

A plastic pouch accommodated in a depression 38 in the tray is removed from the latter and the contents including lubricating jelly in an individually sealed pouch 40, safety pin 41, and rubber band 42 are taken out and placed back into the depression 38, ready for use.

The tray 12 has a further depression 44 for a prefilled syringe 45 used to inflate the balloon on the catheter. The syringe 45 is stored with its plunger 45a extended and the barrels 45b filled with a fixed amount of sterile water, the tip of the syringe having a removable protective cap 47 of rubber or the like to seal the water in the barrel. The depression 44 has an end section 44a of a width approximating the diameter of the protective cap 47 and a mid-section 44b having a width approximating that of the barrel 45b thereby holding the syringe against lateral movement in its stored condition. The upper portion of the end section 44c, on the other hand, is wider than the diameter of the plunger handle 45a so that it may be easily grasped for removal of the syringe from the tray. Indentations 44d along the sides of the depression 44 accommodate the flange or finger grip 45c of the syringe.

Included in the box 10 beneath the tray 12 are a collapsible drainage bottle 46 and a Foley catheter 48 (partly shown) connected thereto by the drainage tube 49 and ready for use. The bottle 46 is made of flexible plastic material having fold lines 46a formed thereon on opposite sides so that it may be folded flat for storage in the box 10 and expanded into cube form when in use. The bottle is shown in FIG. 6 partially expanded for illustration purposes. In its collapsed condition, it will readily fit into the box 10 beneath the tray 12. The catheter 48 and drainage tubing 49 connecting it to the bottle 46 are coiled in the box about the bottle. The neck of the bottle carries a detachable fitting 50 to receive and connect the catheter drainage tube 49. The neck also has diametrically opposed projecting lugs 52 for detachably affixing a supporting strap 54, the latter having a plurality of spaced openings 54a at both end portions to fit over the lugs 52 so as to form a closed loop over a bed rail or the like for suspending the bottle. A flexible plastic carrying hook 56 may be provided on the neck of the bottle to facilitate handling the latter, for example, when it is emptied.

After the patient has been prepared, as previously described, the catheter 48 is lubricated with the lubricating jelly 40 while the drainage bottle 46 and tubing 49 are still in the box 10. Catheterization is thereafter effected in the usual manner. The covering 47 on the tip of the syringe 45 is removed and the balloon on the catheter is inflated with the sterile water in the syringe 45. The drainage bottle 46 is removed from the box 10 and suspended from a bed rail or the like by the strap 54 (or placed on the floor or other support). The drainage tubing 49 is attached to a bed sheet with the safety pin 41 and rubber band 42 to thereby complete the catheterization procedure. All waste materials may be discarded in the plastic bag 16. The collapsible bottle 46 may be emptied by grasping the carrying hook 56, detaching one end of the strap 54 from the lug 52 and disengaging the connection fitting 50 from the bottle. After the bottle 46 has been emptied it may be connected and suspended again.

From the above description it will be seen that all the components to effect catheterization have been provided

in a compact, sealed, and sterile package ready for use in the order needed. The tray conveniently houses and stores the accessories to provide protection against damage during shipment and to make such accessories readily available while at the same time facilitating their use, for example, by enabling the balls of cleansing material to be saturated with cleansing fluid while in their storage compartment. The tray also serves to rigidify the package. Thus the box 10 may be made of inexpensive cardboard with the tray, accommodating the upper edge of the box in the groove 27, serving to rigidify the assembled unit. The tray 12 may be made of relatively thin molded plastic with the various depressions therein serving to enhance its overall structural strength.

As best shown in FIG. 7, the depression 44 for the syringe 45 has an extension 44d at an intermediate location which extends down to the same plane as the bottom of the depressions 28 and 32 to thereby provide a three leg support for the tray on a flat surface. The tray also has indentations 58 at both ends adjacent the lift tabs to provide additional grip area after the tray has been lifted off of the box.

In the above description, all the components for catheterization have been included in the package. In some cases certain components, such as the Foley catheter 48, may be omitted as it may be available from a separate source.

It will be understood that various changes may be made in the form, construction and arrangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, and hence we do not intend to be limited to the details shown or described herein except as the same are included in the claim or may be required by disclosures of the prior art.

What we claim is:

A package for catheterization components, comprising an open top box made of cardboard, one of said components being a collapsible drainage bottle with catheter and drainage tube preconnected to said bottle within said box, a removable tray of molded plastic having compartments therein for other of said components, said compartments strengthening said tray to provide a semi-rigid structure, there being at least three compartments at least portions of which extend to the same depth so as to provide three point support for the tray on a flat surface, means mounting said tray within the open top of said box over said bottle and thereby rigidifying said box, said tray having lateral extensions forming lifting tabs a sterile wrap folded about said box and adapted to be unfolded to provide a sterile field as said components are removed from the package and used, and a sealed envelope about said wrap to maintain the sterility of said components.

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