

PERITONITIS

Instructions for Patient

If you have abdominal pain and/or **CLOUDY BAG**, call your Peritoneal Dialysis Clinic:

Abbotsford Regional Hospital (604) 851-4769 (Monday – Friday 8:30 to 4:00)

Royal Columbian Hospital (604) 520-4503 (Monday – Friday 7:30 to 4:30)

Evenings or weekends call the Nephrologist **FIRST (604) 527-4835** for instructions. Go to Royal Columbian, Surrey Memorial, or Abbotsford Regional Hospitals.

If you go to **another hospital**... **MAKE SURE** you bring several twin bags and minicaps. Other hospitals do not carry Peritoneal Dialysis supplies.

Cycler – drain the fluid from your abdomen (use a twin bag) and bring it to the hospital.

Twin Bag – bring cloudy bag to hospital.

If you are sent home with antibiotics, please call the Peritoneal Dialysis Unit when it reopens to tell them about the infection.

Instructions for Hospital

If a Peritoneal dialysis patient comes to your Emergency Department with abdominal pain and cloudy dialysis effluent:

1. Send entire dialysis effluent bag for STAT cell count with differential Gram stain Culture and Sensitivity
**If pt. is empty, instill 2L 1.5% for 2 hours then drain and send bag.
2. Contact **Nephrologist** on call (604) 527-4835
3. Fill and drain patient with 2L dialysate 1.5% three times rapidly (or patient can do if able) while waiting for antibiotic orders (reduces pain).
4. Inject antibiotic into dialysate bag via port and instill into patient, let dwell for at least 6 hours.
5. Please leave a message at the Peritoneal Dialysis Unit at either **Royal Columbian Hospital (604) 520-4503** or **Abbotsford Hospital (604) 851-4769** to inform them about the peritonitis.

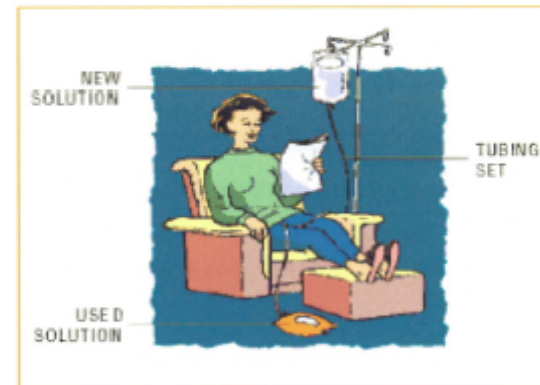
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PREVENTING PERITONITIS

- Wash and dry hands thoroughly
- Keep work surfaces clean
- Wear mask
- Secure catheter well
- Keep fingernails short and clean
- Tell Nephrologist about all **Dental Work** and all **Diagnostic Tests** planned for you



SIGNS OF PERITONITIS

- Cloudy fluid in drain bag
- Abdominal pain
- Possible nausea, vomiting, and fever

Go to hospital with above symptoms

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