

# **Following Removal of Your Dialysis Access Line**

Information for patients, relatives and carers

① For more information, please telephone: Your local Renal Unit

Easingwold Renal Satellite Unit 01904 724800, Harrogate Renal Satellite Unit 01423 554513, York Hospital Renal Unit 01904 725378 / 725371

**(If your Renal Unit is closed attend A&E or call 999 for urgent assistance)**

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## **What happens?**

Tunnelled lines will be removed by a doctor in the York Renal Unit. You will have a couple of stitches which will be removed after seven to 10 days.

Non-tunnelled temporary lines will be removed by a nurse on your ward or in the Renal Unit.

Once the line is removed you will have a dressing where the line entered your skin. **This dressing must stay in place for 72 hours after the line is removed.**

## **Are there any potential problems that I should know about?**

Problems are rare, but you need to know about them and what to do if they happen.

1. If you notice bleeding around the area, press firmly for 10 to 15 minutes on top of the dressing.
2. If bleeding continues, or you are unable to control the bleeding at any point, call 999. Continue to apply direct pressure over the site.
3. If the area becomes painful, or you notice a discharge, or you start to feel unwell (you develop a temperature, become shivery or aching), then you should contact your renal unit as soon as possible for advice.

## **Tell us what you think of this leaflet**

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact: Renal Unit Sister, York Renal Unit, York Hospital, Wigginton Road, York YO31 8HE or telephone 01904 725378.

## **Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)**

PALS offers impartial advice and assistance to patients, their relatives, friends and carers. We can listen to feedback (positive or negative), answer questions and help resolve any concerns about Trust services.

PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or email [yhs-tr.patientexperienceteam@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.patientexperienceteam@nhs.net)

An answer phone is available out of hours.

## **Teaching, training and research**

Our Trust is committed to teaching, training and research to support the development of health and healthcare in our community. Healthcare students may observe consultations for this purpose. You can opt out if you do not want students to observe. We may also ask you if you would like to be involved in our research.

## **Leaflets in alternative languages or formats**

If you would like this information in a different format, including braille or easy read, or translated into a different language, please speak to a member of staff in the ward or department providing your care.

Patient Information Leaflets can be accessed via the Trust's Patient Information Leaflet website: [www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/your-visit/patient-information-leaflets/](http://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/your-visit/patient-information-leaflets/)

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