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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 (check one)

- No showers, keep the dressing dry. You may take a sponge or tub bath.
- You have two incisions: a neck incision and one over your catheter.
- The dialysis nurse will change the dressing over your catheter 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.
- 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 941-488-7781 and ask for the Interventional Radiology Department. The Venice Regional Medical Center Emergency Room is also available 24 hours a day at 941-483-7000.