

DIALYSIS CATHETER

SEDATION

- The sedation you received for your procedure is still in your system. Therefore, we would like you to take it easy the rest of the day and evening.
- Do not drive and avoid drinking alcohol.

ACTIVITY

- You may resume regular activity 24 hours after the procedure.
- No exercising, lifting heavy objects, or strenuous activity for the next 7 days.
- No swimming or showering while catheter is in place.

CARE OF YOUR CATHETER

- No showers, keep the dressing dry. You may take a sponge or tub bath. Do NOT get the catheter or the dressing wet.
- The dialysis nurse will change the dressing and flush your catheter.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN

- Fever or chills.
- Swelling or severe pain in the arm on the side of the catheter.
- If the catheter comes out or has any continuous bleeding.
- Redness, active bleeding or drainage from the incision.

If you experience any of these problems, please call your Nephrologist or dialysis unit. Or, call the Radiology Associate of Venice at (941) 486-3491 and ask for the Interventional Radiology Department. In case of a medical emergency go to the nearest Emergency Room.