

# Peritoneal Dialysis: Rights and Responsibilities

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## You have the right to:

- Respectful and courteous care
- Have your questions answered in a timely manner
- Have your questions answered in language you can understand (not with unfamiliar medical terminology)
- Know the names of your caregivers
- Be educated on your disease process and treatments
- Participate in your care, including determining which type of dialysis is best for you and your family
- Express concerns about the facility, your providers, or your therapy in a non-threatening setting (see the “Grievance Policy” handout for more information)
- Be a partner in your child’s care
  - This means we recognize you as an important member of your child’s healthcare team, because you know your child better than anyone. During your child’s treatment, you can expect providers to share information with you about your child, welcome your participation in caring for your child at your level of comfort, and truly listen to your input and concerns.

## Peritoneal dialysis patient responsibilities:

- You are responsible for keeping track of your supplies and letting Koffel Medical Supply know when you need more supplies. The dialysis unit is not authorized to request your deliveries.
- You are responsible for receiving these supplies. The dialysis unit cannot accept your delivery or authorize when or where your supplies are

delivered.

- You are responsible for completing home records. This includes records for:
  - Weight
  - Blood pressure
  - Heart rate before and after every dialysis session
  - Total ultrafiltration (UF) and initial drain
- You must bring these home records with you to your monthly clinic visit. We use this information to make sure your child is receiving the proper dialysis.
- You are expected to:
  - Perform your dialysis as instructed
  - Take all medications as instructed
  - Follow any fluid and dietary restrictions
- Get blood draws a week before your monthly appointment. We will mail a lab request to your home, which you should bring with you to the lab. We will also fax a copy to your lab of choice. If you do not get the necessary labs, you will receive a reminder phone call.
- If you are unable to meet the expectations for peritoneal dialysis, we will consider transitioning you to hemodialysis to better meet your medical needs.

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