

**It only takes a minute to check your catheter.**

## **Check your catheter every day.**

**Look**



**Feel**



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

**No change.**



**Yes, a change.**



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# Look

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



*Looking good!*

Look at your  
catheter dressing  
in the mirror.



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



*Contact your dialysis  
care team if you notice  
any "stop" signs!*



# 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**.



*Good to go!*



*Contact your dialysis  
care team if you notice  
any "stop" signs!*

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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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