It only takes a minute to check your patient’s catheter. Check before you connect.

**A Bridge to Your Lifeline**

#### Look

- **Look**
  - Go
  - **Stop**
  
  Look at the CATHETER to make sure:
  - There are no cracks in the catheter tubing.
  - The caps are on the ends of the catheter tubes.
  - The catheter cuff is not coming out of the skin.
  
  Look at the EXIT SITE to make sure there is no:
  - Redness
  - Drainage
  - Bleeding
  - Exposure of catheter cuff
  
  Check the skin over tunnel for redness.

#### Listen

- **Listen**
  
  Listen to the patient and be sure to ask:
  - If they think they might have a fever.
  - If they have noticed anything different with their catheter since the last dialysis treatment.

#### Feel

- **Feel**
  
  Press lightly on the area over the tunnel away from the exit site.
  
  There should be no:
  - Pain
  - Drainage coming from the exit site
  
  The area over the tunnel should not feel warmer than the area around it.

If there is:

- Pain and/or drainage from the exit site when you press lightly on the area over the tunnel.
- If the area over the tunnel is warmer than the area around it.