

# Underutilized and Underappreciated— A Guide to Peritoneal Dialysis

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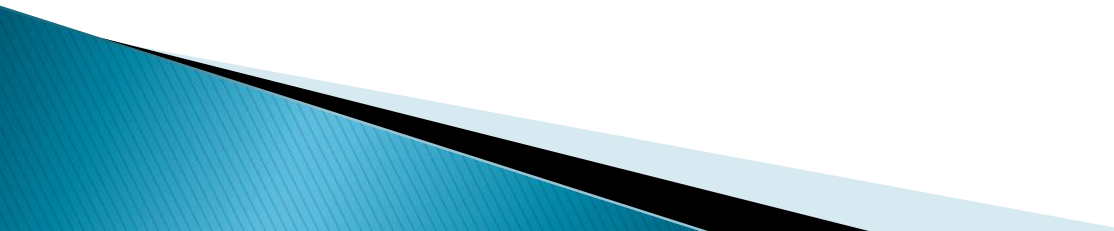
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# Disclosures

- ▶ Nothing to disclose

# Objectives

- ▶ understand the mechanism of peritoneal dialysis
  - ▶ learn the barriers preventing patients from starting peritoneal dialysis
  - ▶ appreciate the infectious and non infectious causes of PD
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# Chronic Kidney Disease

Table 1. Stages of CKD <sup>a</sup>		
Stage	Description	GFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )
1	Kidney damage with normal or GFR	≥ 90
2	Kidney damage with mild GFR	89-60
3A	Mild to moderate GFR	59-45
3B	Moderate GFR	45-30
4	Severe GFR	30-15
5	Kidney failure	< 15 or dialysis

CKD, chronic kidney disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate.

<sup>a</sup>Adapted from the Renal Association. <http://www.renal.org/whatwedo/InformationResources/CKDeGUIDE/CKDstages.aspx>. Accessed November 16, 2013.

**CKD 3-5:**  
28,000,000  
(USRDS 2011)

Most common **causes**:

- HTN (1 in 5)
- DM ( 1 in 3)
- Vascular disease

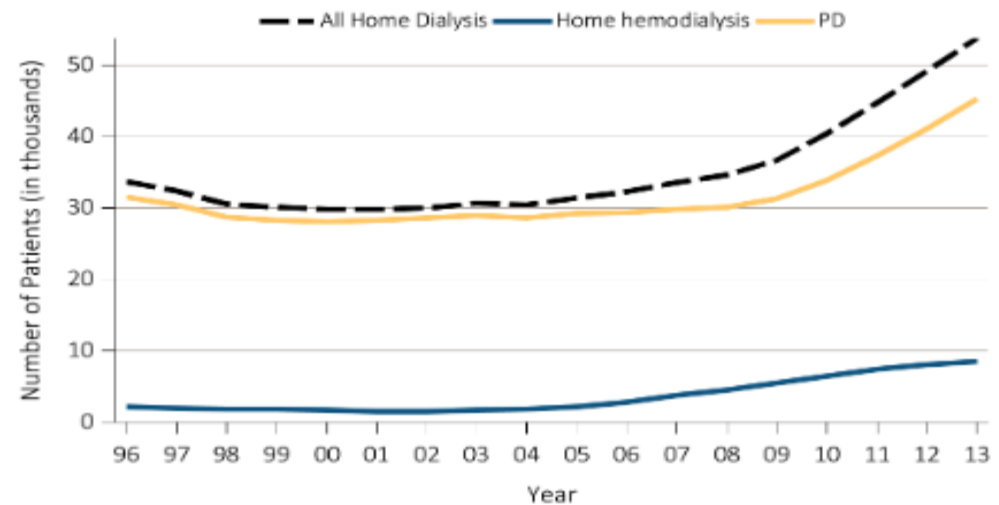
# ESRD Statistics in the USA

- ▶ ESRD 660,000
  - Dialysis 475,000
  - Transplant 185,000
- ▶ In 2014, 121,000 people became ESRD
- ▶ >100,000 patients on transplant waiting list
  - 19,000 transplants in 2015 (majority from deceased donors)

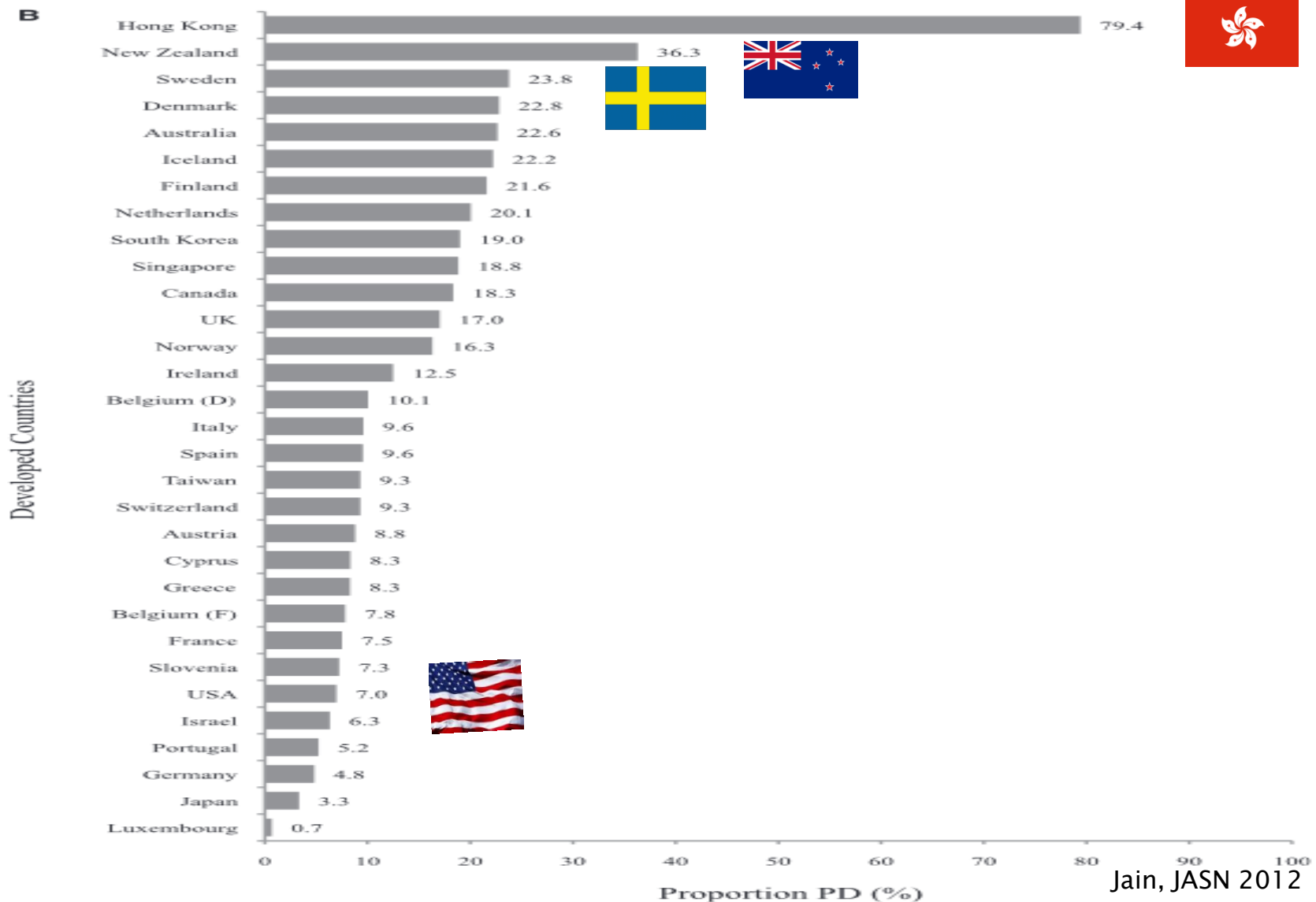
# Modality Distribution

- ▶ 2015:
- ▶ In-center HD 89%
- ▶ Home Dialysis 11%
  - Peritoneal Dialysis
  - Home Hemo

**vol 2 Figure i.3 Trends in number of prevalent ESRD cases (in thousands) using home dialysis, by type of therapy, in the U.S. population, 1996-2013**



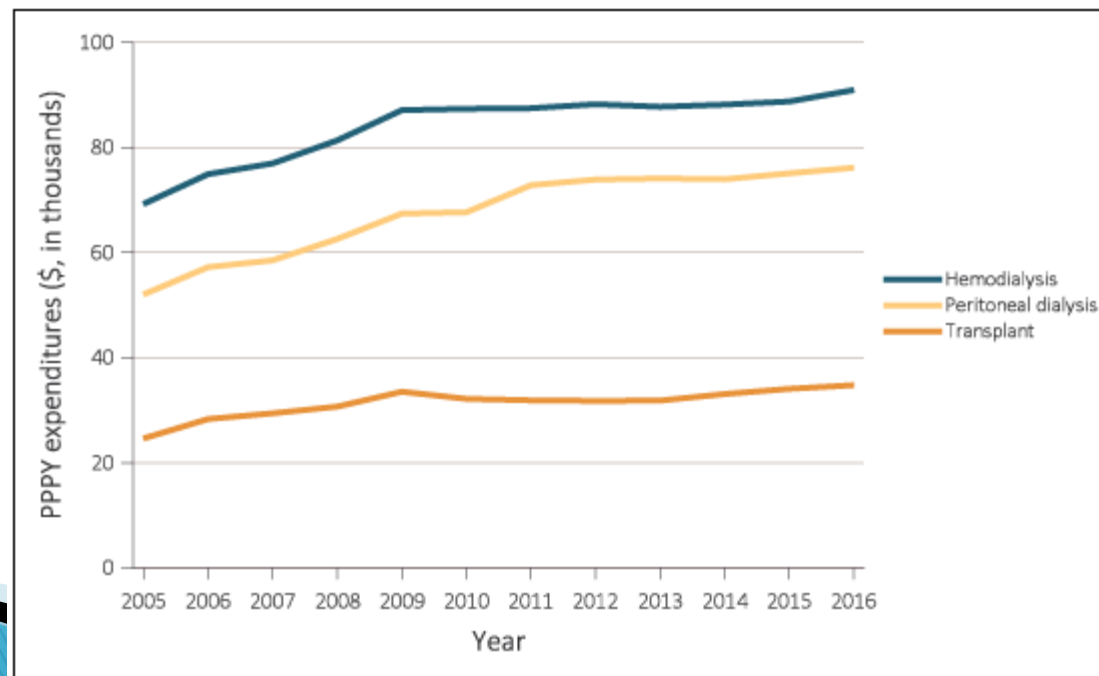
# PD percentage per Country



# ESRD Costs in the US (USRDS 2016)

- ▶ \$35.4 billion
  - 7.2% of Medicare paid claims
- ▶ HD: \$90,971 /pt; PD: \$76,177 /pt
- ▶ Txplt: \$36,170 /pt

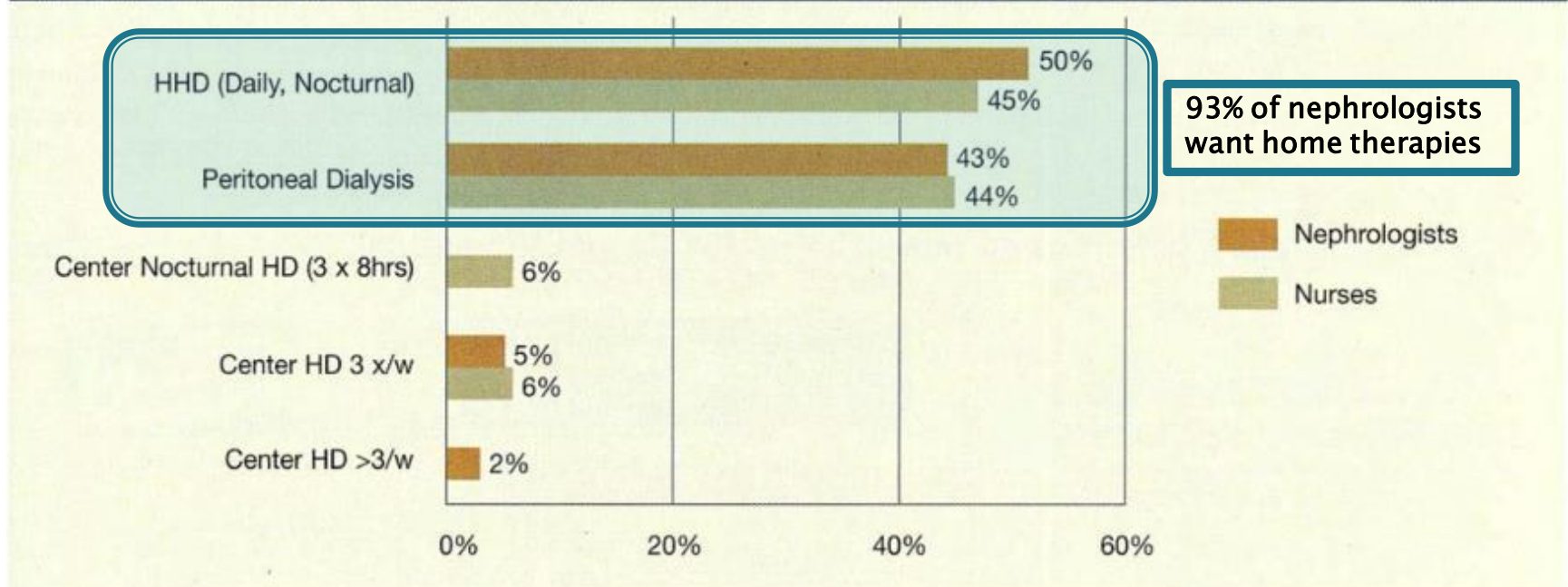
Total Medicare ESRD expenditures per person per year, by modality, 2004-2016





# What would we want for ourselves?

Figure 1: If you were told that you need renal replacement therapy, what form of dialysis would you choose while waiting for a transplant?



# HD vs PD

## ▶ HD Advantages

- In-center = help
- Only 3 days a week
- AVF (no synthetic material)

## ▶ HD Disadvantages

- Less physiologic
- Fluid/Osmole shifts
- Access issues

## ▶ PD Advantages

- More independence
- More physiologic
- Better electrolyte clearance

## ▶ PD Disadvantages


- Every day
- Access issues
- Hyperglycemia
- PD membrane can fail over time

# Barriers to PD

## ▶ ABSOLUTE:

- Lack of a functioning peritoneal membrane

## ▶ RELATIVE:

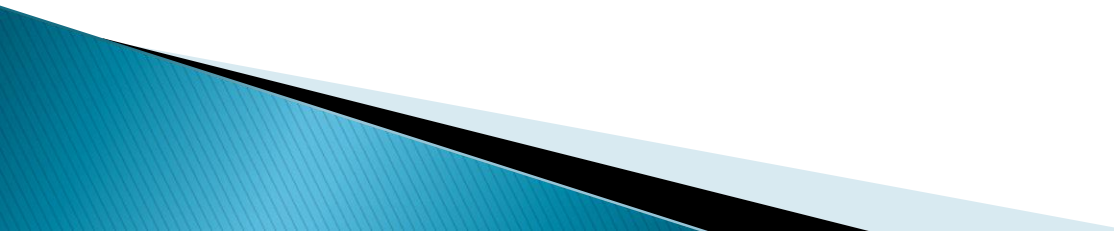
- Peritoneal scarring
  - Patient impairment (physical, cognitive, psych)
  - Living situation
  - Anuria
  - Large patient size
  - Abdominal inflammation, ostomies
  - Hernia
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# What makes a good PD candidate

## ▶ ABSOLUTE

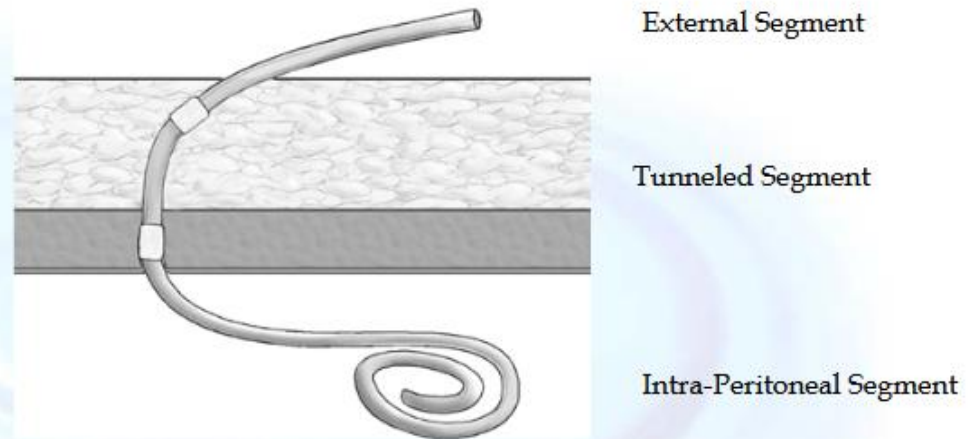
- Desire to perform own dialysis

## ▶ RELATIVE

- Residual renal function (RRF)
  - Virgin abdomen
  - Vision, dexterity
  - Home environment
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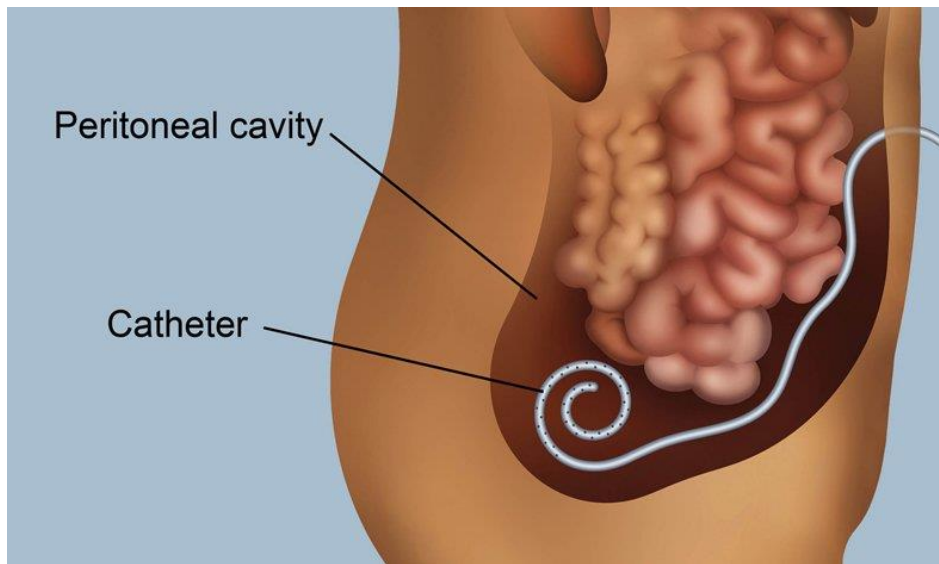
# PD Catheter Placement

- ▶ Ideally placed about a month prior to initiating treatment
- ▶ 2 weeks to heal with weekly flushes to maintain patency
- ▶ 2 weeks of training with PD nurse

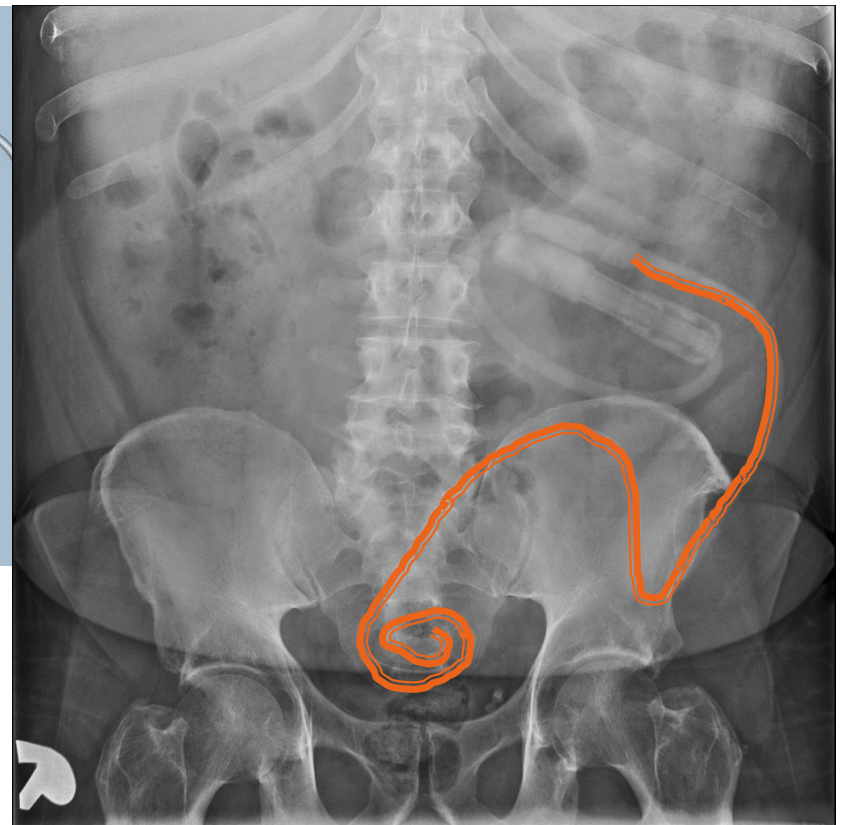


# PD Catheter Placement

- ▶ Catheter tip in deep pelvis
  - Optimal hydraulic function
  - Best way to avoid omental entrapment



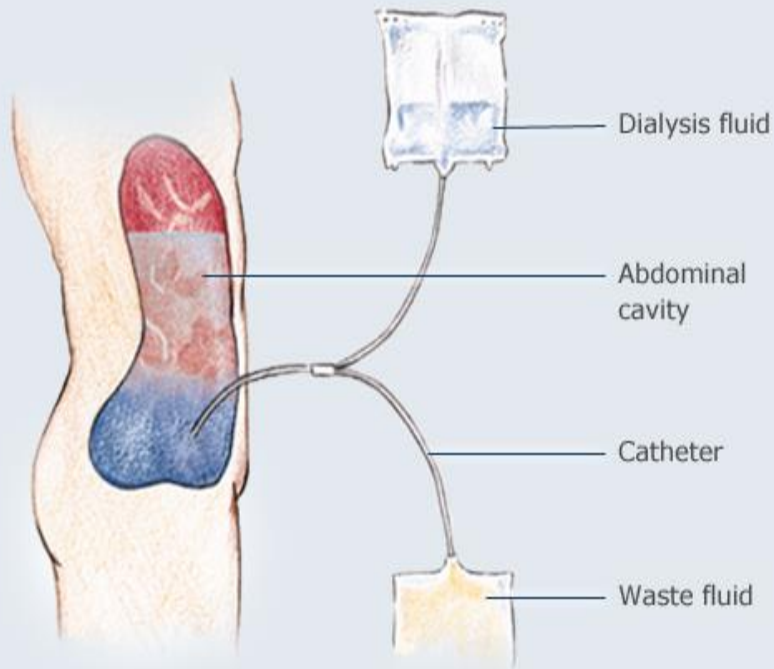
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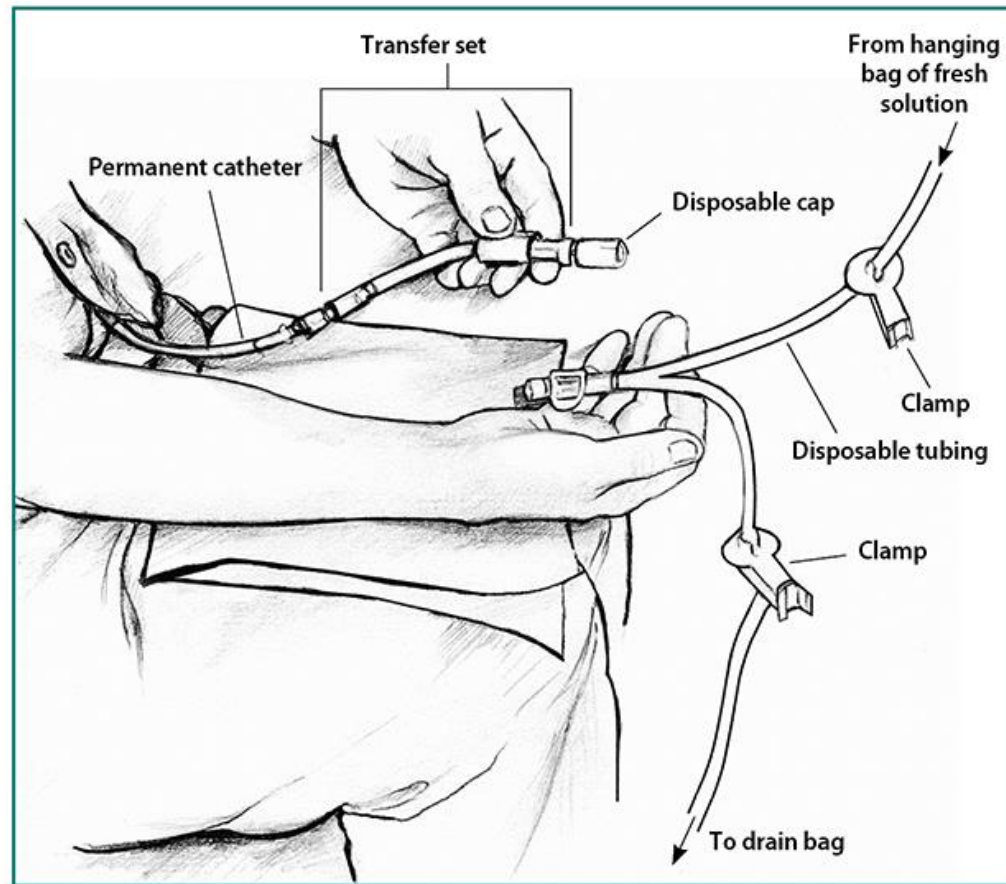


# PERITONEAL DIALYSIS RX

- ▶ Continuous Ambulatory PD (CAPD)
- ▶ Automated PD (APD/CCPD)

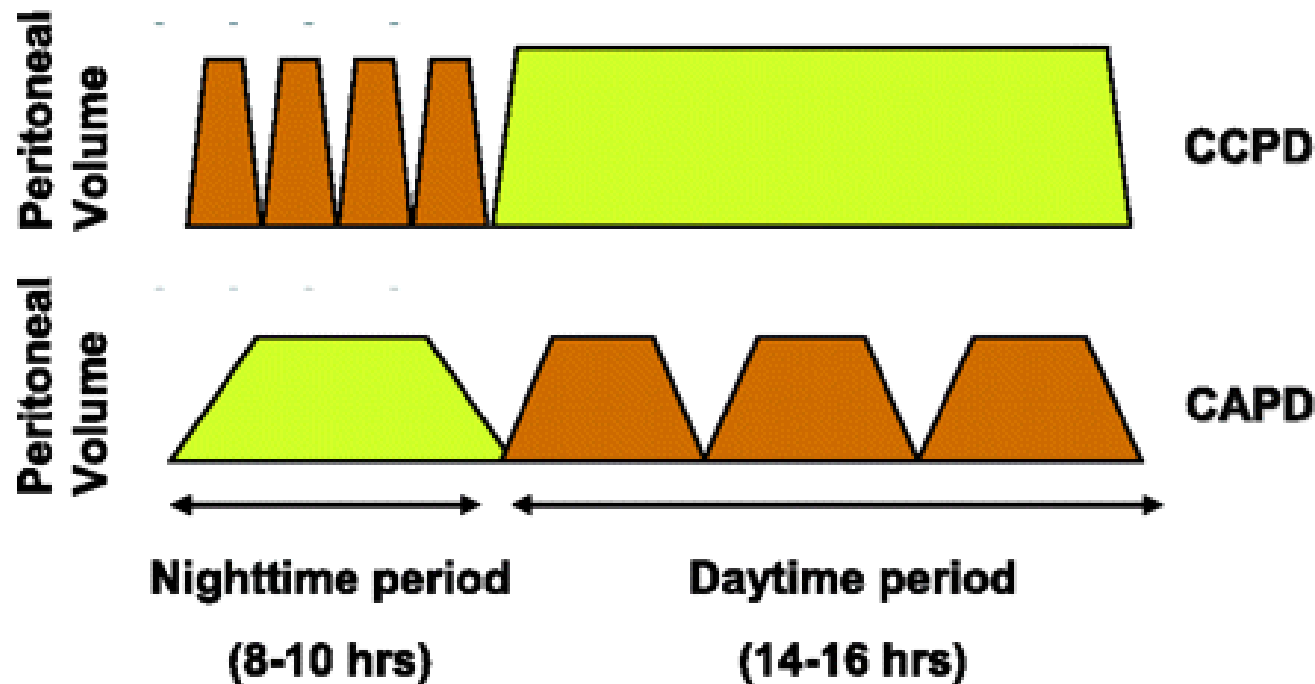


# PD Apparatus





# PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

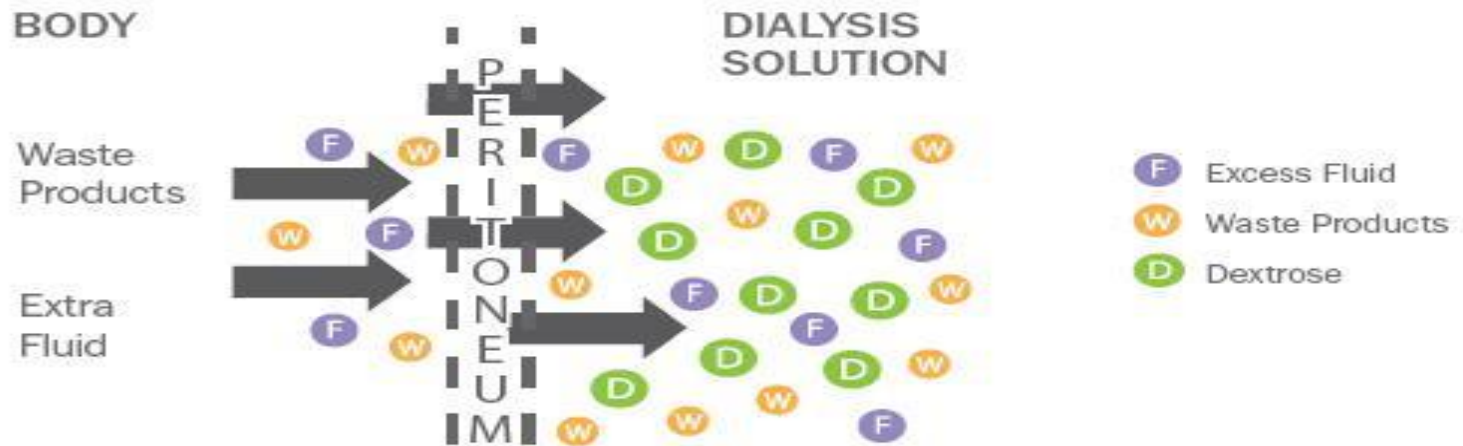


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# CAPD vs APD

- ▶ APD more popular
  - Higher QOL (Bro, PDI, 1999)
  - Less exchanges (going to sleep, waking up)
- ▶ CAPD advantages
  - Patients who don't want to be tethered to cyclor
  - Better retention of RRF?
- ▶ No difference
  - M&M
  - Infection
  - Volume mgmt

# HOW PD WORKS

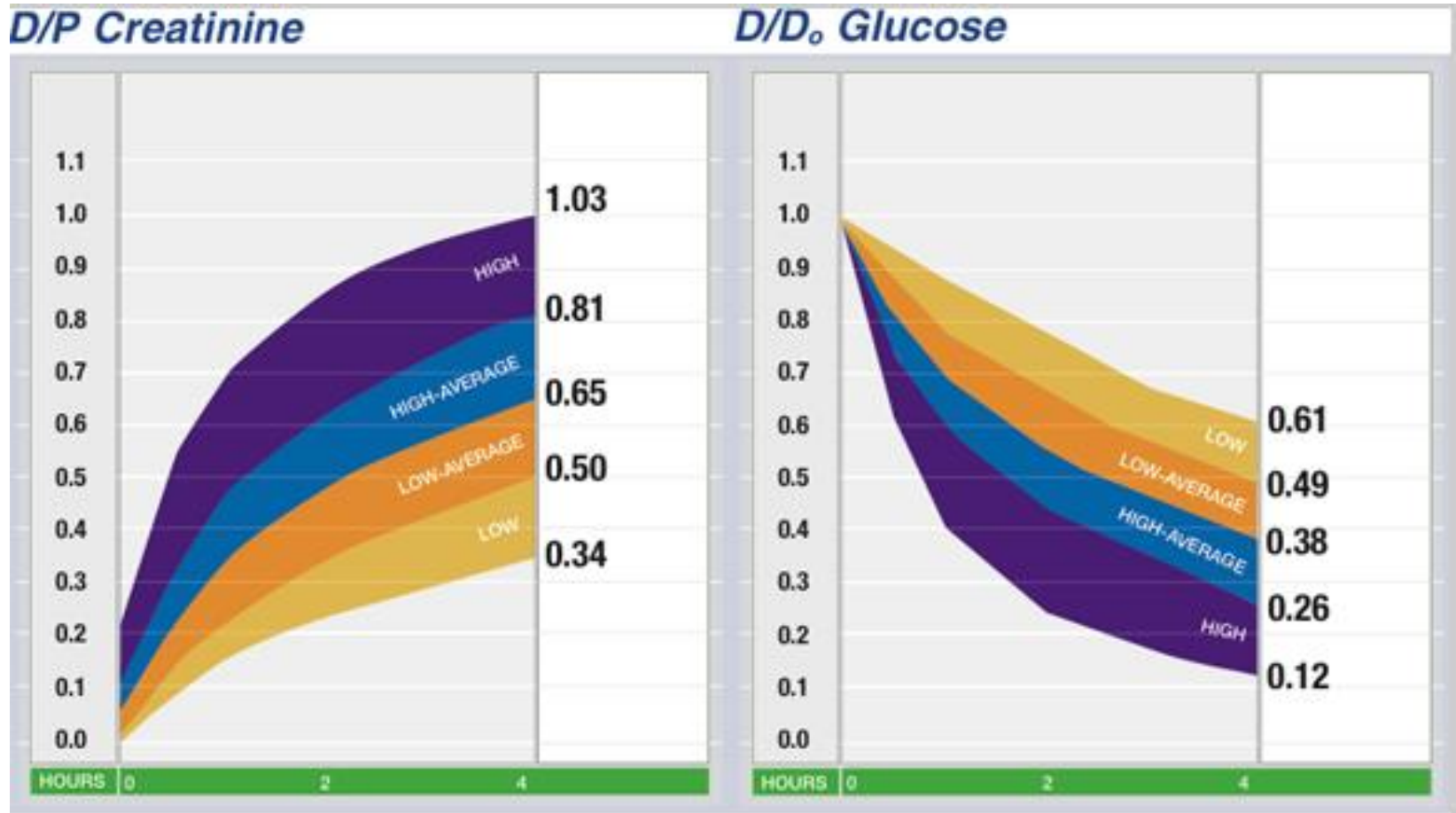


Peritoneal Capillary

Intracellular and Transcellular Pores

- ▶ PD fluid contains **dextrose (1.5% – 4.25%)**  
= osmotic agent to help with ultrafiltration
- ▶ Solute clearance by **diffusion**
- ▶ Every Peritoneal membrane is unique

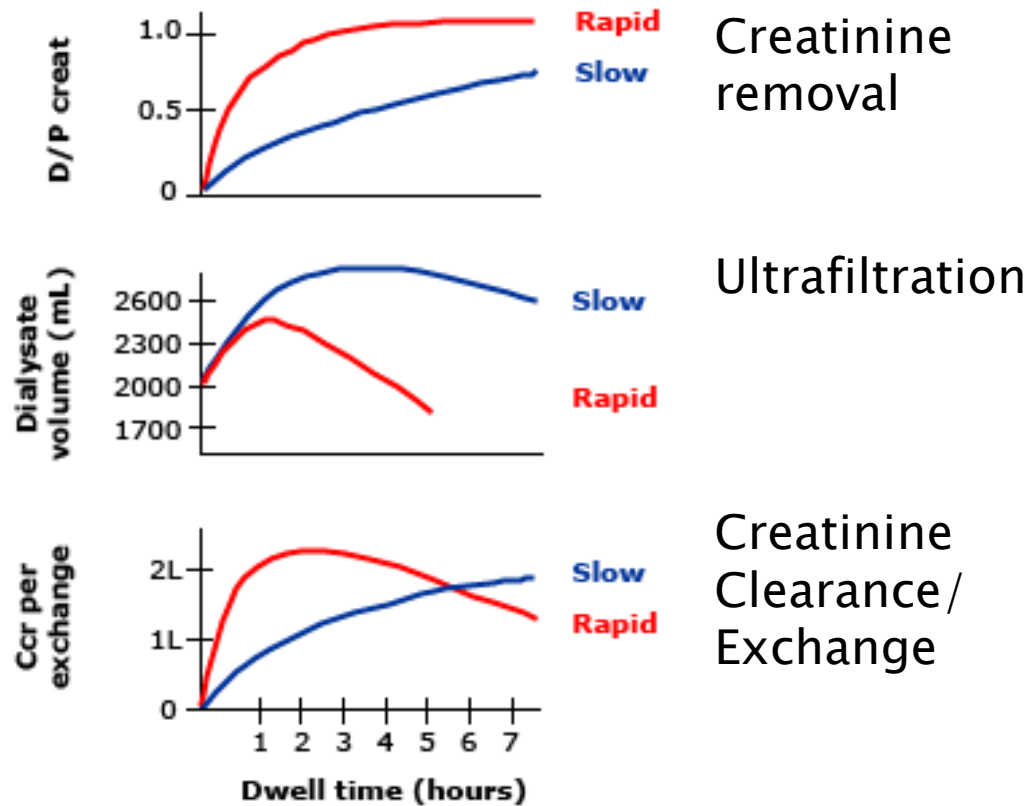
# PERITONEAL EQUILIBRIUM TEST



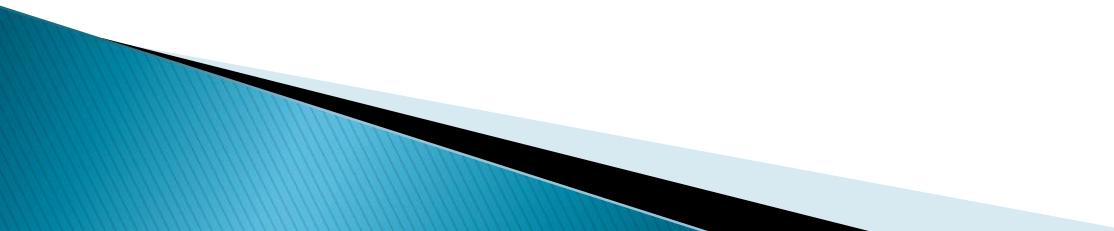
1 / 6 High, 2 / 3 Average, 1 / 6 Low

# Creatinine Clearance = $D/P \times V$

## Peritoneal equilibration test in rapid versus slow transporters



# PD Prescription

- ▶ Rapid Transporters
    - Goal: Shorter more frequent exchanges
    - Modality: APD (cyclers)
  - ▶ Slow Transporters
    - Goal: Longer dwells, less frequent exchanges
    - Modality: CAPD, CCPD with long day dwell
  - ▶ Average Transporters
    - Either modality is appropriate
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# Goal of Appropriate Rx

- ▶ Successful solute clearance ( $Kt/V$ )
  - Measured quarterly
  - PD fluid + Urine (RRF)
  - Goal  $> 1.7$
- ▶ Avoid uremic Sx
- ▶ Sufficient UF to prevent volume overload
  - Daily weight, BP, edema checks
  - Different dialysis solutions
- ▶ Maintain normal lytes and bone mineral met.
  - Monthly labs

# Dialysate

## ▶ Electrolytes

- Sodium 132 meq/L
- Potassium 0 meq/L
- Calcium 2.5 meq/L
- Magnesium 0.5 meq/L
- Chloride 95 meq/L
- Lactate 40meq/L

## ▶ Additives

- Heparin
- Insulin
- Antibiotics

## ▶ Dextrose

- 1.5%, 15g/L
  - Osm 347
- 2.5%, 25g/L
  - Osm 396
- 4.25%, 42.5g/L
  - Osm 485





# CAPD Rx

- ▶ Exchanges: 3–4/day
- ▶ Each exchange takes 15–30min
- ▶ Fill volume: 2–3L
- ▶ Dialysate: 1.5%, 2.5%
- ▶ UF– patient measures volume in effluent bag after each exch.

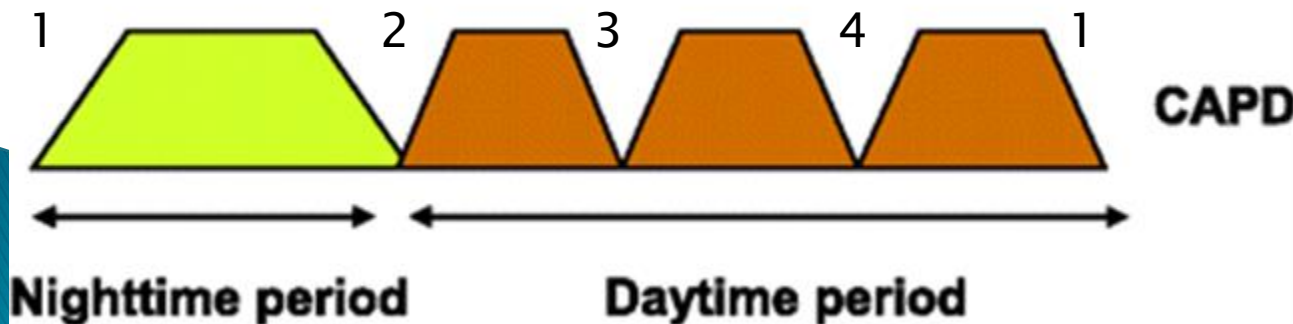


Photo: Beaumont Hospital

# CCPD Rx

- ▶ Time on cyclor: 8–10 hours
- ▶ Exchanges: 4–5 on cyclor
  - Average dwell time ~2 hours
  - Not including time for draining/filling
- ▶ Fill volume: 2–3L
- ▶ Dialysate: 1.5%, 2.5%
  - Cyclor keeps track of UF
- ▶ Day Dwell



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CCPD

# Adjusting Rx– Clearance

- ▶ Poor Clearance, Dropping  $Kt/V$
- ▶ Cause: Drop in RRF
- ▶ Tactics:
  - Increase fill volume
  - Add an exchange (overnight on cycler or midday)

# Adjusting Rx– Volume

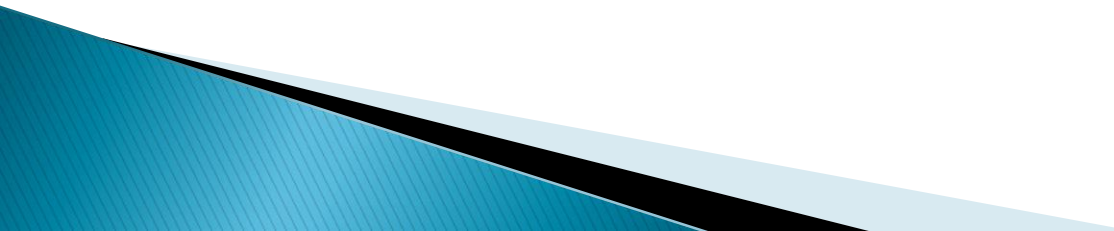
- ▶ Poor UF, Volume Overload
- ▶ Causes:
  - Drop in RRF
  - Increased salt and fluid intake
  - Suboptimal Rx
- ▶ Tactics:
  - Increase dextrose content of dialysate
  - Icodextrin
  - Diuretics
  - Rapid TP– shorten dwell times, add exchanges
  - Slow TP– difficult to tx

# Complications of PD

## ▶ Infectious

- Peritonitis
- Exit site infections

## ▶ Noninfectious

- Pain
  - Filling/Draining Issues
  - Hernias
  - Hemoperitoneum
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# Peritonitis

## ▶ Complications

- Hospitalization
- Peritoneal Membrane Damage
- Catheter loss/ Switch to HD

## ▶ Sources of infection

- Touch contamination
- Extension from exit site/tunnel infection
- Bowel migration

## ▶ Risk factors

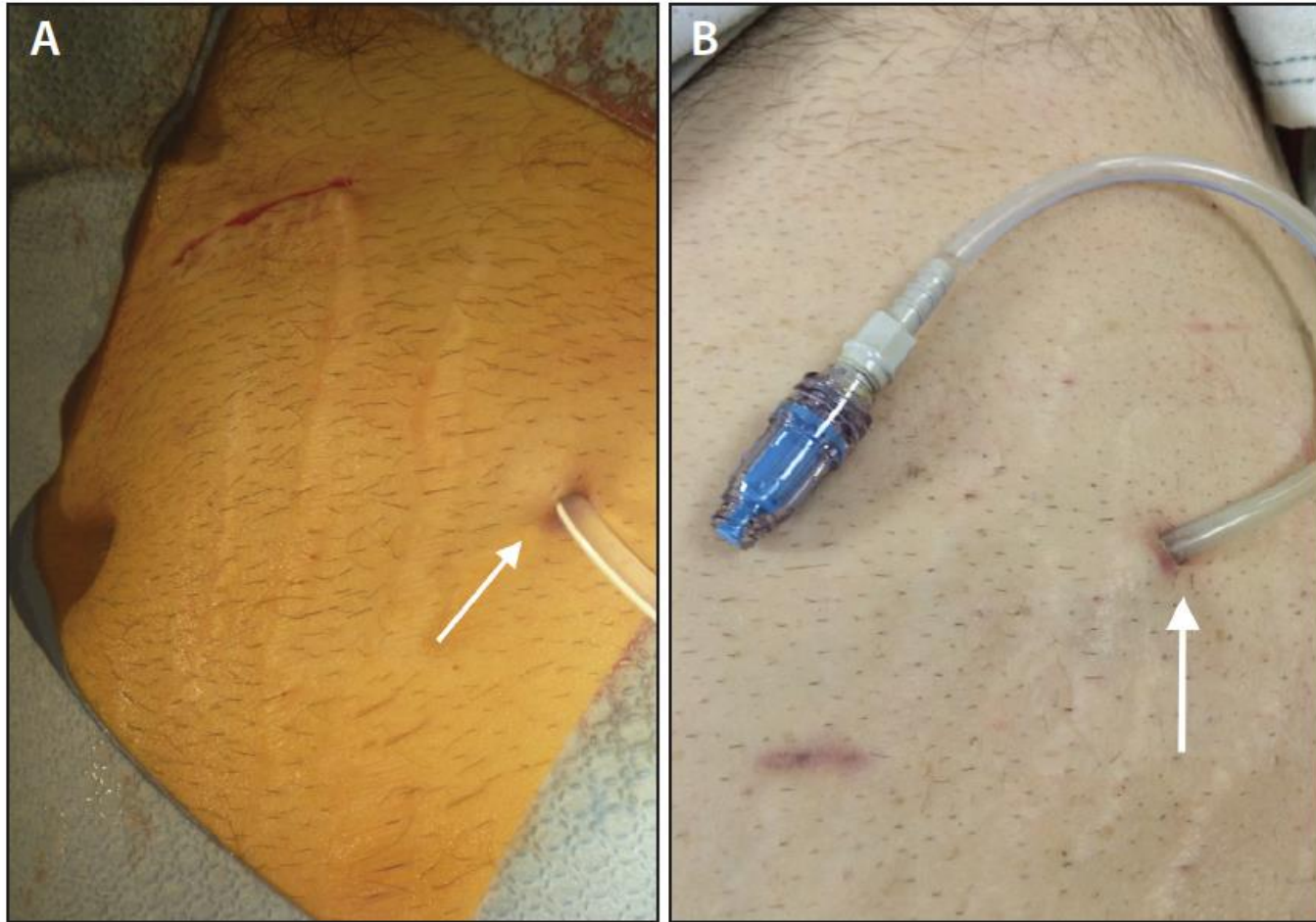
- CAPD vs APD
- Compromised host defenses (sugars, mesothelial spread)

# Peritonitis– Prevention

- ▶ Training/ Home Visits
- ▶ Prophylaxis around procedures
  - Drain belly before all abdominal procedures
  - Dental ppx
- ▶ Aggressive tx of all exit site/tunnel infections



# Normal PD Cath Exit Site





# PD Exit Site/Tunnel Infection



- Erythema
- Crusting
- Granulation Tissue
- Pus on expression



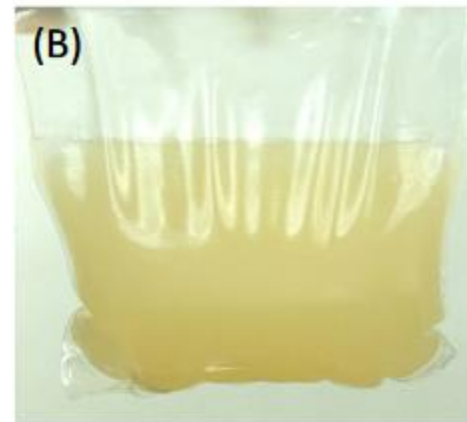
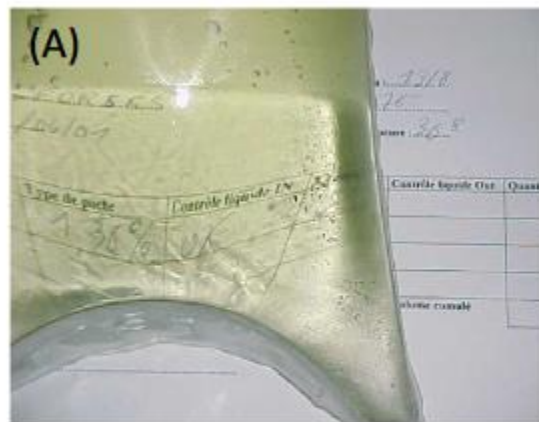
- Erythema over tunnel site
- Swollen
- Tender
- Pus on expression
- US can diagnose abscess

# Exit Site/ Tunnel Infections– TX

- ▶ Usual care: topical Abx (gent or mupirocin)
- ▶ PO Abx– 1<sup>st</sup> generation cephalosporin
  - $\geq$  2 weeks
- ▶ Consider broader coverage (anti-PSA etc)
- ▶ Surgical evaluation
  - If no subsequent peritonitis, can do simultaneous replacement of catheter on other side

# Peritonitis– clinical manifestations

- ▶ Abdominal Pain\*
- ▶ Fever
- ▶ N/V
- ▶ Cloudy PD effluent\*
- ▶ Hypotension/Sepsis (rare)



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**FIGURE 3** Cloudy dialysate. A, Normal CAPD effluent. It is clear enough to allow a text to be read through the dialysate bag. B, Effluent of 47-year-old man with end-stage renal failure secondary to Alport's syndrome admitted with acute peritonitis (white cell count : 7860/ $\mu$ L; 93% of polymorphonuclear neutrophils)

# Peritonitis– Diagnosis

- ▶ Obtain PD fluid for cell count, gram stain, culture, and sensitivities
- ▶ WBCS > 100
  - >50% PMNs
- ▶ Positive Gram Stain/ Cx
  - Usually Gram+ (Staph Epi, Strep, S Aureus, Enterococcus)
  - Can be Gram – (E Coli, Klebsiella, Pseudomonas)
  - Rarely fungal

# Peritonitis– Treatment

## ▶ Empiric Tx

- Treat Gram + and – (Vanc/Ancef + Cefipime/Ceftaz)

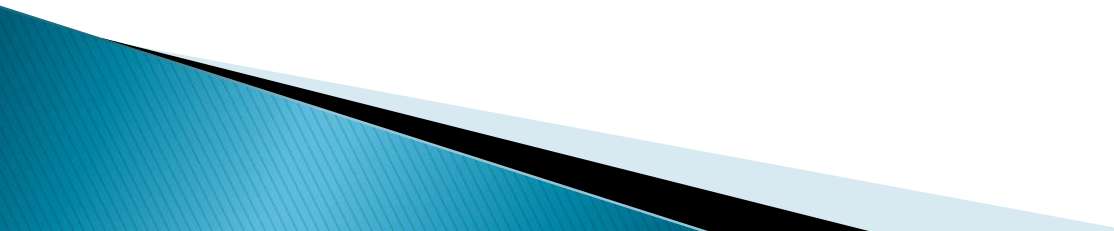
## ▶ Definitive Tx

- Once Pos. Culture returns– taper Abx
- 20–40% Cx negative– keep dual coverage


## ▶ IP Dosing!

- Preferred over IV unless pt septic
- Intermittently in long dwell *or* continuously

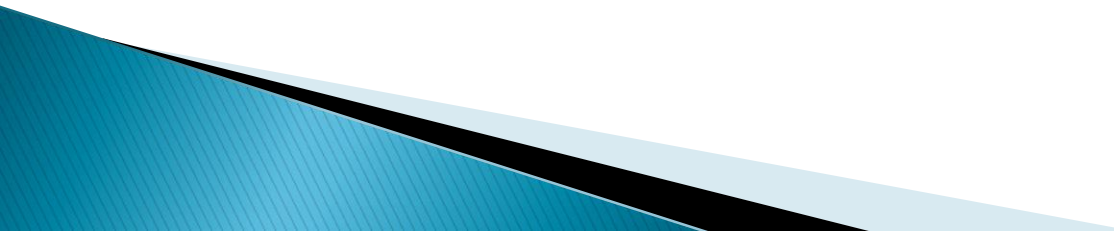
# Monitoring

- ▶ Monitor Abdominal Sx and cloudiness of effluent
  - ▶ Repeat cell count/ Cx serially
  - ▶ Antifungal PPX?
  - ▶ Adjust Rx– transient high transport status
  - ▶ Watch exit site
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# When to remove the catheter

- ▶ **REFRACTORY**– no improvement in symptoms / cell counts after 5 days
  - ▶ **RELAPSING**– same organism causes peritonitis again less than 4 weeks after Abx course
  - ▶ **FUNGAL**– automatic removal
  - ▶ **INTRABDOMINAL PATHOLOGY**– perf, abscess, etc
  - ▶ HD x at least 3–4 weeks before PD catheter can be replaced
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# Common noninfectious PD issues

- ▶ Bloody dialysate
  - ▶ Pleural effusions
  - ▶ Dwell pain
  - ▶ Catheter wont drain
  - ▶ Hernias
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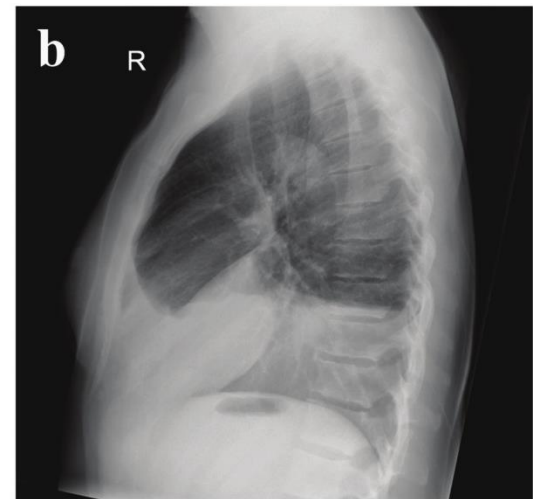
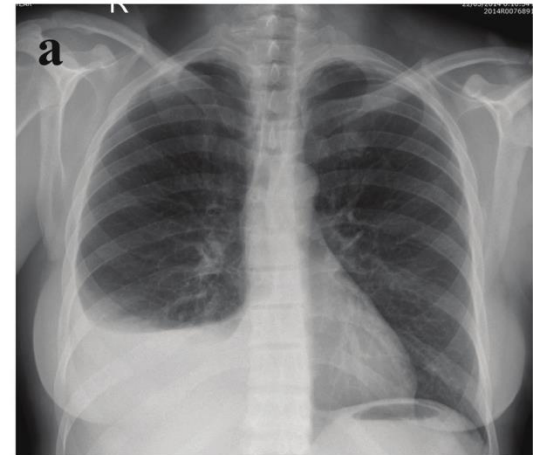
# Hemoperitoneum

- ▶ Menses
- ▶ SP PD cath insertion
- ▶ ADPKD cyst rupture

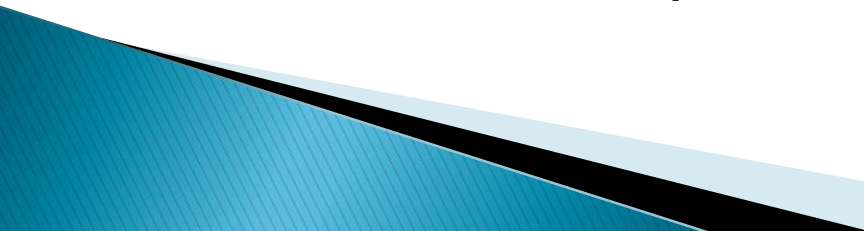


# Pleural Effusion

- ▶ Pleuroperitoneal communication
- ▶  $R > L$
- ▶ Dx– confirm dialysate in pleural space
  - Creatinine, glucose etc
- ▶ Tx– Adjust PD Rx, Switch to HD, talc pleurodesis

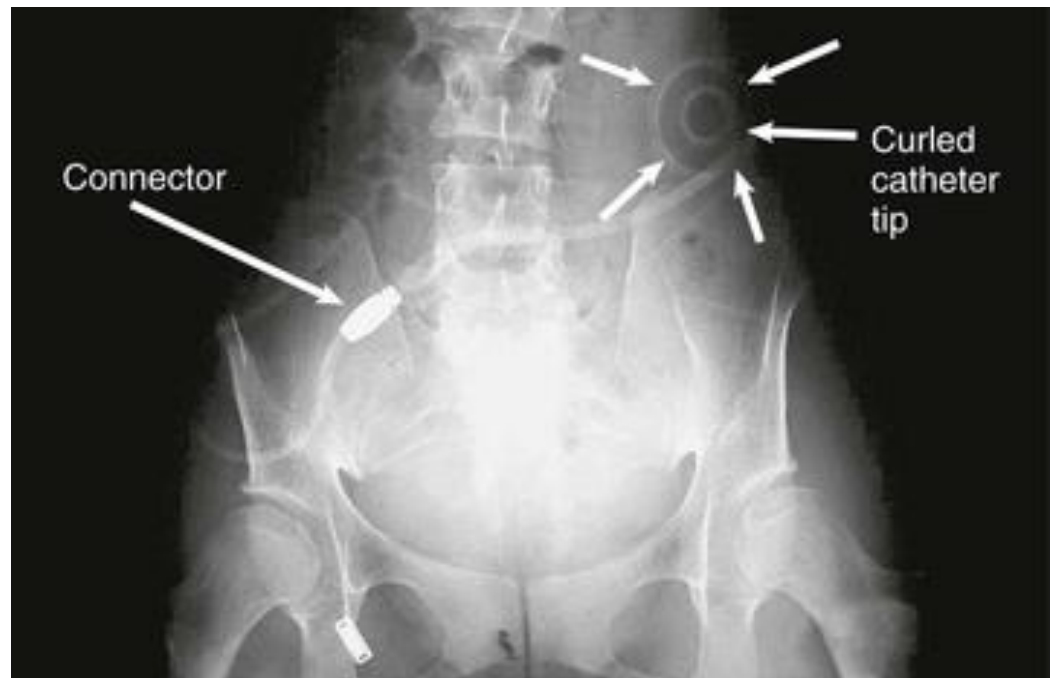


# Dwell Pain (non-infectious)

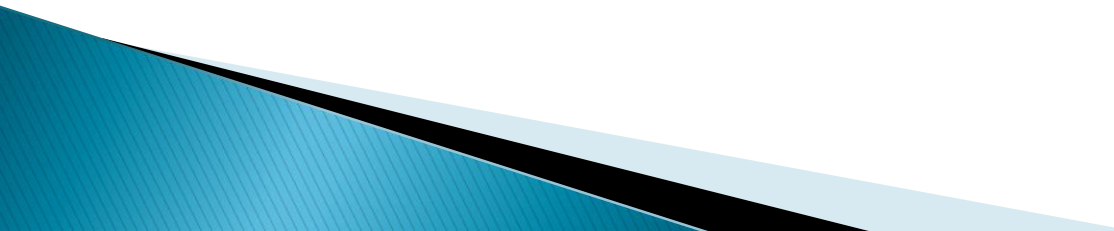
- ▶ Common and transient
  - ▶ Acidic pH of dialysate
  - ▶ Poor catheter positioning
    - Wrapped in omentum, near bowel
  - ▶ High glucose content
  
  - ▶ Things to try:
    - Inject bicarb into fluid
    - Tidal Rx
    - Catheter manipulation/replacement
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# PD Catheter Outflow Failure

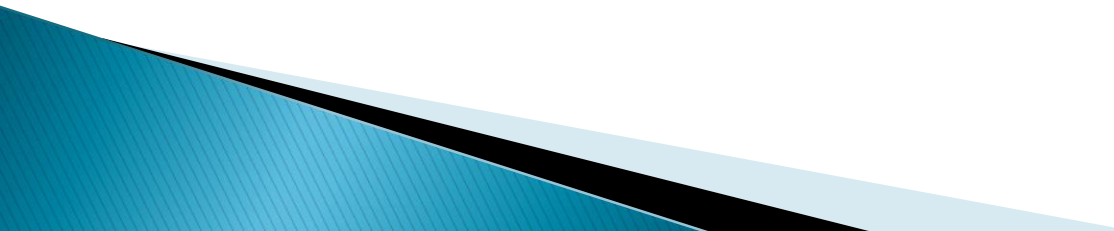
- ▶ CONSTIPATION
- ▶ Catheter malpositioning
- ▶ Catheter occlusion
  - Intraluminal
  - Extraluminal
- ▶ Catheter kinking



# Outflow Failure– Mgmt

- ▶ Laxatives
  - ▶ Heparin mixed into PD fluid if fibrin
    - TPA?
  - ▶ Catheter manipulation/repositioning
    - Fluoroscopic
      - Stiff wire manipulation
    - Surgical
      - Redirection
      - Omentectomy
      - Replacement
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# Summary

- ▶ Peritoneal dialysis is still relatively uncommon in the US but incidence of home therapies is growing
  - ▶ Despite many potential infectious and noninfectious complications, PD allows patients to live more independently outside the confines of the dialysis clinic.
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# Thank you!

- ▶ Questions?
- ▶ Comments?

