

FISTULA & CATHETER

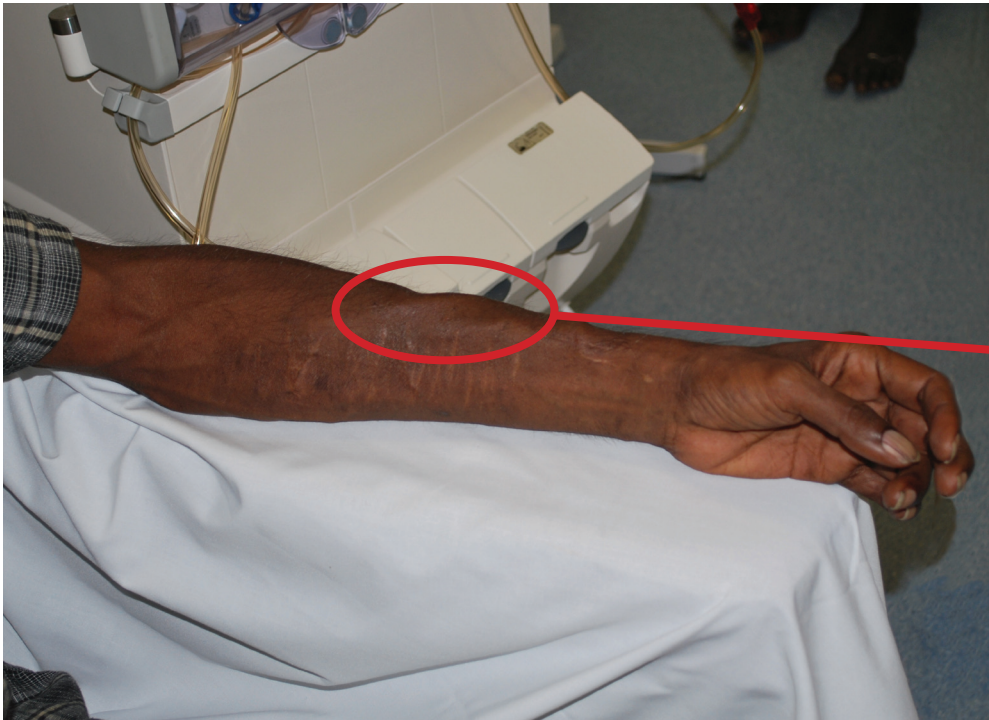


IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

1. You need a special opening (access) to have dialysis
2. A fistula is for haemodialysis
3. A catheter is for peritoneal dialysis
4. A fistula and catheter have to be made a few weeks before they can be used
5. Be careful with your fistula
6. Be careful with your catheter
7. Fistula and catheter are not treatments
8. You do not have to use your fistula or catheter if you change your mind and do not want dialysis

TOPICS:

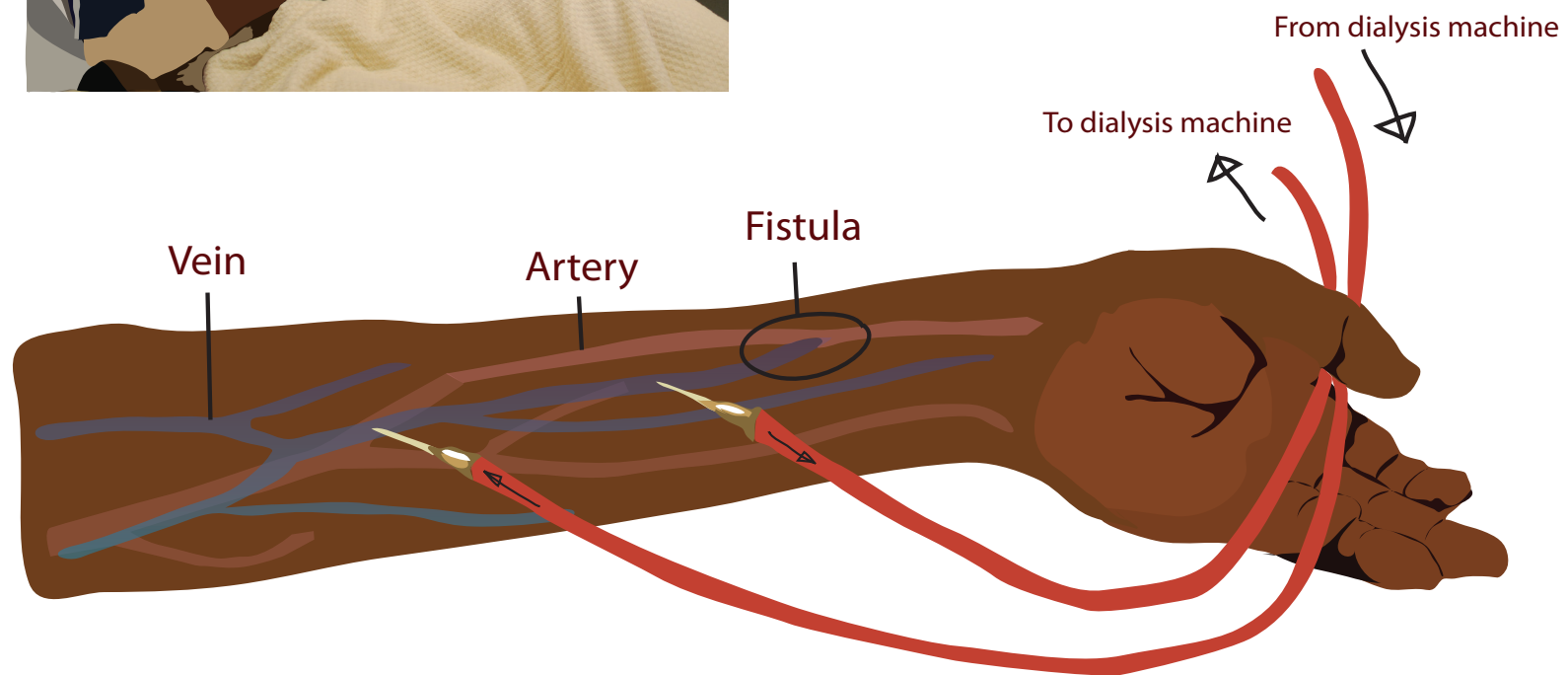
- Getting a fistula
- How a fistula works
- Looking after fistula
- Getting a catheter
- How a catheter works
- Looking after catheter



Fistula for haemodialysis



Fistula diagram





Fistula operation at the hospital

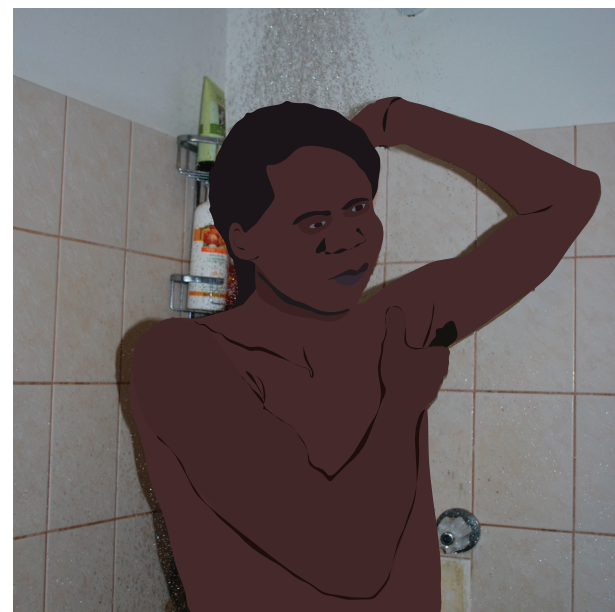


Operation day



Not eating or drinking for 6 hours before the operation

Shower



Check-up at hospital





New fistula



A mature fistula



Feel the fistula working



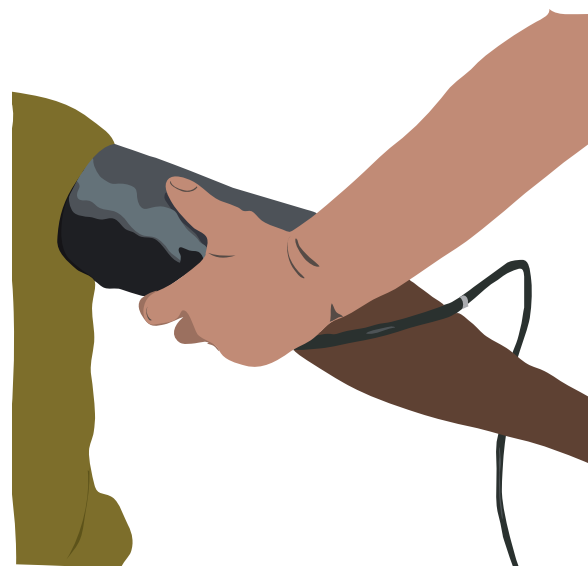
Needling a fistula



Use your **other** arm for:



- Taking blood samples



- Taking blood pressure



- Wearing a watch or jewellery



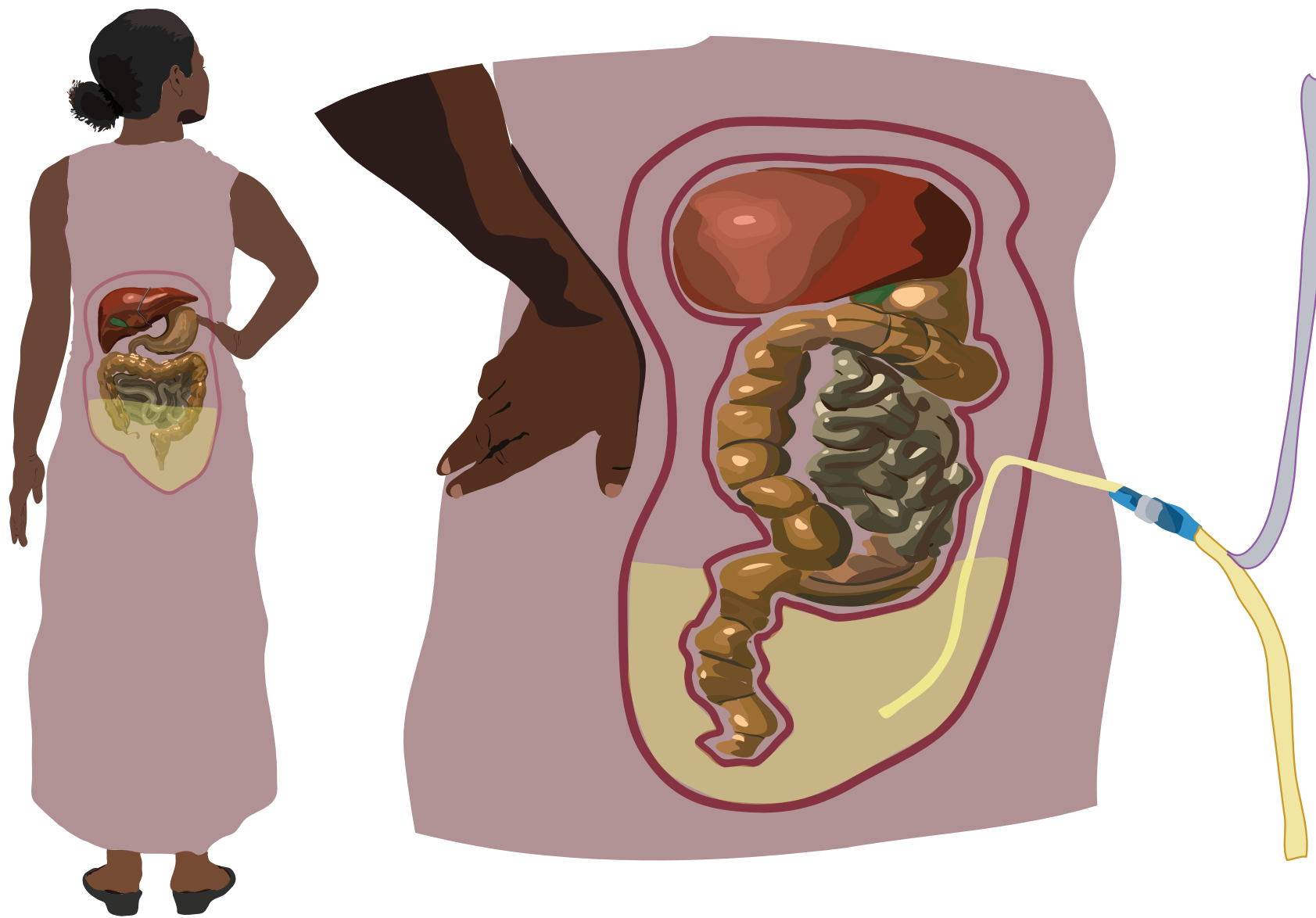
- Carrying heavy things

Don't use your fistula arm

Catheter for peritoneal dialysis



Catheter; small hole through your stomach and peritoneum to peritoneal cavity





A catheter requires an operation at the hospital





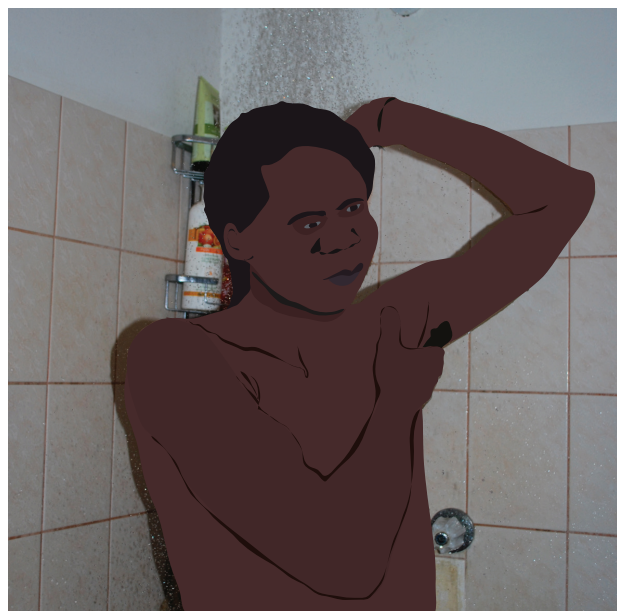
Getting ready for the operation

Operation day



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Shower

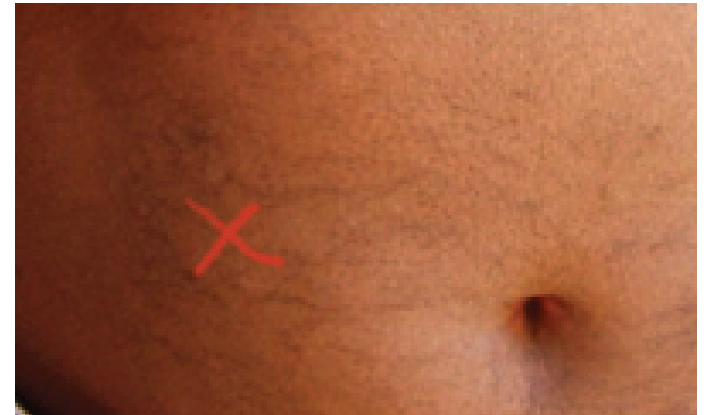


Check-ups at hospital





Operation day



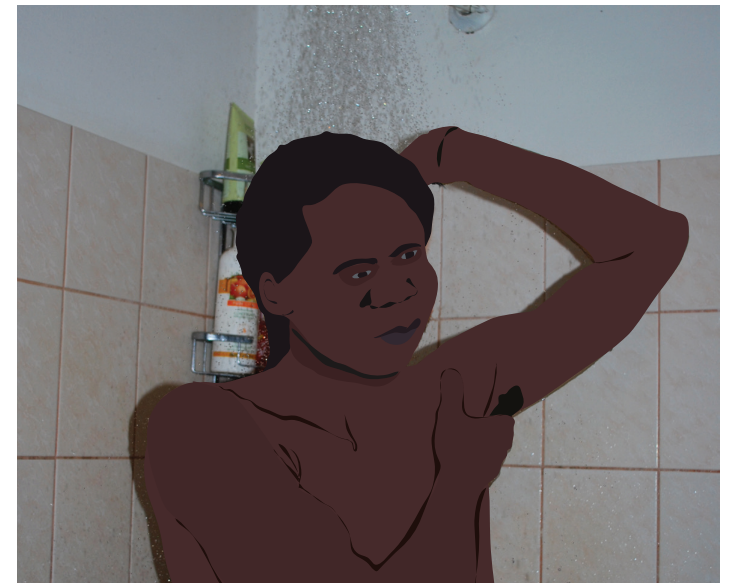


After the operation the catheter is covered until later

Learning to use your catheter for peritoneal dialysis



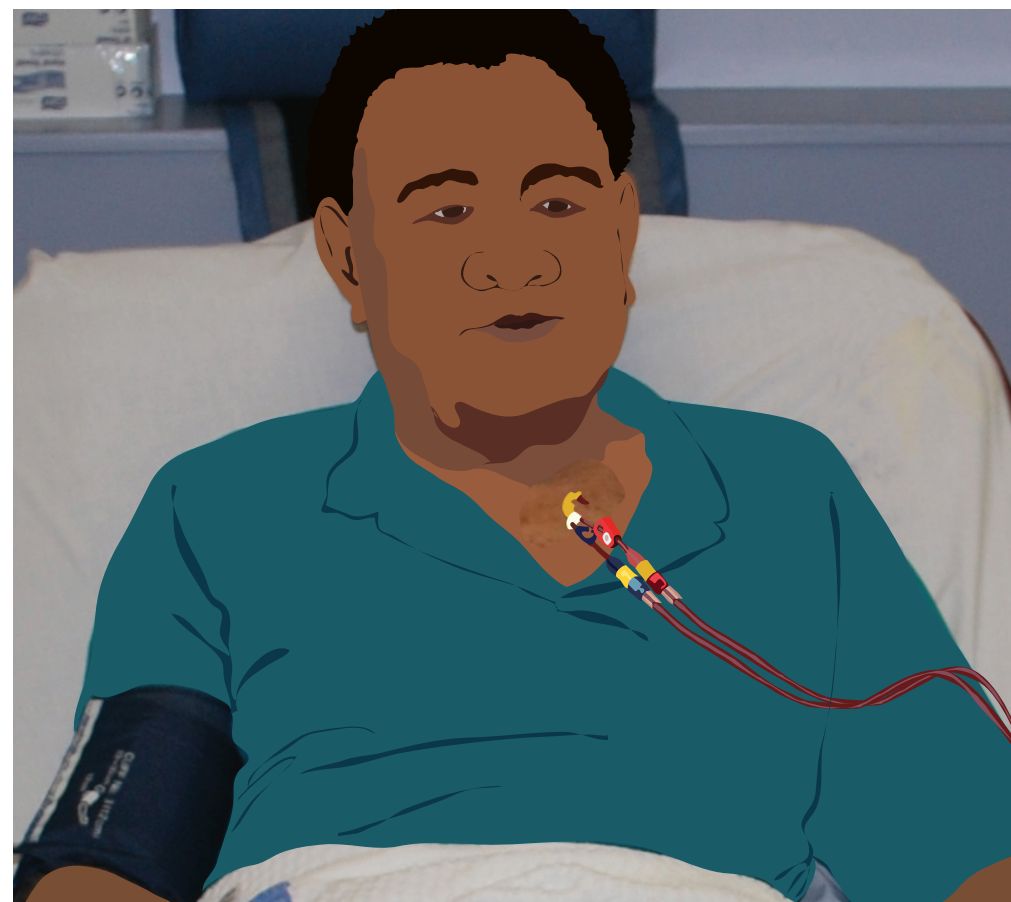
Taking care of your catheter





Central vein tunneled line for haemodialysis

This is for emergency





Getting a fistula and a catheter
at the same time

Not treatments, just access





You can keep enjoying your life;
do the things you like to do



IMPORTANT WORDS:

- access
- dialysis
- fistula
- catheter
- haemodialysis
- peritoneal dialysis
- dialysis machine
- operation
- vein
- artery
- vibrating
- peritoneum
- peritoneal cavity
- central vein tunneled line
- not treatment

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RESOURCE TOPICS:



THE WORK OF YOUR KIDNEYS



WHEN YOUR KIDNEYS GET SICK



LIVING WITH KIDNEY DISEASE



DIET AND KIDNEY DISEASE



TREATMENT OPTIONS & PATHWAYS



PERITONEAL DIALYSIS



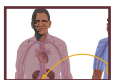
HAEMODIALYSIS



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PALLIATIVE CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SICK KIDNEYS



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