

Continuing Care Strategy



Living well in a place you can call home.

Peritoneal Dialysis

What is Peritoneal Dialysis?

Peritoneal dialysis (PD) is a form of renal replacement therapy. It is a well established alternative to hemodialysis, and is better suited to many elderly or disabled individuals. Many peritoneal clients find the treatment helps them from a medical perspective and improves their overall quality of life.

What are the benefits?

Peritoneal dialysis support services are available in your home and in one long-term care facility in each health district across the province. For those who are eligible, this means you won't need to relocate or travel to receive treatment.

Am I eligible?

Your physician will determine if peritoneal dialysis is the right option for you. A care coordinator at the Department of Health would be happy to help with this process. They can be reached at 1-800-225-7225, seven days a week from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

What do I need?

If you are getting peritoneal dialysis in your home you'll need to provide:

1. A three-prong outlet (used with the 'cyclor' method)
2. Adequate storage (60 cubic ft)
3. A clean work area

In addition to the above, if you're in a long-term care facility you'll also need:

1. A private room
2. A phone and bathroom close at hand

For more information about the Peritoneal Dialysis Program:

Phone Toll Free: 1-800-225-7225

Website: www.gov.ns.ca/health/ccs