Proper placement of the drainage bag system is essential for proper urine flow, which promotes drainage and can help reduce contamination and patient discomfort.

- **ALWAYS** position drain bag below the level of the bladder
- Position urinary drain bag upright
- Secure at the foot of the bed
- Never place the drain bag on the floor

**TIP:** When emptying, hold the spine and lift the meter.

**TIP:** Avoid kinks or dependent loops
- Create a straight and continuous downward slope towards the bag
- Place over the patient’s leg – especially with obese patients
- Secure to the sheet with clip

**TIP:** Excess tubing can be coiled as long as it doesn’t fall below the level of the bag or form dependent loops or kinks.