

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

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

- Agitated, combative, or uncooperative patients that might remove the PureWick™ Female External Catheter
- Patients that have frequent episodes of bowel incontinence

### 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 faeces.

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

Approximatley 120mmHg–140mmHg.

### 6. Will the patient feel the suction made by the PureWick™ Urine Collection System?

No, the suction should not be felt by the user.

### 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?

No, the PureWick™ Female External Catheter is not made with natural rubber latex.

## 9. What if the PureWick™ Female External Catheter leaks?

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. The urinary meatus (opening for urine) should be aligned approximately 1/3 of the way down the length of the product. 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 500mL or more of water in a 20 second period, then the system is functioning 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, patients can wear mesh underwear. Mesh underwear may help secure the product, especially with very thin or frail individuals.

*Indications for use: The PureWick™ Urine Collection System is to be used with the PureWick™ Female External Catheters which is intended for non-invasive urine output management.  
Contraindications: The PureWick™ Female External Catheter should not be used on patients with urinary retention.  
Please consult package insert for more detailed safety information and instructions for use.*



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