



## Radical Prostatectomy

### Important information regarding your urinary catheter

[PLACE PATIENT LABEL HERE]	
First Name: _____	Gender: _____
Surname: _____	
Address: _____	
Date of Birth: _____	NHI#: _____
Ward/Clinic: _____	Consultant: _____

### Precautions within 6 weeks of surgery

You underwent a Radical Prostatectomy procedure on:

This procedure involves rejoining the urethra to the bladder with involvement of the valve (sphincter) responsible for urinary continence. It can take up to six weeks for adequate healing to this delicate structure.

This valve area is very easily damaged. It is extremely important that the catheter is not manually moved around while in place.

**It should not be removed unless instructed by your Urology team.**

#### Your plan for catheter removal:

You will return to clinic for removal of your catheter

We will advise the District Nurse to remove your catheter

#### In the unusual event of your catheter not draining:

**Monday Friday 8am – 4pm**, contact the Urology Registrar or Urology Nurse Specialist at North Shore Hospital via the telephone operator.

**At all other hours**, attend your local hospital Emergency Department **who should** contact the Urology Registrar at Auckland City Hospital.

**Within 6 weeks of your surgery and after your catheter has been removed, if you are having trouble emptying your bladder:**

Contact details as above.

**Take this letter with you if you need to seek medical attention related to your catheter**

### Medical Staff please note:



**Radical Prostatectomy Procedure within 6 weeks**



**Urology intervention only for removal or insertion of urinary catheter**

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