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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.