
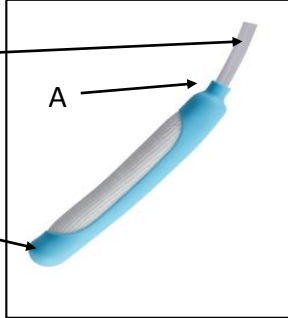


## Product Information Sheet

PureWick – Female	
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Urinary Continence Containment: External Catheter System Female</b>
<b>British Columbia Practice Statement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PureWick female external catheter is to be used in consultation with a NSWOC/NCA.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PureWick Female External Catheter System is a device designed to manage female urine output as an alternative to an indwelling urethral catheter thereby avoiding catheter associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) and to a incontinence brief, minimizing the risk for incontinence associated dermatitis (IAD).</li> <li>The catheter system is designed with a flexible device which collects urine when voided. The wand is connected to a tubing, which in turn, must be connected to low continuous suction. Urine is collected in the suction cannister.</li> <li>Device is latex-free.</li> </ul>
<b>Indications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For adolescents and adults with a female anatomy:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the monitoring of urine output.</li> <li>For the management of urine incontinence.</li> <li>As part of the treatment plan of IAD or IAD related sacral coccyx pressure injury.</li> <li>For collection of urine, overnight or when on restricted activity, (e.g., bedrest).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Precautions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not use for those:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who are mobile.</li> <li>Who are agitated and/or confused.</li> <li>Whose peri-genital skin is irritated or open.</li> <li>Who are experiencing frequent incontinent loose bowel movements; may be used in conjunction with a fecal management system.</li> <li>Who require a prone position.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Use with caution for those up in a chair; placement of device needs to be assessed to avoid pressure injury.</li> <li>Do not use with peri-genital barrier creams as these may interfere with the device's suction.</li> <li>Use with caution if client has had recent surgery done to the vulva or pelvic area.</li> </ul>
<b>Contraindications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use for those with a sensitivity or allergy to the components of the device.</li> <li>Place the device internally.</li> <li>Use for those with urinary retention.</li> <li>Use for those who cannot use a tampon when menstruating.</li> <li>Use for those who have surgical wounds in the peri-genital area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Formats &amp; Sizes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Package:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Device – one size only.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> 

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<b>Selection</b>	
In addition to the device, gather the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No rinse skin cleanser and cloth/wipe.</li> <li>A suction machine able to provide continuous low suction at minimum of 40mmHg.</li> <li>Suction tubing long enough run from the suction machine, (e.g., the wall), to the lower abdomen.</li> <li>Securement for the tubing, (e.g., stabilization device, tape or hydrocolloid dressing/strip).</li> <li>Consider mesh pants to hold the device in place.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Preparation</b>	
<p>Set up the suction machine and suction tubing.</p> <p>Position the person in supine position, bend the knees and then abduct the legs (frog position).</p> <p>Cleanse the peri-area from front to back with no-rinse cleanser and warm cloth/wipe. Pat area dry. Assess the skin integrity.</p> <p>Attach suction tubing to the device; ensure connection is tight.</p>	<p>Client can also be positioned side lying with knees bent and upper leg open to expose peri-area.</p> <p>Do not use device if peri-genital skin is irritated or open.</p>
<b>Application</b>	
<p>Gently curve the device to fit the client's anatomy.</p> <p>Hold the device with the suction connector end pointing upward; the white gauze side of the device goes against skin.</p> <p>Gently separate the folds of the labia, place the blue end of the device into the gluteal cleft and lay the device down between the labial folds against the urethral opening.</p> <p>Ensure the blue top of the device (see A in diagram) is in line with the pubic bone and that device is sitting in between the folds of the labia and the gluteal muscles. Release labial folds.</p> <p>Attach the suction tubing to the device and ensure the connection is tight.</p> <p>Ensure there are no kinks in the tubing. Stabilize suction tubing to lower abdomen with stabilization device, tape or hydrocolloid strip.</p> <p>Set the suction machine at 40mmHg <b>continuous</b> suction.</p>	 <p>Stabilizing the tubing will minimize the tube from becoming kinked.</p>
<b>Daily Care</b>	
<p>With each repositioning, assess that the device is in position, the suction tubing is not kinked, and that urine is flowing into the suction cannister. Empty cannister as needed.</p>	<p>If the urine is not, or minimally, being suctioned into the cannister, increase the suction to get a good flow. Flow will be depended upon the pressure setting, the length of the suction tubing and gravity; may need to set the setting to 80-100mmHg.</p>
<b>Removal</b>	
<p>Ensure the suction is on while the catheter is being removed.</p> <p>Position the person in supine position, bend the knees and then abduct the legs (frog position).</p> <p>Separate the labia, gently lift the device outwards (not upwards or downwards) to avoid potential skin injury.</p>	
<b>Frequency of Change</b>	
<p>Change the device every 8-12 hours or sooner if device is soiled with body fluids other than urine (e.g., stool or blood).</p> <p>Provide peri-care, assess skin integrity and discontinue use if concerns noted, (e.g., irritation, pressure injury).</p>	<p>If pressure injury or skin irritation noted, do not reapply the device.</p>
<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	
<p>Urine is contained/collected without leakage.</p> <p>Product performs as expected.</p>	<p>If product does not perform as expected, notify NSWOC/ Wound Clinician and then consider submitting a <a href="#">Supply Chain Product Concern Form</a>.</p>
<b>For further information please contact NSWOC/Wound Clinician</b>	