

Table 2. Non-pharmacologic Treatment of Neurogenic Bladder

| BEHAVIORAL | |
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| Fluid and caffeine regulation, Timed voiding | Adjust fluid intake if catheterized volumes > 500 mL. Adapted to patient's voiding diary, fluid intake, PVRs, and urodynamics parameters. |
| TECHNIQUES TO FACILITATE BLADDER EMPTYING | |
| Triggered Reflex Voiding | |
| Crede (bladder compression) and Valsalva (abdominal straining) | Not recommended when DSD present: Risks high bladder pressures. Avoid in reflux, urethral pathology and UTI. Consider in lower motor neuron injuries (areflexic bladders) or those who had sphincterotomy. |
| Reflex voiding | Can generate unacceptably high bladder pressures. Needs hand skills or willing caregiver to apply collecting device |
| Catheterization | |
| Intermittent catheterization | Safe and effective; perform 4-6 x/day with goal catheterized volumes < 500 mL Needs sufficient hand skills or willing caregiver. Avoid in urethral pathology; high fluid intake regimen; bladder capacity < 200 mL; development of AD with bladder filling in spite of treatment; poor cognition, motivation, and compliance. |
| Indwelling catheterization | Consider in patients with poor hand skills, high fluid intake, cognitive impairments, elevated detrusor pressures, or need for temporary management of vesicoureteral reflux Use if no blockade or urethral/bladder neck erosion. |
| 1. Transurethral | |
| 2. Suprapubic catheter | Use if urethral pathology/catheter obstruction is present or for difficult catheter insertion. |
| EXTERNAL APPLIANCES | |
| Condom catheters, incontinence underwear and pads | Use to achieve social continence |
| SURGICAL | |
| Endourethral stents or transurethral sphincterotomy | For patients with DSD who void reflexively, have insufficient hand skills or lack caregiver assistance to perform intermittent catheterization. Patients rely on external catheter for continence. |
| Bladder augmentation | Patients with overactive small capacity detrusor. |
| Urinary diversion (example: ileovesicostomy) | Consider if other methods are not feasible or failure of all other treatment. Usually necessitates an external collecting device |
| Electric sacral stimulation (usually performed with selective sacral rhizotomy) | Electrical stimulation causes bladder contraction. Consider in patients with bladder retention and overactive bladder who have failed other treatment |
| OTHER PROCEDURES | |
| Injections: Botulinum Toxin Type A | For overactive bladder/detrusor overactivity, sometime also used for overactive sphincters |
| Neuromodulation: | |
| 1. Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation (PTNS) | Stimulation of the posterior tibial nerve inhibits detrusor activity |
| 2. Transcutaneous tibial nerve stimulation (TTNS) | Minimally invasive, useful in medically refractory overactive bladder |
| 3. Transcutaneous electrical spinal cord neuromodulator (TESCoN) | Stimulation of the dorsal surface or dorsal roots of the spinal cord promoted detrusor storage and voiding The efficacy of this device is being studied in SCI |