

Renal – Removal of a Tunnelled Dialysis Catheter

Introduction

This leaflet provides information and simple instructions on how to look after the exit site where your catheter has been removed.

Why do I need my line removed?

Your tunnelled dialysis catheter has been removed today for one or more of the following reasons.

1. You have a functioning fistula which has been needled successfully a number of times.
2. To reduce the risk of infection.
3. You have an infected line.
4. You no longer need dialysis.
5. You have a working CAPD catheter

Who will take the line out?

A renal doctor will take the line out a local anaesthetic will be used so the procedure will be as pain free as possible.

This will take place in the procedure room on ward 3.

It will take 15-20min to remove the permcath.

What to look for when the catheter has been removed?

There will be a dressing covering the wound.

There may be some bleeding from the cut the Doctor has made or from the exit site just below this. This is normal and should not be any more than oozing.

If either site bleeds and you are unable to stop the bleeding, get some gauze which you will have been given by the nurse and apply firm pressure in your neck just above your collar bone 5-10 minutes. The nurse will explain and show you how and where to press before you leave the procedure room.

If the bleeding does not stop after you have applied pressure a number of times then you will need to go to A+E at your local hospital or call 999.

If you need advice contact the renal unit on the numbers shown.

Keep the wound covered until the stitches have been removed. These will be removed by the dialysis nurse 10 days after the tunnelled dialysis catheter has been removed, or you can attend your GP surgery and get the practice nurse to remove them.

Keep the wound dry for at least 72 hours after the catheter has been removed.

Where and when will the stitches come out?

The stitches can be removed after 10 days

This will be done at the dialysis unit you attend for dialysis or by the practice nurse at your local GP. If you get them removed by your practice nurse you may need to book an appointment before having them removed.

Useful phone numbers:

Ward 3: 0121 424 0203
Glaxo Renal Unit: 0121 424 1160
Renal Access Nurses: 0121 424 1068

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Additional Sources of Information:

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You may want to visit one of our Health Information Centres located in:

- Main Entrance at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital Tel: 0121 424 2280
 - Treatment Centre at Good Hope Hospital Tel: 0121 424 9946
 - Clinic Entrance Solihull Hospital Tel: 0121 424 5616
- or contact us by email: healthinfo.centre@heartofengland.nhs.uk.

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- I want great care: www.iwantgreatcare.org (Here you can leave feedback about your doctor)

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