

# You are on Vacation and Have a Buttonhole Track

If you are away, please give a copy of this sheet to the nurse at the dialysis centre.

**THIS PATIENT HAS A FISTULA.  
THIS FISTULA IS NEEDED USING THE BUTTONHOLE METHOD.**

In the event the patient is not able to needle his/her own fistula, please:

- **DO NOT use the buttonhole tracks to needle the fistula.**
- Instead, use sharp needles placed at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) away from the buttonhole sites and in the same direction as the buttonhole track.

*Rationale: Each person needles buttonhole tracks in a slightly different way. We would like to limit the number of people needling the track to avoid problems.*


The information below is to help you in locating a site to use sharp needles.

PATIENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ACCESS TYPE AND LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

HUB TO EXIT SITE MEASURES (see photo) Proximal site: \_\_\_\_\_ cm

Distal site: \_\_\_\_\_ cm

SAMPLE PHOTO (NOT THIS PATIENT)	THIS PATIENT'S BUTTONHOLE SITES
	

HOME DIALYSIS UNIT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME DIALYSIS PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_