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# Foley Catheter

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A flexible plastic tube inserted into the bladder to provide continuous urinary drainage. A balloon on the bladder end is inflated (with air or fluid) so that the catheter cannot pull out but is retained in the bladder as an "indwelling" catheter.