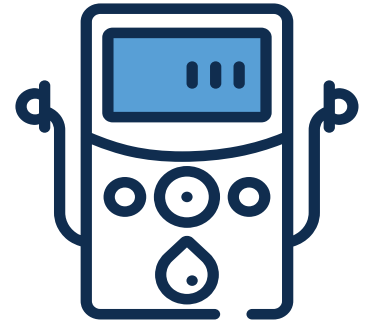
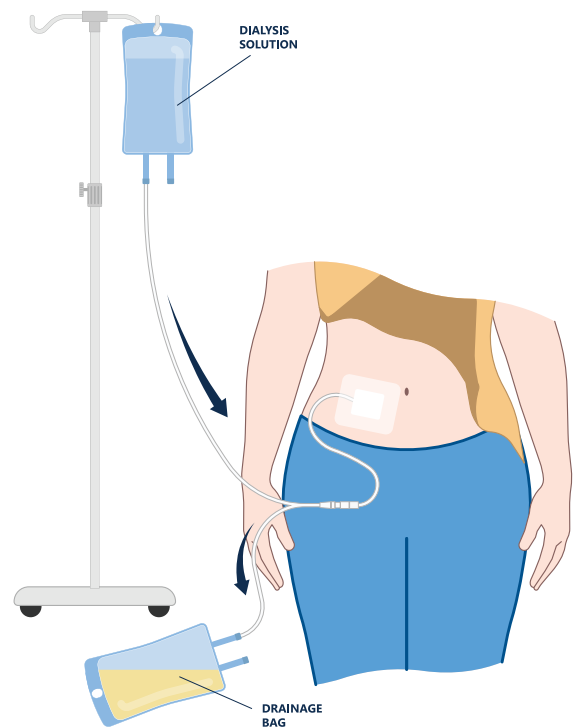
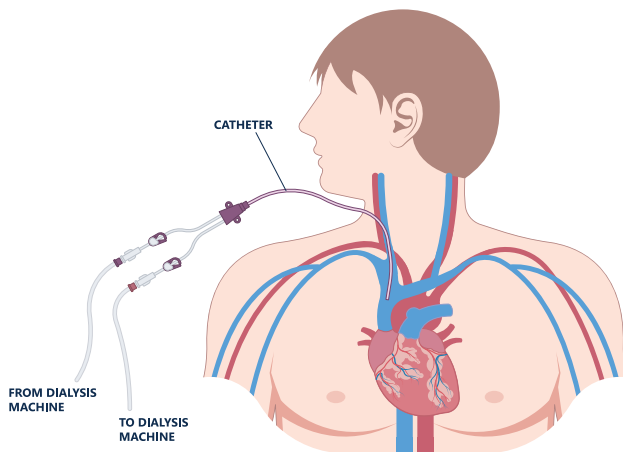


# Understanding Dialysis Access



The vascular dialysis access is a way to reach blood for hemodialysis. The PD Catheter is a way for fluid to reach the abdominal cavity.



## Central Venous Catheter (CVC)

A CVC is tubing placed under the skin into a large central vein usually in the neck area. CVCs are meant to be used for a short time until the fistula or graft is ready.

## Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Catheter

A PD catheter is usually placed in the lower abdomen and a couple inches away from the belly button. This tube allows for fluid to flow in and out of the abdominal or peritoneal cavity for dialysis to work.