

Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter Site Care

Why do I need to do catheter site care?

Daily site care helps prevent infection around the exit site.

What supplies are needed?

- Tape or SePro® netting
- Tegaderm™ or primapore dressing, if needed
- Antibacterial and pump soap
- 2 packages of sterile 4x4 gauze
- Gentamicin ointment

How do I clean the site?

1. Shower as usual.
2. Clean the catheter site with sterile 4x4 gauze and antibacterial hand pump soap. Wipe with a sterile 4x4 soaked with water.
3. Dry the catheter site completely with sterile 4x4 gauze.
4. Put on Gentamicin ointment lightly around the exit site using sterile 4x4 gauze.
5. Put on Tegaderm™ or primapore dressing if needed.
6. Secure catheter with tape or SePro® netting.

Special information

- Catheter site care must be done each day.
- Do not cut tape with a scissor close to the catheter.
- Do not use powder or lotion around the exit site.
- Do not put your child in a bathtub full of water. The catheter or exit site should not sit in water.

Follow up care

Call the Dialysis Unit if any of the following occurs around the catheter site:

- Redness
- Tenderness
- Drainage
- Leaking
- Swelling
- Cuff is exposed
- Catheter gets pulled out

Call with any questions or concerns. Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (414) 266-2840

After hours (414) 266-2000, ask for the on-call dialysis nurse.

ALERT: Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has special health care needs that were not covered by this information.

This teaching sheet is meant to help you care for your child. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.