

CLAIMS

1. A packaged catheter assembly comprising a catheter, a fluid reservoir, and an opaque pouch containing the fluid reservoir and catheter, wherein the pouch comprises a transparent or translucent window wherein the catheter in the pouch is hidden.
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2. The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pouch comprises two opaque walls, and the window is provided in one of the opaque walls.
3. The assembly as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the catheter is a male urinary catheter.
- 10 4. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the catheter is an intermittent catheter.
5. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the window corresponds to the position of the fluid reservoir in the pouch.
6. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the window corresponds to the position of an indicator region of the pouch, wherein the indicator region is configured to indicate successful release of fluid from the reservoir.
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7. The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the indicator region corresponds to a wetting region into which fluid is intended to flow from the fluid reservoir.
- 20 8. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the catheter is hidden by the fluid reservoir.
9. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the catheter is hidden by the pouch.
10. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the window comprises a pattern that provides a graduated appearance to one or more of the edges the window.
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11. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the fluid reservoir is opaque.

12. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the pouch comprises two opaque walls, and the window is provided in one of the opaque walls and the fluid reservoir is a different colour or different shade of colour to the pouch.
13. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the pouch comprises a retaining seal configured to restrict the movement of the fluid reservoir within the pouch.
14. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the pouch comprises two opaque walls, and the window is provided in one of the opaque walls and corresponds to the position of the fluid reservoir in the pouch.
15. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the pouch comprises two opaque walls, and the window is provided in one of the opaque walls and corresponds to the position of an indicator region of the pouch, wherein the indicator region is configured to indicate successful release of fluid from the reservoir.
16. The assembly as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the pouch comprises two opaque walls, and the window is provided in one of the opaque walls and a retaining seal provided between the two walls and configured to restrict the movement of the fluid reservoir within the pouch.
17. A method of forming a packaged catheter assembly, the method comprising: providing two opaque walls to define a pouch; providing a fluid reservoir within the pouch; arranging a catheter within the pouch; forming a peripheral seal between the walls to seal the catheter and fluid reservoir within the pouch; and providing a transparent or translucent window in at least one wall of the pouch wherein the catheter is hidden in the pouch.
18. The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein the packaged catheter assembly is the packaged catheter assembly according to any of claims 1 to 16.
19. A method of wetting a catheter in a packaged catheter assembly, the method comprising releasing fluid from a reservoir in a pouch, and inspecting the interior of the pouch through a transparent or translucent window in an opaque wall of the pouch, either to identify the reservoir to release the fluid or to

confirm that the reservoir has released fluid into the pouch or both, and removing the catheter from the pouch wherein the catheter is hidden in the pouch.

20. The method of as claimed in claim 19 wherein the packaged catheter assembly
5 is the assembly of any of claims 1 to 16 and/or the packaged catheter assembly is formed according to the method of claim 17 or 18.