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Rectal Irrigation

Clinical standard

Rectal irrigation now has its own Clinical Standard! Developed as a way to standardize practice, rectal irrigation is now available in Nursing Clinical Standards (Mosby's Clinical Skills) under "[Rectal Irrigation](#)".

A provider order set is being created. Until it is ready for use, please have the ordering provider include all of the following elements in the order:

1. **Type of catheter:**
 - a. Preferred catheter is a Coloplast, straight catheter
 - b. Can be ordered via materials (description is: CATH, STRAIGHT, (size), PLASTIC; CHC # varies with Fr size)
 - c. Other catheters may be specified
2. **Catheter size: Fr**
3. **Catheter insertion depth: cm**
4. **Volume of solution: ml**
5. **Frequency:**
 - a. Typically BID, but can be performed up to Q1 hour in cases of acute enterocolitis

If you have questions please contact Jennifer Rivera, APRN, CNS, or your clinical education specialist.