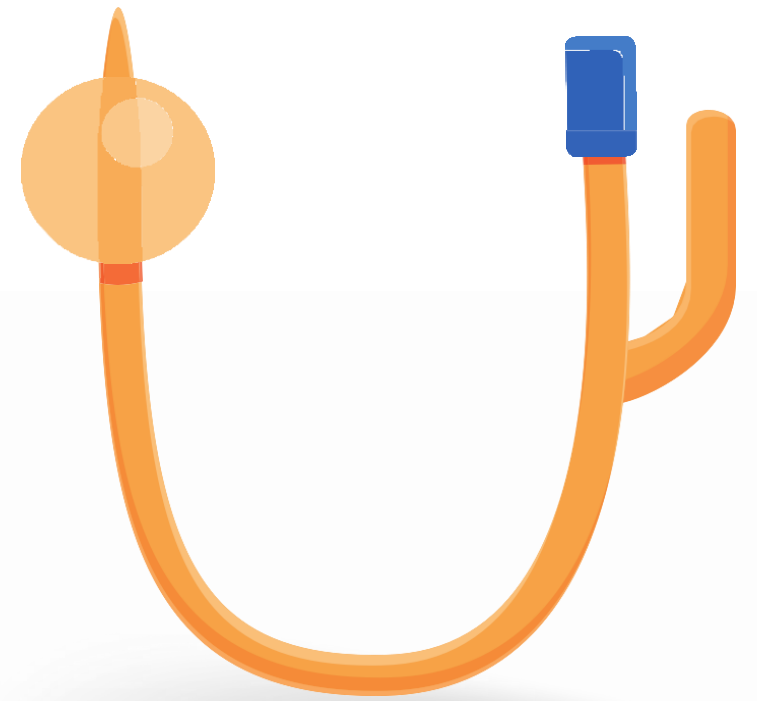


What is a urinary catheter?

A urinary catheter is a flexible tube used to empty the bladder and collect urine in a drainage bag.



Urinary catheter is usually used when:

1. People have difficulty urinating naturally.
2. It can also be used to empty the bladder before or after surgery.
3. To help perform certain tests.

When urinary catheters are used?

What are the 2 main types of urinary catheter?

1. Intermittent catheters – these are temporarily inserted into the bladder and removed once the bladder is empty.
2. Indwelling catheters – these remain in place for many days or weeks and are held in position by an inflated balloon in the bladder.