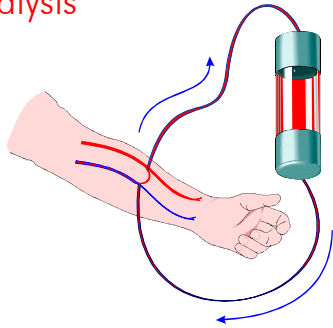


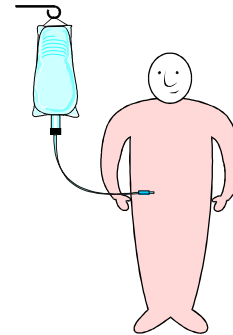
Is there just one type of dialysis?

There are two kinds of dialysis:

Hemodialysis

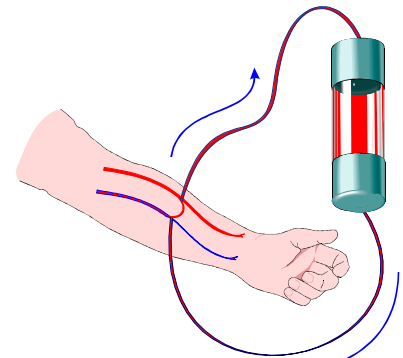


And Peritoneal Dialysis.



What is Hemodialysis?

Hemodialysis is a procedure that uses an artificial kidney that is outside of your body. A small amount of your blood is taken out of your body at a time and put through the artificial kidney or dialyzer. This is when the waste products and extra fluid are removed from your bloodstream.



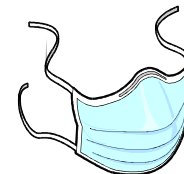
How do you take the small amount of blood from my body?

The small amount of blood is taken from a new or changed blood vessel in your arm or leg.



How do I get this new or changed blood vessel?

You will need to have a minor operation to make one of your blood vessels ready to have dialysis. This blood vessel is now called an access. This changed or new blood vessel is called a fistula or graft.



Where do I have hemodialysis?

Hemodialysis is usually done in a dialysis unit. These units can be in a hospital or a clinic.

