in every orifice”
- Beyond the ED
 - Out of sight...out of mind
 - Communication between inpatient and ED

ENA's Role

- Partnering with other organizations as an extended faculty member in the national effort
- Change the algorithm/mnemonic/protocol
 - TNCC/ENPC
 - Conferences/Web seminars
 - Orientation
 - Triage
- Use the environment
- Keep it simple

Stop and Think

- Safe Practice, Safe Care

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