# Consultation Considerations and Guidance for Intermittent Catheterisation<sup>1</sup>



## Training and patient considerations

## **Before training**

 Identify the reason for intermittent catheterisation (IC), select catheters to discuss, plan advice, prepare space, and assess other specialist involvement if required

### **During training**

 Assist with catheter choice, demonstrate use, and provide emotional support, emphasising hygiene, technique, urinary tract infection prevention and integrating IC into daily life

### After training

 Discuss IC complications, daily management, provide a catheterisation diary, offer emotional support, and plan follow-up

## Positioning and adaptive equipment

 Spend time speaking with the patient about different positioning and adaptive equipment that may help with IC



## **Catheter variety**

There are many different catheter types and designs available. Patients may benefit from using more than just one

Considerations when choosing include

## Design

There are different features to consider when selecting a catheter including compact catheters, closed system, & pre-lubricated designs

## **Tips**

Coudé tips are curved, a good choice if advancing the catheter is tricky. Introducer tips avoid contact with the urethral entrance

#### **Material**

Choose a material that is appropriate to the patient. These include PVC, silicone, & POBE/polyurethane

#### Lubrication

Types include uncoated (needs lubrication), hydrophilic coated, pre-lubricated, and hydrophilic integrated (no additional coating needed)

## Follow up

 Consider scheduling a routine follow-up for evaluation of the chosen device, technique, and ease of use









