Treat Bartholin gland cysts and abscesses.

Word Catheter
SILICONE BARTHOLIN GLAND BALLOON

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The Word Catheter Silicone Bartholin Gland Balloon is used for the treatment of abscesses and cysts of the Bartholin gland.

The balloon can be used in an office-based procedure. After being inserted into the area of the duct orifice and inflated with saline, the balloon can remain in place up to 28 days as the surgically created tract heals.

1. Clean the area around the Bartholin gland with an antiseptic solution.

2. Use the enclosed scalpel to drain the abscess and break up any loculi by making an incision in the outer wall of the cyst, preferably inside the hymenal ring. (A)

3. After the abscess has drained, insert the deflated balloon through the incision and into the cyst. (B)

4. Use the enclosed syringe to inflate the balloon with sterile saline until the balloon is sufficiently anchored in the cyst. (Do not exceed an inflation volume of 3 mL.) (C)

5. Remove the syringe, leaving the inflated balloon in the cyst. Place the free end of the catheter inside the vagina. (D)

6. After the new orifice has completely healed, deflate the balloon with a sterile syringe and remove the catheter.

Note: Healing time may vary with each patient. The Word catheter is not intended to be left indwelling for more than 28 days.

Resources

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