Patients with Catheters

Patients with catheters have a higher risk of infection. Ask your doctor about getting a fistula or graft instead.

Learn how to take care of the catheter at home. Do not get it wet.

Wash your hands often, especially before and after dialysis treatment.

Know the steps your healthcare providers should take when using the catheter for treatment.

Know the signs and symptoms of infection and what to do if you think you might have an infection.

Know what to do if you have any problem with the catheter.

6 Tips to prevent Dialysis Infections
Patients with Fistulas or Grafts

6 TIPS to prevent Dialysis Infections

1. Take care of your dialysis access site at home. Avoid scratching or picking it.

2. Wash your hands often, especially before and after dialysis treatment.

3. Wash or cleanse your dialysis access site prior to treatment.

4. Know the steps your healthcare providers should take when using your dialysis access for treatment.

5. Know the signs and symptoms of infection and what to do if you think you might have an infection.

6. Know what to do if you have any problem with your dialysis access site.

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