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ACCESS REMOVAL

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ACTIVITY

- You may resume your regular activities.
- No strenuous activity or lifting heavy objects for the next 7 days.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

For minor discomfort, you may take over the counter medications such as Tylenol or Advil.

CARE OF YOUR INCISION AFTER YOUR DEVICE IS REMOVED

(Circle One) PORT DIALYSIS CATHETER

- Your incision is held together by STERILE PAPER STRIPS. Keep the dressing dry for two days.
 Starting on the third day, you may shower after removing the dressing. Do not remove the paper strips but allow them to fall off on their own. No dressing is needed.
- Your incision is held together by SUTURES. Keep the dressing dry for the first two days. Starting on the third day, you may shower after removing the dressing. Apply a dry sterile dressing to the incision each day until the sutures are removed. Call your primary care physician for suture removal in 7 – 10 days.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN

- Fever and chills.
- Severe pain.
- Bleeding, drainage, redness or swelling at or around the incision.

If you experience any of these problems, please call your doctor or Radiology Associates of Venice at 941-488-7781 and ask them to page the Interventional Radiology Department. The Venice Regional Medical Center Emergency Room is also available for 24 hours a day at 941-483-7000.