Surgical patients with Foley catheters are not call getting their Foley catheter discontinued by POD2, or no order to continue with the catheter with a reason why is being obtained by end of POD2.

Note: Because this is no longer a Core measure that is reported, data collection is being done on ALL surgical cases, not just those from the SCIP measure.

In the next 90 days, 100% of post-op patients will have their Foley catheters discontinued by POD2, or will have an order written to continue the catheter with a reason why.

5/25/15: Determined that even though we thought this order had been added to EVERY order set; after review of 15 surgery post-op order sets determined that many were missing the order to discontinue Foley catheters by post-op day two, which also was to include a place for the provider to choose an alternate discontinue date and a blank space for the provider to document the reason why.

5/27/15: Discussed with inpatient nursing leaders their and their staff understanding of when a Foley catheter should be discontinued post-op surgery, and found that many of the inpatient leaders and staff did not know the standard practice and were not supporting this standard of practice by being proactive and requesting orders to discontinue the Foley catheters on post-op day two.

11/9/2015: Most, if not all post-op orders now include a standard order to discontinue the Foley on post-op day 2 or prompts the physician to state a different day with a reason why. Ongoing reinforcement of education has occurred in Nursing Leadership mtgs. It was noted on investigation of data this quarter, a couple patients that the Foley was not d/c’s by POD2, may have been due to no post-op surgery order set being used, thus not prompting the physician. Foley catheter documentation by nursing staff was also lacking regarding Foley catheters & need to remain in and why.

Reviewed a focus group of orders & updated with Foley discontinuation orders that will read: Discontinue Foley catheter on post-op day two or on post-op day ______ because _______________________.

Continued to reinforce best practice regarding the discontinuation of Foley catheters post-op day two with inpatient nursing leaders and requested they continue to educate staff on this best practice so that nursing staff could be proactive in supporting this while orders are being updated to reflect this. Reviewed two protocols from team to look at implementing at our facility. These are with our Medical Director now for his review.