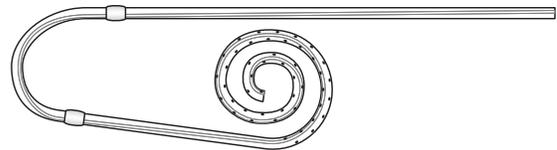


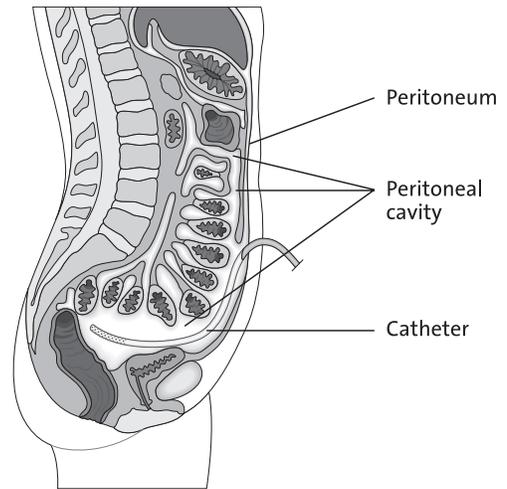


Bedside Insertion of a Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter: What is it? What can I expect?

- A tube (catheter) will be put into your abdomen.
- Please arrive at the hospital one hour before your procedure. The procedure will take about 45 minutes. You will stay in the hospital for about 3 hours after the procedure. Sometimes you may stay overnight.
- You will be awake during the procedure. You may be given drugs to relax you or make you feel sleepy.
- Your doctor will put local freezing (anaesthetic) into your abdomen. You should not feel pain during the procedure.
- Your doctor will make 2 small cuts near your belly button. One cut will have stitches and the other will have the tube sticking out (exit site). Your cuts will be covered by a large dressing.
- In most cases your catheter will not be used for dialysis for at least 2 weeks after it is put in (often longer) to allow healing.



Sample catheters



Where the catheter will be placed

Important phone numbers

Kidney Doctor _____

Peritoneal Dialysis Unit _____

Kidney Clinic _____

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