

Functional effect of transient transurethral catheterization on micturition in women: reply

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Dear Editor,

We greatly appreciate Drs. Valentini and Nelson's comments [1] on our article, "Evidence of a Functional Effect of Transient Transurethral Catheterization on Micturition in Women" [2]. Their added insights pertaining to the complex effects of transient catheterization on voiding parameters with regards to their Valentini-Besson-Nelson (VBN) model are much respected and appreciated. We agree that our finding that alterations in Q_{ave} and not in Q_{max} are somewhat unexpected. However, this finding reinforces previous observations in animals and humans and further emphasizes that urethral intubation has a more complex impact on mictu-

rition than previously shown in clinical models. We feel that this is an interesting finding, with real clinical implications, warranting further clinical investigation.

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