Treatment Options: Peritoneal Dialysis

What is peritoneal dialysis?

- A treatment option for kidney failure
- A process of fluid exchanges through the abdomen (belly)
- A treatment that removes waste products and extra fluid from the blood through the fluid exchanges
- A treatment that requires a small plastic tube, called a catheter, to be placed in the abdomen (belly) to allow the fluid to move in and out
- A process that can be done manually called Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) or with a machine while you are sleeping called Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis (CCPD)
- A process that requires a clean area to make sure infection does not occur
- A treatment that can be done by patients and does not require a partner
- A form of dialysis that is done by patients in their home after they are trained by a home training program
- A treatment option that allows patients the freedom to determine what hours they want to dialyze
- A form of dialysis that can be done when traveling
- An option that you should discuss with your nephrologist