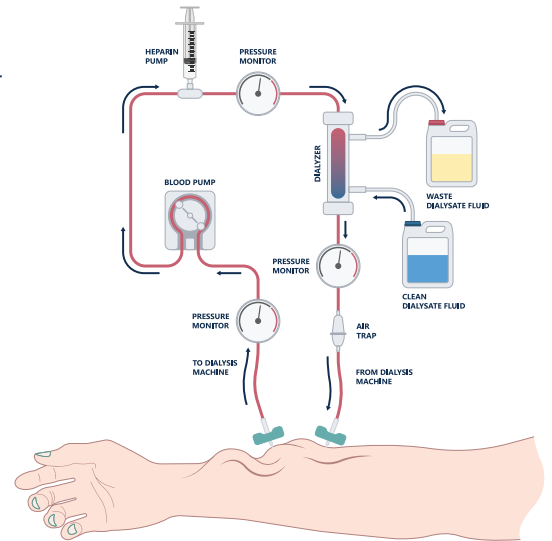


What Happens During Dialysis?

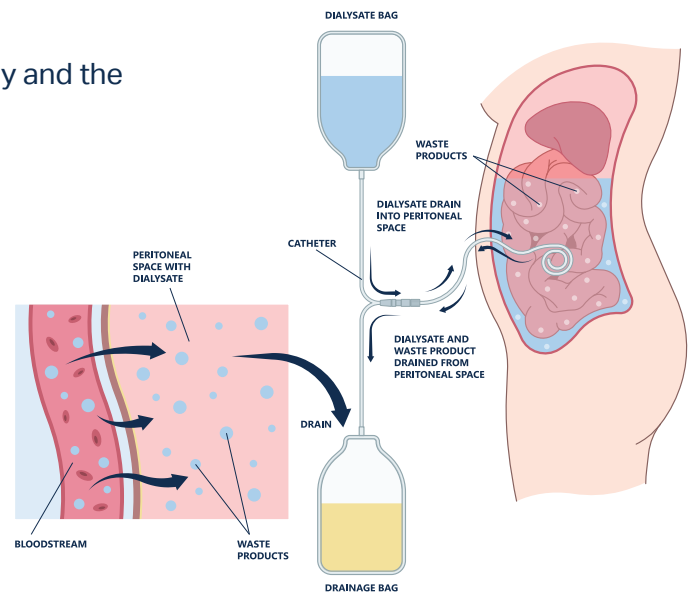
Hemodialysis (HD)

- Two needles are placed in the fistula or graft (the access) for each treatment.
- One pulls the blood out and it travels through the tubing, passes through the filter or dialyzer and returns through the other needle
- As the blood passes through the dialyzer, it removes waste and extra fluid



Peritoneal Dialysis (PD)

- During PD, fluid or dialysate is drained through a tube into your abdominal or peritoneal cavity. The tube is called a PD catheter.
- The dialysate draws waste products and extra fluid across the abdominal lining or peritoneum.
- After some time, it is then drained from the body and the process repeated



Either type of dialysis must have an access to perform the therapy.