

# BD PureWick™ Urine Collection System for Women

## Frequently asked questions

### 1. What is the PureWick™ System?

The PureWick™ System is a non-invasive way to manage urine output for conditions such as urinary incontinence. The PureWick™ System is comprised of two devices: the PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter and the PureWick™ Urine Collection System. The PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter wicks away voided urine from the skin which is then pulled by the PureWick™ Urine Collection System into a collection canister.

### 2. Who is a potential candidate for the PureWick™ System?

- Female users who are experiencing urinary incontinence
- Female users who may have frequent trips to the bathroom, which is a known cause of nighttime falls
- Female users with urinary incontinence that may result in skin irritation

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

- Do not use on users with frequent episodes of stool incontinence without a fecal management system in place
- Do not use on users with skin irritation or breakdown at the site
- Do not use on users with moderate/heavy menstruation who cannot use a tampon
- Contraindicated for users with urinary retention

### 4. Is the PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter reusable?

No, the PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter is designed for single-use only. Trying to wash, sanitize or reuse it may lead to risk of infection or illness. This may damage the product and materials. The product may not work and cause injury or illness. Replace the product every 12 hours or if soiled with feces or blood.

### 5. The label on the PureWick™ Urine Collection System says the product contains lead. What part of the device contains lead?

The power cord is the part of the device that contains lead. The lead is contained in the interior wiring of the power cord.

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

Operating suction range: Approximately 120 mmHg – 140 mmHg.

### 7. How often do you need to replace the canister and tubing?

Replace the canister and tubing according to the PureWick™ Urine Collection System User Guide. Canister and tubing to be replaced every 60 days or per facility protocol, whichever is sooner.



## 8. Is the PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter made with latex?

No. The PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter (PWFXH30) is not made with natural rubber latex.

## 9. How is PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter different than the legacy PureWick™ Female External Catheter?

The PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter builds on the original PureWick™ Female External Catheter with new features designed to optimize performance. The PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter has:

- bendable tubing to fit with various body types
- multi-layer wick designed to help keep the skin dry
- occlusion eyelet for secondary fluid pathway at the end of the tubing allows for a secondary fluid pathway if end of tube is occluded
- a flexible frame designed to contour to the patients anatomy and maintain it's shape

## 10. How do you test the suction of the PureWick™ Urine Collection System?

Verify suction by disconnecting PureWick™ External Catheter from the collector tubing and placing the end of the collector tubing into a cup of water. If water easily flows into the collection canister replace the PureWick™ External Catheter. If the system is not suctioning properly, please refer to the PureWick™ Urine Collection System User Guide for troubleshooting steps.

## 11. How often should the accessories and PureWick™ Urine Collection System be cleaned?

The collection cannister, canister lid, collector tubing, pump tubing, and the PureWick™ Urine Collection System base should be cleaned and disinfected at the time of each use, or at a minimum, daily. Detailed instructions on cleaning and disinfection are outlined in the PureWick™ Urine Collection System User Guide.

## 12. Can users wear underwear?

Yes. Breathable underwear may be useful for securing the PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter for some patients.

## 13. What is MR conditional?

Non-clinical testing demonstrated that the PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter is MR Conditional. A user with one of these PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheters can be scanned safely in an MRI under the conditions outlined in the Instructions for Use.

**Indication:** The PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter is intended for non-invasive urine output management in adult users with female anatomy, for conditions such as urinary incontinence.

**Contraindication:** Users with urinary retention

**Warnings:** The PureWick™ Flex Female External Catheter is designed for single-use only. Trying to wash, sanitize or reuse it may lead to risk of infection or illness. This may damage the product and materials. The product may not work and cause injury or illness. To avoid potential skin injury, never push or rub the product against the skin during placement or removal. Do not block airflow to the product (e.g., blocking the vent hole, bedpan, barrier creams). Do not insert the product into vagina, anus, or other body orifice. Stop use if an allergic reaction occurs. After use, this product may be a potential biohazard. Dispose of in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations. Do not use on users with frequency episodes of stool incontinence without a fecal management system in place. Do not use on users with skin irritation or breakdown at the site. Use with caution on users who had recent surgery of the external female anatomy. Do not use on users with moderate/heavy menstruation who cannot use a tampon.

Please consult package insert for more detailed safety information and instructions for use.

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