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Description	Reference
UnoMeter™ Abdo-Pressure™ IAP monitoring system Kit	
(with UnoMeter <sup>™</sup> Safeti <sup>™</sup> Plus, 110cm tubing and round hook)	158 100 910 190
UnoMeter™ Abdo-Pressure™ IAP monitoring system stand-alone	158 100 110 190

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# Ideally, before it occurs.

**UnoMeter**<sup>™</sup> Abdo-Pressure<sup>™</sup> IAP monitoring system



## Determine the risk of IAH and ACS – before life-threatening complications happen

Detect abdominal compartment syndrome early.

### WSACS recommends:

"That patients should be screened for IAH/ACS risk factors upon ICU admission and in the presence of new or progressive organ failure."

WSACS is the World Society of the Abdominal Compartment Syndrome. WSACS has generated consensus definitions and recommendations and shares knowledge on diagnosis, manage-ment and treatment of IAH and ACS. http://www.wsacs.org/consensus.php.

Concern towards abdominal compartment syndrome (ACS) has risen dramatically in recent years because of the serious, lifethreatening risks it presents to patients.

ACS results when the increase in the intraabdominal pressure (IAP) interferes with vascular inflow and venous return, threatening the viability of the tissues within the abdomen. Sustained or repeated IAP greater than or equal to 12 mmHg is generally considered intra-abdominal hypertension (IAH).1

#### Preventative action required

Early recognition of IAH is important; a number of non-surgical treatment options may be applied to normalize the patient's IAP. Should these options fail, the need for surgical decompression may be urgent because of IAH's multi-system effects-and high mortality-if not recognized and treated.

Despite the risk to patient health, the incidence of IAH and ACS has been significantly underestimated over the years. Recent studies, however, are beginning to shed light on the scope of the problem. One European study demonstrated that IAH (defined as IAP>12mmHg) and ACS (defined as IAP>20mmHg) occurred in more than 50% of all surgical and medical patients.<sup>2</sup>

There are no characteristic clinical findings indicating IAH. A distended abdomen may or may not be accompanied by IAH, and clinical exam alone has been shown to be insufficient. Thus, it is generally accepted that actual measurement of the IAP is always required for confirmation.<sup>3</sup>

Medical practice demonstrates that conventional IAP measurement techniques are often time-consuming, produce unreliable results or require disruption of the normally closed sterile urinary system, increasing the risk of infection.4

#### The reference standard for IAP measurement is via the bladder<sup>1</sup>

The UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system employs a practical, clinically welldocumented method for measuring IAP. Using the intravesical route, the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system is simple, fast and cost-effective for everyday clinical use.4

#### IAH may affect all organs in the:

Cardiovascular system Hepatic system Gastrointestinal system **Central Nervous system** Respiratory system

## Ready. Set. Measure. A fast path for diagnostic screening



Unpack the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system and connect it to the Foley catheter.

Read the IAP value on the clearly marked scale of the tubing.

Finalize measurement and document IAP results.





- 1. Safety Unomedical urinemeters are designed to prevent retrograde contamination <sup>5\*</sup> Non-return valves built into the sample connector and the collection bag prevent residual urine from re-entering the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system.
- 2. Secure interface between the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system and the urine meter

Pre-connected to the urine meter, the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system is available in customized solutions, to help you save time and help reduce the risk of infections.

3. Integrated tube clamp Opening of the tube clamp allows sterile venting to atmospheric pressure in the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system manometer tube for reliable reading of the IAP. Small respiratory pressure variations indicate a direct transmission of bladder pressure.

4. KombiKon<sup>™</sup> needle free sample port Eliminating the need for needles when priming and sampling from the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system, thereby reducing a major cause of injury.

#### 5. Easy to read scaling

Graduation in mmHg enables easy IAP interpretation.

6. Smooth connecter for optimal catheter fit A secure connection between the UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system and the Foley catheter is assured because of the smooth connector.

The UnoMeter Abdo-Pressure IAP monitoring system recommended duration of use: up to 7 days.\*

<sup>\*</sup> As demonstrated in vitr

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