

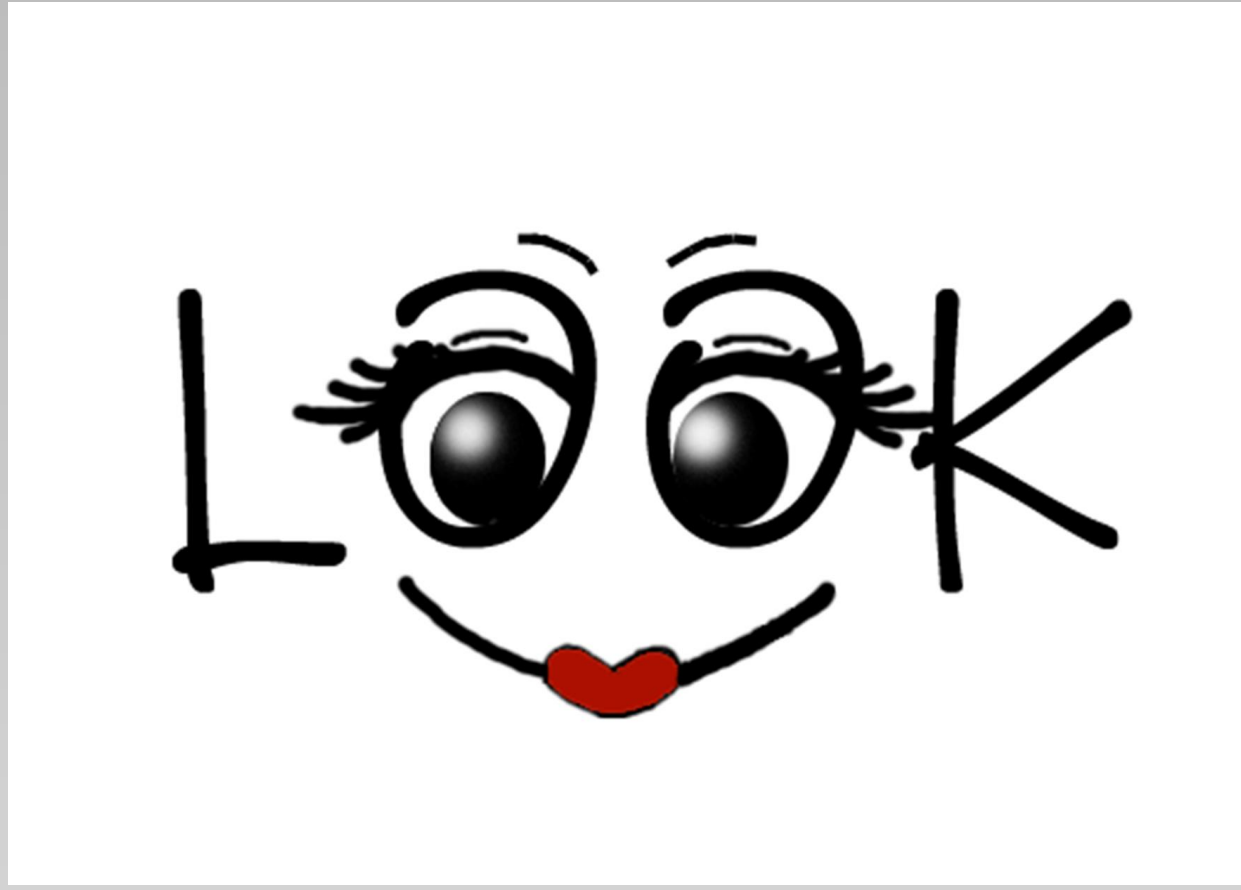


How to take care of your Dialysis Line (Catheter)



It only takes a minute to check your catheter!

Check your dialysis catheter every day



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



Great! Keep checking each day. At your next treatment, tell your dialysis care team that there was no change



Call the contact given to you by your dialysis care team. Share what you found. They will tell you what to do next



Is it **CLEAN & DRY**, and does it **cover the EXIT SITE**(the place where the catheter comes out of the skin)



LOOKING good!



The dressing **DOES NOT COVER THE EXIT SITE**, it is **WET/DIRTY**, there is **BLOOD/PUS** on the dressing



Contact your dialysis care team if you notice any "STOP" signs

Is it **DRY** and there is **NO PAIN** in the area under the dressing



FEELS good! Good to GO!



DO NOT remove the catheter dressing! Feel over 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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