



Empowered Self-Care In-Center Dialysis

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Part 1: Basic Self-Care

1. Take and Record Vitals

- Weight: _____
- Blood Pressure: _____
- Temperature: _____
- Any Changes Since Last Treatment: Yes No

2. Understand Machine & Alarms

- Alarms

3. Check Supplies

- Needles
- Gauze
- Alcohol Pads
- Gloves
- Tape
- Blue Pad

4. Prepare Your Arm

- Wash Hands
- Feel & Listen to Access
- Clean & Disinfect Arm



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Part 2: Advanced Self-Care

5. Cannulation Time

- o Insert Arterial Needle & Tape
- o Insert Venous Needle & Tape

6. Monitoring Machine

- o Time Remaining
- o Fluid Removal
- o Alarms

7. Dialysis Cleanup

- o Remove Needle
- o Bandage Arm
- o Clean Up

8. Session Debrief

- o Treatment Review
- o Track Progress
- o Your Future Plans