



Experience the difference™

# GentleCath™ Hydrophilic Catheters

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As patients transition from your care back to their everyday lives, we want them to feel ready, empowered and as independent as possible. **GentleCath™** hydrophilic catheters will be with them on their journey through life re-establishing their confidence and allowing them to achieve their goals.

### Making a difference for over 30 years

An experienced leader in continence care, ConvaTec has made it a priority to listen to the needs of patients and the insights of caregivers. This is embodied in the products we design and the services we offer. **GentleCath™** hydrophilic catheters are our newest offering designed for patient safety and success.

## GentleCath™ Hydrophilic Catheters



Hydrophilic catheters are coated with a hydrophilic polymer that reacts with water to create a smooth, slippery coating on the surface of the catheter. Compared to uncoated catheters, hydrophilic catheters have been shown to reduce the incidence of urinary tract infections.<sup>3</sup>

### Help reduce the risk of infection with no-touch catheterization<sup>1 2</sup>

- **GentleCath™** Hydrophilic catheters feature a no-touch handling strip which allows the user to catheterize without touching the catheter
- This no-touch catheterization is designed to help minimize the risk of infection



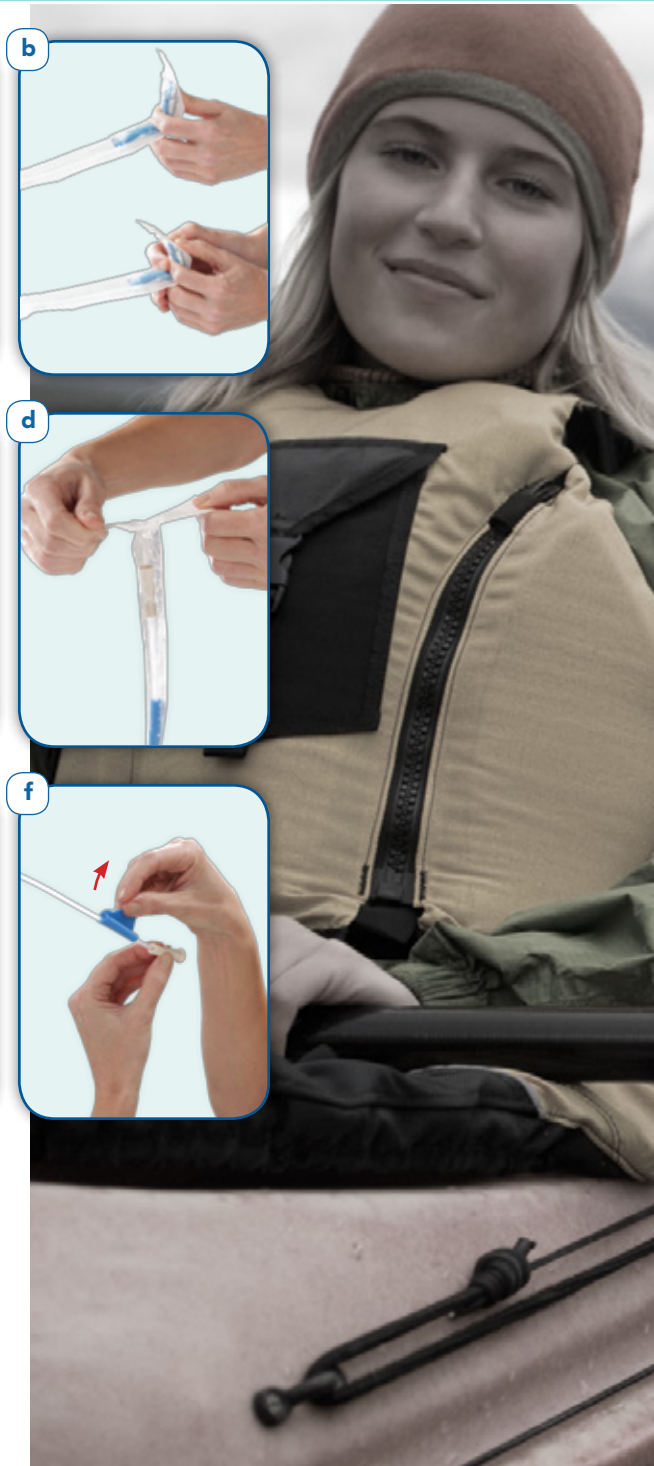
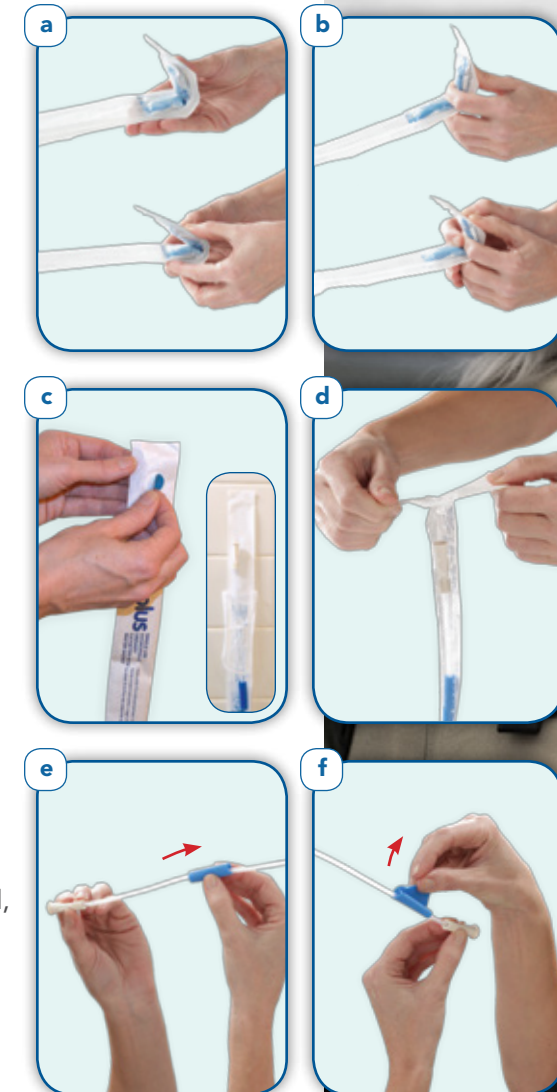
See the **GentleCath™** Hydrophilic catheter and no-touch handling strip



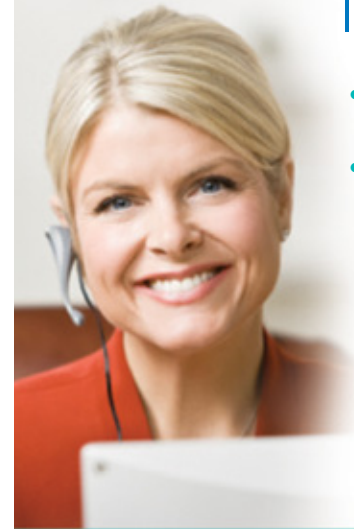
## How to use GentleCath™ Hydrophilic Catheters:

- Wash hands then break the sterile water sachet by using one of the illustrated methods:
  - By folding and squeezing (making sure not to fold over more than half the length of the water sachet to avoid water going the wrong way) (fig. a).
  - By placing your finger on the water sachet approximately half way down. Then use your thumb to fold the sachet around your index finger and squeeze (fig. b).
- Then let the water run down into the package.
- You can stick the package on to any dry surface using the self adhesive tape on the package (fig. c).
- Make sure the catheter is soaked in water for at least **15 seconds**. Open the package by peeling the tabs on the connector side (fig. d).
- No-touch catheterization can be performed by using the Blue Handling Strip (fig. e). If needed, Blue Handling Strip can be removed before or during catheterization (fig. f).

Please refer to the *Instructions for Use* for a detailed guide



## The ConvaTec Interaction Center



- A dedicated team of registered WOC Nurses are available to support you – and your patients.
- Once patients are home they may have a product question, an insertion issue, or need help finding a support group. The impact of hearing a live voice (not a recording) on the line is so important!

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# Medicare: At-a-Glance\*

Per the Medicare guidelines on Intermittent Urinary Catheterization, any patient who utilizes intermittent catheters can receive one sterile urological catheter and one packet of lubricant for each catheterization.

- Physician prescriptions should reflect the actual number of times a patient catheterizes per day.
- Medicare will cover one catheter per cathing episode up to a maximum of 200 intermittent catheters per month:
  - **A4353:** Intermittent urinary catheter, with insertion supplies  
*With qualifying documentation in your medical record stating why the patient needs this.*

## Ordering Information

	Material Description	French Size	Quantity per Unit	Order Code
	<b>FEMALE HYDROPHILIC INTERMITTENT URINARY CATHETER WITH WATER SACHET</b>	08	30	508988
		10	30	508989
		12	30	508990
		14	30	508991
		16	30	508992
	<b>MALE STRAIGHT TIP HYDROPHILIC INTERMITTENT URINARY CATHETER WITH WATER SACHET</b>	08	30	508993
		10	30	508994
		12	30	508995
		14	30	508996
		16	30	508997
	<b>MALE COUDÉ TIP HYDROPHILIC INTERMITTENT URINARY CATHETER WITH WATER SACHET</b>	10	30	508999
		12	30	509000
		14	30	509001
		16	30	509002
	<b>FEMALE HYDROPHILIC INTERMITTENT URINARY CATHETER WITH INSERTION KIT</b>	18	30	509003
		08	10	509004
		10	10	509005
		12	10	509006
		14	10	509007
	<b>MALE STRAIGHT TIP HYDROPHILIC INTERMITTENT URINARY CATHETER WITH INSERTION KIT</b>	16	10	509008
		08	10	509009
		10	10	509010
		12	10	509011
		14	10	509012
	<b>MALE COUDÉ TIP HYDROPHILIC INTERMITTENT URINARY CATHETER WITH INSERTION KIT</b>	16	10	509013
		18	10	509014
		10	10	509015
		12	10	509016
		14	10	509017
		16	10	509018
		18	10	509019

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