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Resident Performance in Complex Simulated Urinary Catheter Scenarios

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Introduction

- One in four hospitalized patients require a Urinary Catheter
 - Most common hospital acquired infection
 - Result of improper insertion and management
 - Development of guidelines
- Unclear if surgical residents have adopted these guidelines
 - Educational standards coming under closer scrutiny
 - Education is becoming standardized to ensure competency
 - American College of Surgeons and Association of Program Directors in Surgery Resident Skills Curriculum
 - Simulation has been incorporated
 - Urinary catheters defined as a basic skill



Introduction

- **AIM:** to assess surgical trainees ability to insert and troubleshoot difficult urinary catheters in the setting of common and complex urinary pathology
- **Hypothesis:** Residents will make inconsistent decisions in relation to catheter choices and clinical presentations, and they will not have achieved mastery



Materials and Methods

- Setting and Participants
 - Prospective, skills assessment study
 - 7 Midwest General Surgery training programs
 - Primary recruitment efforts for surgical residents entering their first research year



Materials and Methods

- Research Protocol
 - Demographic and self assessment survey
 - Personal confidence in completing the requested task
 - Perceived skill reduction while in the research years
 - Directed to Urinary Catheter Station



Protocol

- 15 minutes to finish 3 of 4 urinary catheter scenarios

Scenario	Description	Known	Unknown
A	Female, Trauma	Pelvic X-ray: Pelvic Fx	Bladder Injury
B	Female, Pre-Op	None	Labial Constriction
C	Male, Pre-Op	Rectal CA, LAR	Complete Obstruction
D	Male, Retention	BPH	None



Materials and Methods

- Data collection: Catheter choices, number of attempts, attempt number that led to successful return, and errors committed while inserting the catheter
- SPSS
 - Descriptive stats, Linear Regression Analysis, Chi-Square Analysis, Logistic Regression



Results

- 45 participants (56% female)
 - PGY 2 - 4 (M = 2.7, SD = 0.9)
 - 44% - First Year Research Residents
 - 22% - Second Year Research Residents
 - 33% - Clinical Residents



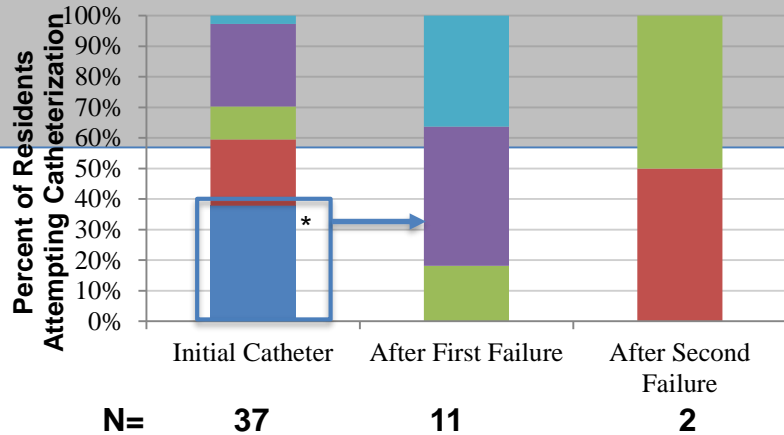
Results

- Pre-sim confidence
 - AVG 4.42 (SD = 0.85)
 - No difference in PGY level
 - Lower the resident confidence, more likely they were to commit error
 - Higher presim confidence led to earlier placement of Urology Consult
- Post-sim confidence
 - AVG 3.56 (SD = 0.81)
 - No relationship between post confidence and errors

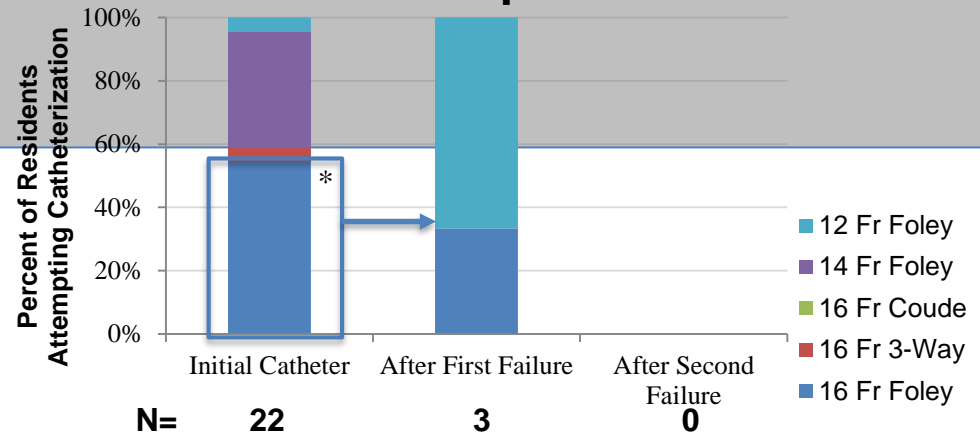


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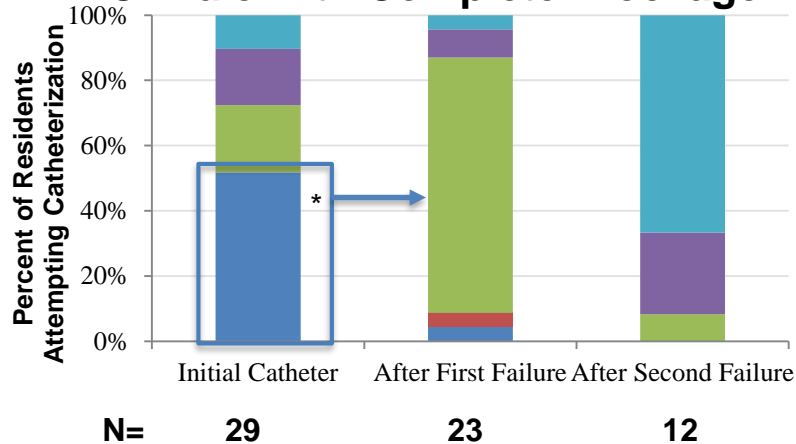
A. Female Trauma



B. Pre-Op Female



C. Male with Complete Blockage



D. Male with BPH

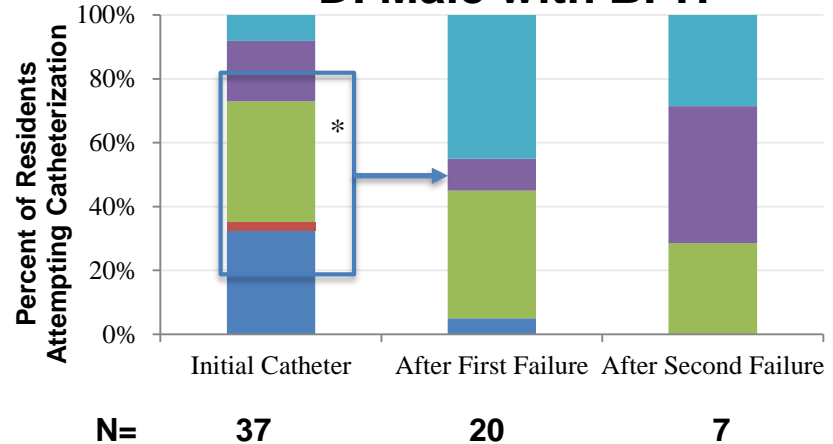


Figure 1. Most popular initial catheter choice followed by second and third most popular catheter choices when participants fail with initial catheter (* = $p < .01$)
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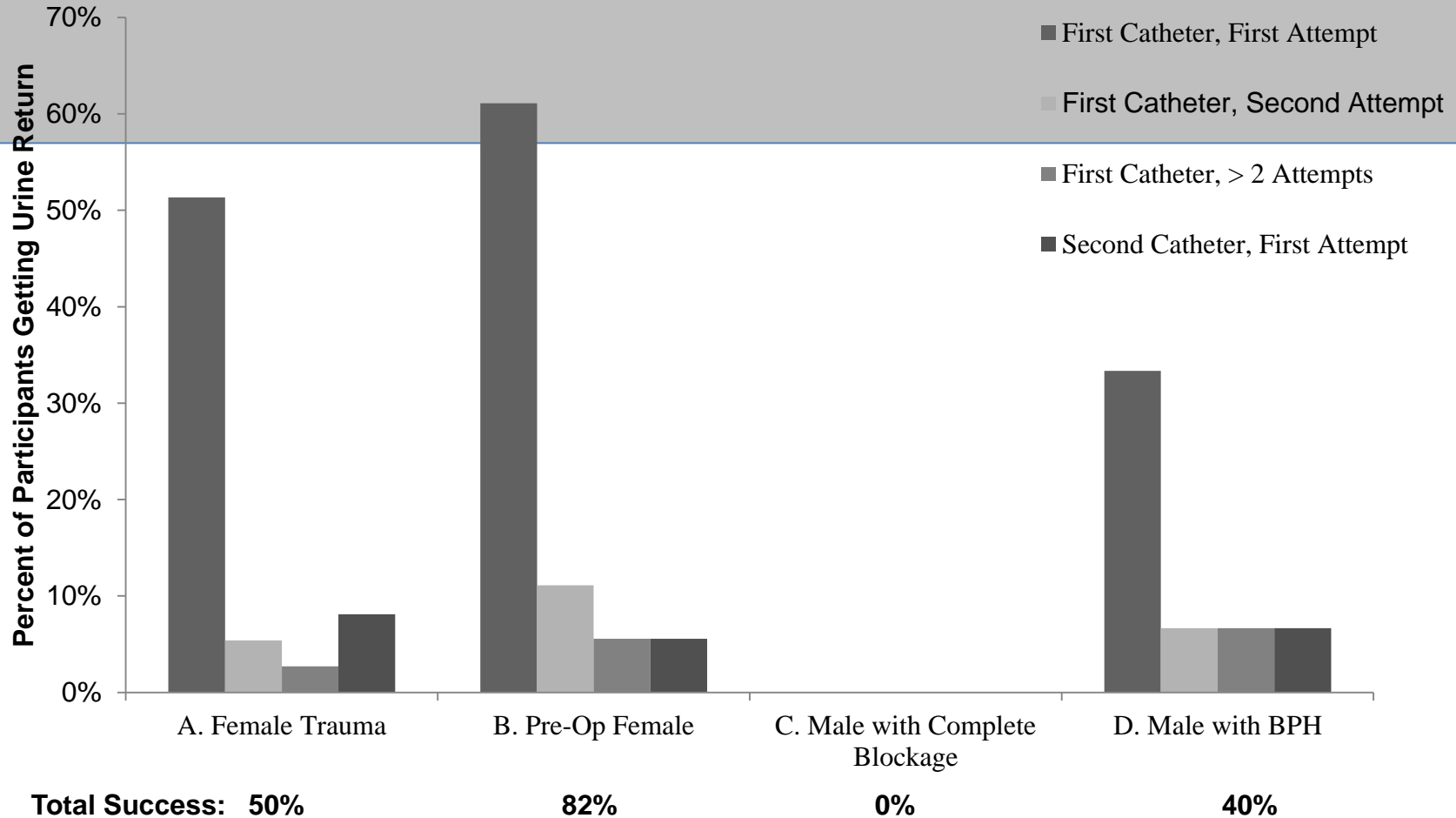


Figure 2. Success rates for scenario performances



Results

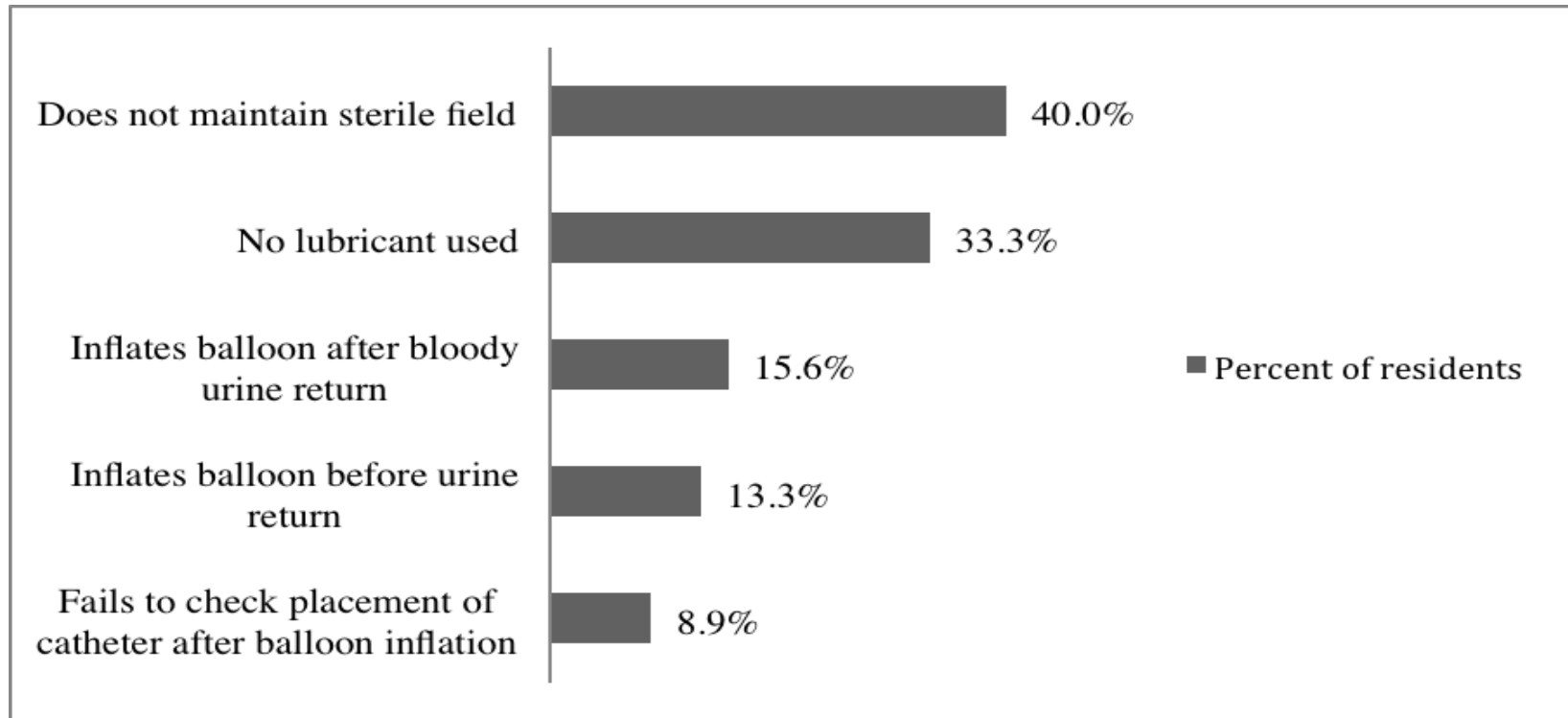


Figure 3. Percent of residents committing the most common errors at least once



Discussion

- What did we expect?
 - Female: 14 or 16 Fr first with systematic upsize
 - Male: 16 Fr foley or Coude
 - Coude if started with Foley
 - Upsize if coude
 - Verbal request to upsize
 - Less than one error per participant
- What did we find?
 - Residents are under prepared
 - Limited knowledge and experience in catheter insertion



Discussion

- Survey Results
 - Lower confidence with higher errors
 - Higher presim confidence sooner consults
- Can self assessment surveys serve as accurate predictors of performance?



Discussion

- Resident skills
 - Initial choices seem deliberate
 - A – C 16 Fr Foley, D 16 Fr Coude
 - Strategy in choice?
 - 16 Fr Coude in setting of BPH
- Highest chance of success is first attempt



Discussion

- Technical Performance
 - Leading technical error is a major risk factor for UTI
 - 40% of participants break sterile field
 - Next leading errors can cause major iatrogenic injury
 - Lack of lubricant, improper balloon inflation
 - Potential for consultation, operative repair, UTI risk factor, and CI to catheterizing



Discussion

- Lack of experience and education
 - Responsibilities have shifted towards nursing staff
 - Leaves resident staff with little experience and ill-equipped to troubleshoot
 - Premature Urology consults
 - 72% direct consultation to Urology without attempt
 - 66% standard catheterizations



Discussion

- How do we fix this?
 - Revision of curriculum
 - Addition of complex scenarios and algorithms
 - Simulation
 - Cheap, safe, infinite opportunities for repetition
 - Opportunity to encounter difficult scenarios
 - Overall effect
 - Potential return in investment of training
 - Central venous catheter training: 7:1 return in investment
 - Additional cost savings in minimizing consults



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