

PureWick™ System

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the PureWick™ System?

The PureWick™ System is an innovative system that is intended for non-invasive urine output in female patients. The PureWick™ System is comprised of two devices: the PureWick™ Female External Catheter which captures urine that is drawn away by the PureWick™ Urine Collection System.

2. Who is a good candidate for the PureWick™ System?

- Patients/users with urinary incontinence and/or frequent urination
- Patients/users with a higher fall risk
- Patients/users that have a skin injury or irritation related to urinary incontinence or diapers

3. Who is not a good candidate for the PureWick™ System?

- Agitated, combative, or uncooperative patients/users that might remove the PureWick™ Female External Catheter
- Patients/users that have frequent episodes of bowel incontinence
- Patients/users experiencing skin irritation or breakdown at the site (vaginal area)
- Patients/users experiencing moderate/heavy menstruation and cannot use a tampon

4. Is the PureWick™ Female External Catheter reusable?

No, it is a single-use device that should be replaced at least every 8 - 12 hours, or immediately if soiled with blood or feces.

5. The label on the PureWick™ Urine Collection System says the product contains lead. What part of the device contains lead?

The power cord is the part of the device that contains lead. The lead is contained in the interior wiring of the power cord.

6. How much suction is coming from the PureWick™ Urine Collection System?

Approximatley 120 mmHg – 140 mmHg.



- 7. How often do you need to replace the canister and tubing?**
Replace the canister and tubing at least every 60 days or per facility protocol, whichever is sooner.
- 8. Is the PureWick™ Female External Catheter made with latex?**
The PureWick™ Female External Catheter code PWF030F is latex free and code PWF030 contains natural rubber latex.
- 9. The PureWick™ Female External Catheter leaked when I used it. How do I prevent it from leaking?**
Accurate positioning is key to preventing leaks. Place the PureWick™ Female External Catheter snugly against the perineum (area between the anus and the vaginal opening), aligning the top of white gauze against the pubic bone. Tuck the end of the PureWick™ Female External Catheter between the gluteal muscles (buttocks). After confirming proper positioning, check the PureWick™ Urine Collection System's suction to ensure it is functioning properly.
- 10. How do you test the suction of the PureWick™ Urine Collection System?**
Remove the PureWick™ Female External Catheter from the collector tubing and place the open end of the collector tubing into a container of water. If the PureWick™ Urine Collection System suctions 500 mL or more of water in a 20 second period, then the system is suctioning properly. If the system is not suctioning properly, please refer to the PureWick™ Urine Collection System user guide for troubleshooting steps.
- 11. What's the recommendation for cleaning the accessories and the PureWick™ Urine Collection System?**
The accessories and the PureWick™ Urine Collection System should be cleaned and disinfected daily. Detailed instructions on cleaning and disinfection are outlined in the PureWick™ Urine Collection System User Guide.
- 12. Can patients wear underwear?**
Yes, mesh underwear can be worn; similar to what is used in Labor and Delivery Wards. In fact, mesh underwear may help secure the product in some patients/users.

Indications for use: The PureWick™ Urine Collection System is to be used with PureWick™ External Catheters which are intended for non-invasive urine output management.

Contraindications: The PureWick™ Female External Catheter should not be used on patients with urinary retention.

Please consult PureWick™ Female External Catheter package insert or the PureWick™ Urine Collection System user guide for more detailed safety information and instructions for use.

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