

Indwelling suprapubic catheters are hollow, flexible tubes inserted into the bladder through a small cut in the abdomen. They are used to drain urine from the bladder and, in the management of bladder dysfunction, are often considered an alternative to a urethral catheter.

Clean intermittent self-catheterisation is preferable to an [indwelling urinary catheter](#); however, if this is not possible, then a [indwelling suprapubic catheter](#) is preferable to a urethral catheter for long-term management ¹⁾.

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