Patients with Catheters

6 TIPS to prevent Dialysis Infections

TIP 1

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

TIP 2

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

TIP 3

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

TIP 4

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

TIP 5

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

TIP 6

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

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Patients with Fistulas or Grafts

6 TIPS to prevent Dialysis Infections

TIP 1

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

TIP 2

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

TIP 3

Wash or cleanse your dialysis access site prior to treatment.

TIP 4

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

TIP 5

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

TIP 6

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

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