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ENVIRONMENT POLICY



As a manufacturer of medical products we recognise that we have a responsibility to reduce our impact on the environment and to conserve natural resource. We endeavour to use the smallest viable packaging size to minimise material usage and therefore landfill footprint.

When transporting products we make sure our transport operations are as efficient and environmentally friendly as possible.

All printed marketing materials are 50% recycled and certified under FSC's Chain-of-Custody programme.



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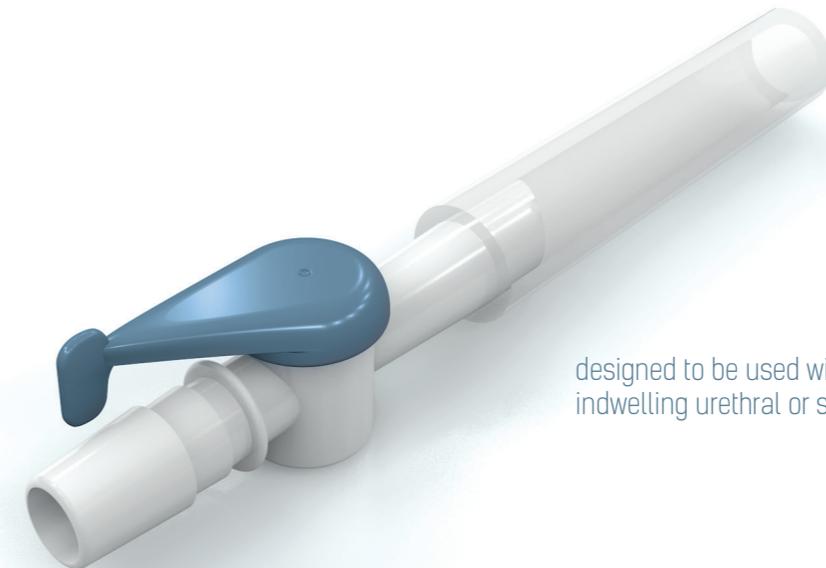
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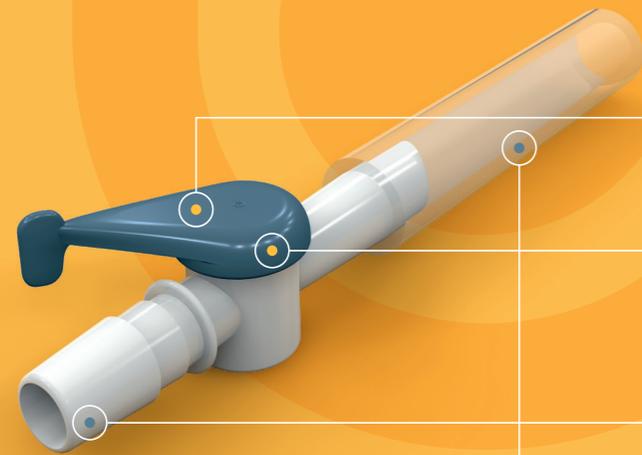
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designed to be used with either an
indwelling urethral or suprapubic catheter



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At **Optimum Medical**, we understand the importance of independence and the **Ugo Catheter Valve** is specifically designed to ensure that the patient feels comfortable and confident.

Key strengths:

- Discreet, comfortable and easy to operate
- Safety lever feature prevents accidental opening
- Easy open pouch packaging enables safe presentation of valve onto sterile field
- 180° lever handle design allows single handed operation
- Manufactured from high grade, durable medical PVC for up to 7 day use
- Small ergonomic shaping with no sharp edges
- Universal stepped connector for secure fitting to all catheter materials
- Soft silicone tubing for attaching to an overnight drainage bag or leg bag

OM Code	PIP Code	NPC Code	Product Description	Inner Pack	Outer Pack
3000	388-2388	FSS1067	Ugo Catheter Valve	5 pcs.	100 pcs.

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RESPONDING TO CLINICAL NEED

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF USING A UGO CATHETER VALVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRAINAGE BAGS?



Secure fitting of **Ugo Catheter Valve** into the urinary catheter

The **Ugo Catheter Valve** is suitable for individuals who:

- Have adequate bladder capacity
- Have adequate bladder sensation
- Have good manual dexterity
- Have cognitive awareness

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence recommends that *“In people for whom it is appropriate a catheter valve may be used as an alternative to a drainage bag.”*¹

*“The use of a catheter valve as an alternative to continuous free drainage should always be considered where the bladder is known to provide safe urinary storage.”*²

1 Promotes normal detrusor muscle function

*“If bladders are allowed to remain on long term continual free drainage, bladder function can be lost and may not return if a TWOC (trial without catheter) is considered in the future.”*³

*“The valve offers the potential for maintenance of bladder function, capacity and tone by allowing the filling and emptying of the bladder.”*⁴

2 Reduces trauma

*“The reduction of trauma to the bladder wall and urethra through the intermittent lifting of the bladder wall from the catheter when the bladder fills. Bladder neck traction may also be prevented as the weight of the leg bag is not hanging from the catheter.”*⁵

3 Improved patient experience

*“Catheter valves are often preferred by patients, improving privacy and dignity” and “An ideal valve should be discreet, comfortable, secure from leakage and easy to operate.”*⁶

4 Reduces encrustation and catheter blockage

*“Valve regulated, intermittent flow of urine through catheters increases the time that catheters require to become blocked, the most beneficial effect was recorded when urine was released from the bladder at 4 hourly intervals.”*⁷

The **Ugo Catheter Valve** may not be suitable for individuals who have:

- An inability to operate the valve (unless a carer is able to perform this)
- A small bladder capacity
- Reduced bladder sensation
- Limited cognitive awareness
- Poor renal function or ureteric reflux
- Uncontrolled detrusor overactivity