

**British Columbia  
Urinary Catheter  
Benefits & Supplier Information**

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## **Paying for Urinary Catheter Supplies**

### **PharmaCare**

Fair PharmaCare, a British Columbia government program which covers prescriptions and some medical supplies, currently does not cover the cost of indwelling catheters, urine drainage bags or clean intermittent urinary catheters.

### **Extended Health Plans**

An extended health plan, also known as third party coverage, may cover some or all of what you have spent for urinary catheters and drainage bags supplies. Examples of providers of this type of coverage are Pacific Blue Cross, Sun Life and Veterans' Affairs Canada.

If you have an extended health plan, check to see what coverage you have for urinary catheter supplies. You must submit your pharmacy/medical supplier receipts to your extended health plan along with a claim form. Pharmacies/medical suppliers cannot submit the claim.

### **Other Financial Resources**

You may be eligible for the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Disability Tax Credit; discuss this with your NSWOC, Physician or Nurse Practitioner. For more information about this credit, check the [CRA Disability Tax Credit website](#) and the Connecting Learners with Knowledge website for [how to completed the application form](#).

You may also be eligible for Registered Disability Savings Plan.

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You will be provided with a list of supplies needed for changing your indwelling urinary catheter or what you will need for doing your clean intermittent catheterizations.

1. Many medical supply stores and some pharmacies carry stock a variety of catheter and catheter related supplies and have staff knowledgeable in catheter products.

Some stores and pharmacies also employ a Nurse Specialized in Wound Ostomy Continence (NSWOC). NSWOCs are available by appointment (in-person and virtual) and can offer support for people who need a urinary catheter to drain their bladder, product advice, issue with the catheter, lifestyle advice and other related education.

The NSWOC availability varies from store to store and fees *may* apply for NSWOC services at some stores.

2. There are pharmacies who do not carry catheter supplies but can order product in for you; it may take longer to obtain the products and the staff may not be knowledgeable about these products.
3. Some medical supply stores/pharmacies offer no-charge shipping within the province. A minimum order may be required.

Please see map on next page to assist with choosing the appropriate Suppliers List for the person's geographical location.

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