

Before You Fly

For Home Hemodialysis Patients

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- Contact the medical services number of the airline to receive written confirmation that you have been approved to travel with your dialysis machine. Ensure in writing, that you are approved to travel with your device and that your dialysis machine will be on the same flight as you.
- You will need to quote your dialysis machine dimensions when you are speaking to the airline. Please refer to the table below for your machine dimensions.

EQUIPMENT	DIMENSIONS WITH TRAVEL CASE
NxStage Home Hemodialysis	Weight: 99lbs (with cyclor) Size: 20”L x20”W x16”D
NxStage Home Hemodialysis bag warmer This can be placed in your carry-on bag between soft articles of clothing.	Weight: 4.4 lbs

Medications

To facilitate screening, pack all medication in your carry-on baggage with clearly identified labels bearing your name. Do not try to minimize space by placing medications in one bottle. Prescription medication is exempted from the liquid restrictions, but must be presented to the screening officer separately from your carry-on baggage

Canadian Transportation Agency

The Canadian Transportation Agency works to ensure that federally regulated (air, rail, marine and interprovincial bus) transportation services and facilities in Canada are accessible to persons with disabilities. The Agency provides publications and checklists to help you plan travel that meets accessibility requirements. If you run into problems while in transit and cannot resolve them directly with your transportation service provider, the Agency can help you resolve a wide range of transportation disputes. The Agency’s Accessible Transportation website includes information on the carriage of mobility aids on planes, and a list of accessible transportation links. Please refer to the website for more information:

<https://www.otc-cta.gc.ca>

The link below provides in detail the Air Transportation Regulations. Part VII, sec. 148(1)(e) addresses the carriage of dialysis machines, as priority checked baggage.

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-88-58/index.html>

This section reads:

148. (1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 151, **an air carrier shall accept for carriage as priority baggage, without charge and in addition to the free baggage allowance permitted to a passenger, the following aids, where they are required for the mobility or well-being of a person:**

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(e) any prosthesis **or medical device**.

U.S. Department of Transportation

The Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) of 1990 says airlines can't discriminate against people with disabilities. The law covers flights both in and out of the US. The U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) enforces the ACAA.

Please refer to Home Dialysis Central for more information on US travel:

<http://www.homedialysis.org/life-at-home/articles/flying-with-a-pd-cycler-or-nxstage-system-one>