It only takes a minute to check your catheter.

Check your catheter every day.

**Look**

Did you notice anything different when you checked your catheter today?

**Feel**

No change.

Great! Keep checking each day. At your next treatment, tell your Dialysis Care Team that there was no change.

Yes, a change.

Call the contact given to you by your Dialysis Care Team. Share what you found. They will tell you what to do next.

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Look

Look at your catheter dressing in the mirror.

It is clean and dry, and it covers the exit site (the place where the catheter comes out of your skin).

The dressing does not cover the exit site, it is wet or dirty, there is blood or pus on the dressing.

GO

Looking good!

STOP

Contact your dialysis care team if you notice any “stop” signs!

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Feel

Do not remove the catheter dressing!
Feel over the dressing.

It is dry and there is no pain in the area under the dressing.

The catheter dressing is wet, you have pain in the area under the dressing, something feels different, or you think you have a fever.

Contact your dialysis care team if you notice any “stop” signs!

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Good to go!
It only takes a minute to check your catheter.

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**Look**

Look at your catheter dressing in the mirror.

- It is clean and dry, and it covers the exit site (the place where the catheter comes out of your skin).
- The dressing does not cover the exit site, it is wet or dirty, there is blood or pus on the dressing.

**Feel**

Feel over the catheter dressing. Do not remove the dressing!

- The dressing is dry and there is no pain in the area under the dressing.
- The dressing is wet, you have pain in the area under the dressing, something feels different, or you think you may have a fever.

If you notice any of the red “stop” signs during your daily catheter check, follow these instructions IMMEDIATELY:

Contact: __________________________

During regular facility hours __________________________

After hours __________________________

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