

## Renal Services

# Renal Shared Care Access Clinic

Your Renal Consultant and Renal Nurse Specialists have recommended that you attend the renal access shared care clinic. This will be because your blood results have shown that your kidney function is declining.

You should be aware of this from conversations with you renal consultant and renal Nurse Specialist in clinic.

This is a one off clinic and at this clinic you will meet a renal vascular surgeon and a Consultant Nephrologist. The renal vascular access nurse will also be in attendance.

There are two forms of dialysis treatment available and both will require some access preparation.

- Haemodialysis treatment will require the patient to have an arteriovenous fistula (AVF is a connection that can be formed between an artery to a vein) or graft to be created to allow the dialysis to take place
- Peritoneal dialysis will require the placing of a peritoneal catheter.

Both treatments are equally effective but may suit different needs and lifestyles.

Some patients who attend the clinic have also attended an information day or received one to one information from their renal nurse specialists regarding the different treatment options available and may have already decided which form of dialysis they want when they need to start treatment. However some patients may have presented suddenly and will



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not have had as much information and may not be sure which treatment they want to choose.

You do not need to have decided which of the dialysis options you wish to have. At this clinic the vascular surgeon and nephrologist will assess your suitability for both and this information will be stored electronically for when you need to start treatment and also if you change your decision about which treatment you want.

Before attending this clinic you may receive an appointment to attend for an X-ray to have your arms scanned; this will identify how good your veins are. This scan will help in the decision to proceed with an arteriovenous fistula or graft should haemodialysis be the treatment option you decide to have.

The Renal Shared Care Access Clinic usually takes place on a **Monday or Tuesday between 1.30pm and 4.00pm** at University Hospital, Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Hospital, on the **5th Floor, East Wing**. Occasionally a clinic will be held on a Tuesday morning if an extra clinic is required.

**For more information please contact Sister Pat Cain on 024 7696 8307.**

## General Advice and Consent

Most of your questions may have been answered by this leaflet but remember that this is only the starting point for discussion with your healthcare team.

Before any doctor, nurse or therapist examines or treats you, they must seek your consent or permission. In order to make a decision you need to have the information from health professionals about the treatment or investigation which is being offered to you. You should always ask them more questions if you do not understand or if you want more information.

## Patient Information

The information you receive should be about your condition, the alternatives available to you, and whether it carries risks as well as benefits.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 8307 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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