

Dialysis Vascular Access Options

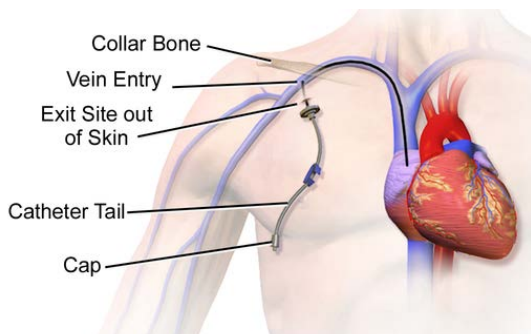
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Admission Date: _____

Next Vascular Access Appointment: _____

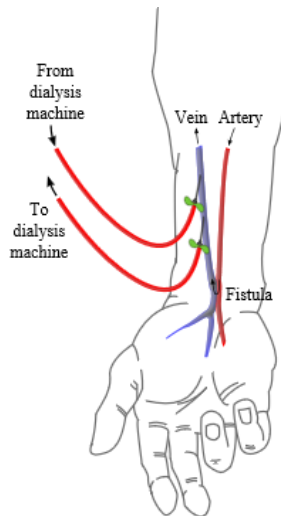
Upon admission to a dialysis facility, a vascular access plan is initiated. In order to get the best dialysis possible, it is recommended that you get an evaluation for a **permanent** dialysis access. A permanent access, often called an arteriovenous fistula (AVF) or arteriovenous graft (AVG) is not appropriate for everyone, but it is recommended. Speak with your facility staff about vascular access options for you.

Central Venous Catheter (CVC)

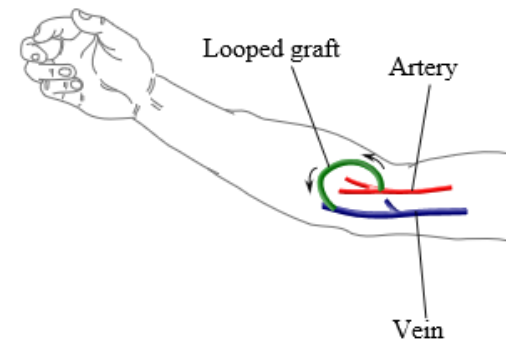


A CVC is considered a temporary option for a patient who is eligible to get an AVF or AVG.

Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF)



Arteriovenous Graft (AVG)



AVFs or AVGs have a lower risk for infection, and a greater ability to clean your blood.

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