



HOME DIALYSIS EMERGENCY DISCONNECT							
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	Manager, Centre for Prehospital Care		their home dialysis in order to transport them to				
	& Trauma Services		hospital.				
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Purpose: To ensure a consistent standardized practice for Home Dialysis Emergency Disconnect.

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	Content	Details			
1.	Ensure that the patient qualifies for the appropriate medical directive, or contact a Base Hospital Physician (BHP) for further direction.				
2.	Communicate the need for the home dialysis emergency disconnect and its effects to the patient/family member whenever possible.				
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3.	If the patient is on Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis (CCPD) or Automated Peritoneal Dialysis (APD) turn off the main power switch at the back of the cycler.				
4.	Close the twist clamp on the transfer set (patient side)				
5.	Clamp the tubing leading to the fill and drain bags.	If patient is on CCPD or APD clamp the extension lines going to the cycler machine.			
6.	Disconnect the patient tubing from the fill and drain bag tubing or the cycler machine.	Use care not to touch/contaminate the connection port on the transfer set.			
7.	Apply new mini cap to transfer set. (patient side)				
8.	Secure patient side tubing and cover with sterile abdominal pad.				
9.	 For Urgent disconnect where cutting lines is required: Clamp the patient transfer set (patient side). Clamp the tubing leading to the fill/drain bags or the extension lines leading to the cycler machine. Cut between the 2 clamps. 	Catheter Patient PD Catheter Transfer Set DO NOT CUT ZONE			





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10.	Turn main power switch off at the back of the Domus (toggle switch).	
11.	Clamp the two (2) clamps on the vascular access tubing (first clamps coming from the patient).	PICC line or extensions from Fistula Catheter.
12.	Clamp the 2 clamps on the tubing originating from the Domus.	
13.	Disconnect luer lock between the 2 clamps.	
14.	If available, apply sterile mini caps to the end of tubing.	A sterile syringe may be used if no mini caps are available.
15.	Secure the tubing to the patient's arm with tape.	
16.	Cover/secure with abdominal dressing or kling	No circumferential pressure dressings should be placed around the fistula. If bleeding occurs, apply direct pressure for 10-20 minutes.
17.	 For urgent disconnect of home hemo-dialysis where cutting lines is required: Apply clamps to vascular access lines and then cut between clamps. Secure the tubing to the patient's arm and cover with a dressing. 	DO NOT cut central line catheter. (PICC Line)
18.	Continue treatment as per the appropriate medical directive.	
19.	Document the procedure on the ePCR.	

Expected Outcome: Successfully disconnect a patient from their dialysis during an emergency.