Add-a-Cath[®] Suprapubic Catheter Introducer and Procedure Kits

The Add-a-Cath introducer is designed for easy, controllable suprapubic catheter introduction. Drainage via the suprapubic route is recognized as an effective method of bladder drainage that causes fewer complications compared to urethral catheterization:

- reduced incidence of infection and trauma
- reduced risk of catheter blockage
- less patient inconvenience
- latex free.

Integrated urine flashback lumen provides immediate feedback upon bladder access, minimizing the risk of a posterior bladder puncture

Sharp stainless steel tip is integral to the trocar, providing increased control during introducer penetration

Cannula is locked into trocar handle to maintain introducer integrity during insertion, yet quickly unlocks for trocar removal

Precise cannula and trocar integration provide smooth track dilation with minimal excoriation

Suprapubic Catheterization with the Add-a-Cath Introducer: Three Simple Steps

This procedure should only be carried out on patients with a full and palpable bladder. Prepare the entry site with antiseptic solution, apply local anesthetic at the point of entry (approximately 3cm above symphysis pubis), and confirm bladder position with aspiration of urine.

Step 1

Use a scalpel to make a small incision. The Add-a-Cath Introducer is inserted using a slight twisting action, allowing smooth, controlled entry and minimal trauma on incision. The sheath avoids separation during insertion due to the locking mechanism incorporated into the handle. A small amount of urine will be seen rising along the trocar groove once the bladder has been entered. Gauze may be used to absorb excess urine at entry site.

Step 2

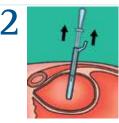
Remove the trocar and insert a suprapubic catheter through the sheath.

Step 3

Use a syringe to inflate the catheter balloon to retain it in situ. Withdraw the sheath and remove it from the catheter using the tear-down strip. This avoids any chafing and damage to the catheter. The catheter balloon is gently positioned against the bladder wall. There is no need for external fixation with sutures thus reducing the risk of infection.

For further detailed information, refer to the instructions for use.







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The Add-a-Cath Introducer is indicated for the following uses:

- Pre-, intra- and postoperative bladder drainage as requested by the physician
- Outflow obstruction
- Chronic retention
- Urethral trauma
- Urethral strictures or fistula
- Neuropathic bladder dysfunction

The Add-a-Cath Introducer:

- Available in 16Fr and 12Fr sizes, accommodating catheter sizes from 18Fr to 10Fr.
- Disposable trocar and cannula system provides consistent tip sharpness for reliable tactility during insertion.
- Unlike reusable introducers, it will not develop sharp edges that can cause unnecessary tissue damage or compromise catheter integrity.



An Optimized Kit for Bladder Access

Add-a-Cath Suprapubic Catheterization (SPC) Kits:

- Suprapubic-optimized components provide excellent long-term bladder drainage.
- Unlike many catheters used for SPC, the stepless integrated catheter balloon allows for the smallest possible track dilation, and minimizes the force needed for catheter removal.

Kit Contents

- Add-a-Cath Introducer
- 2-Way All-Silicone Suprapubic Catheter
- #11 Safety Scalpel



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Optimized Suprapubic Catheterization Kits featuring the Add-a-Cath Introducer

The Add-a-Cath introducer simplifies suprapubic catheterization:

- Trocar design provides control and tactility during insertion
- Bladder entry is confirmed with urine flashback
- Integrated trocar/cannula creates a smooth transition that minimizes excoriation of tissue

The Suprapubic Catheter

Special integrated balloon design creates a smooth surface to facilitate insertion through the smallest possible cannula, and minimizes resistance when explanting the catheter.

The all-silicone catheter has an open distal tip that is designed specifically for trouble-free drainage requirements of suprapubic catheterization.

Markings on catheter are calibrated to the Add-a-Cath introducer cannula. Relative to the cannula end, the markings indicate 1) tip entry into bladder, and 2) proper insertion depth to commence balloon inflation.

Order Information

Kits

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