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### **Suprapubic catheter**

Symptomatic bladder outlet obstruction and neurogenic bladder dysfunction are common conditions, frequently requiring long-term use of indwelling bladder catheters for adequate bladder emptying, prevention of complications of long-term bladder outlet obstruction, patient comfort, and optimal quality of life. A number of studies have found in favor of the suprapubic over the transurethral route for long-term bladder catheter drainage.

#### **Procedure:**

A small incision is made and a flexible tube, known as a catheter, is inserted into the bladder using X-ray and Ultrasound guidance. Once the catheter is positioned, saline is injected into a balloon to keep the catheter in place.