A small flyer with a high impact on orthotopic ileal bladder patient safety

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Introduction:
Following radical cystectomy and urinary diversion with an orthotopic ileal bladder substitute, patients are usually transferred to our urological intermediate care unit. Occasionally, patients in a critical condition might be referred to the intensive care unit.
Since this happens rarely, nurses from other departments are unfamiliar with the proper management of these patients.

Aim:
Enhance patient’s own safety in providing nurses with basic informations on how to monitor and manipulate the drainages and tubes in patients with orthotopic ileal bladder substitute.

Procedure:
We worked out a flyer. Patients transferred to the intensive care unit or to another clinic, are always provided with this flyer. Thus they have the necessary information’s ready at hand at the right time.

Results:
This information flyer is established in our hospital. Nurses of the intensive care unit fully appreciated it. They are now able to provide care for patients with orthotopic ileal bladder substitute in the same manner and this guarantees improvement of nursing quality and patient safety.

Conclusions:
• Support of the nurses skills in care for patients with orthotopic ileal bladder substitute
• Security in handling the drainage and tubes is improved
• Patients safety is improved
• This procedure ensures that the same routine is applied by all nurses in our hospital involved in patients with orthotopic ileal bladder substitute.