



# After Bedside Removal of a Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter: What do I need to know?

## 1. Dressing care

- DO NOT change your dressing yourself. Your PD nurse will change/remove your dressing at your follow-up appointment.
- Keep your dressing clean and dry at all times.
- If your dressing becomes loose, add more tape.
- If your dressing becomes wet or loose, put an extra dressing on top. If the extra dressing becomes wet or bloody, call your kidney nurse or doctor.

## 2. No showers, bathing or swimming. Sponge baths only until your kidney nurse or doctor tells you otherwise (usually after your stitches are taken out).

## 3. If you have pain

- You may take acetaminophen (Tylenol®).
- A little bit of pain is normal but it should decrease each day. If the pain gets worse, talk with your kidney nurse or doctor.



## 4. Attend your follow-up appointment

- Usually one to two weeks after your catheter has been removed.
- Your stitches and the dressing will be removed.

## Date and time of follow-up appointment

## 5. When should I call my kidney nurse or doctor?

- Your extra dressing (the one that was put on top of the original dressing) gets wet or bloody.
- Your pain will not go away even after pain medications
- Your temperature is more than 38.0° C (100.4° F)

## Important phone numbers

Kidney Doctor \_\_\_\_\_

Peritoneal Dialysis Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Kidney Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

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