

**PERITONEAL DIALYSIS (PD) – COMMENCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF PD PATIENTS AT HOME**

<b>1. Purpose</b>	A workplace instruction (WPI) to describe the process for the care and management of new and existing peritoneal dialysis patients at home
<b>2. Employees it Applies to</b>	All Clinical Staff

**BACKGROUND**

- Patients are fully trained and supported by the PD nurses to manage their own treatment at home for Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) and/or Automated Peritoneal Dialysis (APD).
- PD nurse support begins at the time patient is enlisted on the PD pathway and ends after PD is ceased.
- PD nurse support are provided by phone (9113 3770) or home visit or in PD unit during operating hours – Monday to Friday, 0730 to 1600. Patients can contact Baxter Healthcare Technical Support toll free number 1800 229 837 (option #4 then option #2) for afterhours machine related issues and technical support and 4 South (9113 33458 or 9113 33446) for after – hours clinical support.

**3. PROCESS**

Note: All patient encounters must be captured in eMR Scheduling and documented in eMR Powerchart under clinical notes

**3.1 PRE – PD SUPPORT**

- Patients on the PD pathway are scheduled for pre- PD assessment and education prior to PD catheter (PDC) insertion. Assessment result and action plan are forwarded to the nephrologist and relevant disciplines

**3.2 PD CATHETER (PDC) INSERTION**

- PDC insertion is a surgical procedure performed by the Vascular surgeon in the Operating Theatre in either public or private hospital under general anaesthesia. Patients will need a review from the Vascular surgeon for PDC suitability.
- For urgent PDC insertion (PDC insertion within 6 weeks from PD nurse review):
  1. Inform vascular surgeon and request for urgent patient review
  2. Arrange and send nephrologist referral to vascular surgeon
  3. Liaise with vascular surgeon, nephrologist and patient for PDC insertion timing

**3.3 AFTER PDC INSERTION**

1. Review patient to assess PDC and exit site
2. Flush PDC as per post procedure instruction from Vascular surgeon i.e. 1 Litre flush as per [SGH PD WPI 053 Peritoneal Dialysis – 1L Flush on a Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter](#) or small flush as per [SGH PD WPI 137 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter \(PDC\)- Simple/Small flush on Peritoneal Dialysis](#).
3. Change exit site dressing as per [SGH CLIN 414 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter \(PDC\) - Post insertion Catheter Care, Dressing and Management](#)

4. Heparin lock new PDC as per [SGH CLIN 364 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter \(PDC\) – Heparin lock](#)
5. Schedule patient for weekly PDC exit site dressing change, PDC flush and heparin locks as per [SGH CLIN 364 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter \(PDC\) – Heparin lock](#), [SGH CLIN 414 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter \(PDC\) - Post insertion Catheter Care, Dressing and Management](#), [SGH PD WPI 053 Peritoneal Dialysis – 1L Flush on a Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter](#) and/or [SGH PD WPI 137 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter \(PDC\)- Simple/Small flush on Peritoneal Dialysis](#) for 3 weeks or more whilst resting PDC
6. Add 'Invasive Procedure/Surgery Alert' in eMR stating: "Peritoneal Dialysis patient - \*\*will need prophylactic antibiotics and nystatin before invasive procedure or surgery as per SGH Clinical Business Rule CLIN 396 in St George Hospital policy website under 'Peritoneal Dialysis' (please contact patient's nephrologist/renal team or PD nurses ph 9113 3770 or page 1091 for more information)" as per [SGH CLIN 396 PD Patients- Preparation for invasive procedures or surgery](#)

### **3.4 URGENT DIALYSIS**

- For patients requiring urgent dialysis prior to PD training, Renal team is to decide between haemodialysis or PD. If for urgent PD, manage PD as per [SGH PD WPI 144 Peritoneal Dialysis \(PD\) - Management of patients requiring intermittent peritoneal dialysis](#) and/or [SGH PD WPI 141 Break-In Management For Patients Requiring Urgent PD with Newly Inserted PD Catheter](#)

### **3.5 PD TRAINING**

- Schedule and tailor daily PD training appropriate to the patient's learning needs once patient is stable and PDC is ready for dialysis:
  1. APD – 8 am to 2 pm everyday Monday to Friday for 2 weeks or more
  2. CAPD – to come at 8 am then again at 2pm everyday Monday to Friday for 1 week or moreNote: Book an interpreter as required

### **3.6 DURING PD TRAINING**

1. Perform Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on patient as per most recent COVID guidelines and recommendation for dialysis patients in St George Hospital:
  - COVID positive RAT result, manage patient as per [SGH WPI 138 PD – Managing Unwell Outpatients in the PD Unit](#)
  - COVID negative RAT result, proceed with PD training
2. Attend to and document routine observations and weight (including blood sugar level for patients with diabetes)
3. Request for and monitor results of blood tests i.e. FBC, UEC and etc as necessary
4. For patients requiring top-up dialysis, arrange a hospital admission for inpatient IPD as per [SGH PD WPI 144 Peritoneal Dialysis \(PD\) - Management of patients requiring intermittent peritoneal dialysis](#) or haemodialysis (HD) sessions in 4 West HD unit if patient was transferred from HD
5. Establish PD prescription for training and for home. Set-up APD prescription and Patient Activation Code in Sharesource for APD patients
6. Discuss the importance of suitable area to dialyse and to store dialysis equipment and supplies:

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- a. Dialysis area should have adequate space for PD equipment, close to a sink or basin for hand hygiene, well – ventilated, away from pets, pest – free and clean.
- b. Dialysis storage area should be away from direct sunlight & moisture, well – insulated, well – ventilated, away from pets, pest – free and clean
7. Refer to the renal dietitian for education and review during patient training
8. Provide patient the shopping list to set-up home for PD (refer to Appendix A)
9. Discuss PD stocktake process and organise delivery of PD supplies with Baxter Healthcare
10. Provide the following contact details and encourage patient to call for any dialysis related issues or problems:
  - a. PD unit ph 9113 3770 for clinical and technical support during business hours Monday to Friday, 0730 – 1600 hours
  - b. 4 South (9113 3458 or 9113 3446) for afterhours clinical support
  - c. Baxter Healthcare toll free number 1800 229 837 for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for technical support (option #4 then option #2) and for stocktake and delivery (option #2 for Homecare section) during business hours Monday to Friday, 0800 – 1630 hours
11. Provide PD problem-solving guide and technical troubleshooting education
12. Provide education on how to prepare for invasive procedures or surgery as per [SGH CLIN 396 PD Patients- Preparation for invasive procedures or surgery](#)
13. For patients with diabetes:
  - a. Monitor blood sugar level (BSL) during training
  - b. Advise patient to consult and update their Endocrinologist
  - c. Refer to and organise a diabetes education centre appointment
  - d. Advise patient to continue to monitor their BSL at home and after PD training
14. Document daily training progress in eMR

### **3.7 PD TRAINING COMPLETION**

- Educate and provide patient the PD prescription (Patient Activation Code for APD patients) for home
- Schedule an initial home visit to assist patient with home set-up for PD (same day or day after PD training completion)
- Book a renal clinic appointment for nephrologist to review patient within 2 – 6 weeks
- Provide a pathology request form for blood tests as per Appendix B (i.e. FBC, UEC, LFT, hepatitis serology and etc) prior to renal clinic appointment
- Schedule peritoneal equilibration and dialysis adequacy tests in 4 to 8 weeks as per [SGH PD WPI 096 Dialysis Adequacy Tests \(Creatinine Clearance and Kt/V\)](#) and [SGH PD WPI 097 Peritoneal Equilibration Test \(PET\)](#)
- Document PD training and home visit completion in eMR and inform the nephrologist

### **3.8 DATA COLLECTION AND PD OUTCOME MONITORING**

- New PD patients' clinical and dialysis details are entered into the: eMR, renal folder (RISCDOC), national registry (ANZDATA), PD spreadsheets (Patient Flow, Infection Rates, Biochem Main, PDC insertion, Consultant numbers, Postcodes, Admission Workbook, Daily Movement Sheet and PD regimen) and ANZDATA Acceptance Main Worksheet

### 3.9 PD AT HOME SUPPORT

1. Phone follow-up and home visits to continue as required including clinical and technical troubleshooting over the phone from PD nurses, Baxter or 4 South (afterhours)
2. Nephrologist and PD nurses to review patient in renal clinic every 8-12 weeks or as required
3. Provide pathology request forms and reminder for routine blood tests (refer to Appendix B):
  - Quarterly CMP, FBC, UEC, LFT, Urate, Iron studies and PTH screening for all PD patients
  - Quarterly HbA1C for patients with diabetes
  - 6-monthly Troponin T and serology screening for all PD patients
  - 6-monthly fasting lipids screening for patients with history of cerebro-vascular, cardio-vascular and/or peripheral vascular disease.
4. Remind patient to inform surgeon or proceduralist of the need for prophylactic antibiotics and anti-fungal to prevent PD related infection when scheduled for invasive procedures or surgery. Remind patient to inform nephrologist and PD team once procedure and/or surgery is booked. Provide instructions on how to prepare for invasive procedures or surgery as per [SGH CLIN 396 PD Patients- Preparation for invasive procedures or surgery](#)
5. Schedule repeat dialysis adequacy testing every year or as required as [SGH PD WPI 096 Dialysis Adequacy Tests \(Creatinine Clearance and Kt/V\)](#)
6. Schedule PD catheter extension set change every year or as required as per [SGH PD WPI 093 Changing PD Catheter Extension Set](#)
7. Schedule peritoneal equilibration testing as needed or as requested by nephrologist as per [SGH PD WPI 097 Peritoneal Equilibration Test \(PET\)](#)
8. Renal dietitian to review patient every 6 months or as required

### 3.10 LONG TERM PD PATIENT (≥2YEARS)

- Patients who have been on PD for 2 years or over are to be categorised, reviewed and supported as per PD risk assessment and management (RAM) pathway and flowchart in [SGH PD WPI 095 Transitioning from PD](#)

**3.11 APPENDIX A**

**Shopping List: To set-up your home for Peritoneal Dialysis**

**Ongoing purchase:**

1. Paper towel (preferably with dispenser or holder)
2. Antibacterial soap in a pump bottle (\*Do not refill pump bottle)
3. 1 bottle Methylated Spirit  
(Mix one part of Methylated Spirit to 4 parts of water in the spray bottle)

**One-off purchase:**

1. Spray bottle or container
2. 20 Litre white bucket with lid (for APD patients)
3. Wheeled trolley for bucket (for APD patients)
4. Coat hook or hook stand (for CAPD patients)
5. Digital weighing scale (for daily weight monitoring)
6. Blood pressure machine (for daily BP monitoring)
7. Work tray (plastic or stainless steel for daily PDC exit site care & dressing)
8. Full or half body mirror (for daily PDC exit site care & dressing change in front of mirror)
7. Appropriate sized table (glass-top, glossed or stainless table) to perform dialysis. For APD patients: Table must fit the APD machine and should be the same height as patient's bed to reduce APD alarms.

**3.12 APPENDIX B**

ROUTINE BLOODS for Peritoneal Dialysis Patients

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC	UEC
Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg	Ca, PO4, Mg
FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC	FBC
LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's	LFT's
Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate	Urate
			HBsAg (yearly if core positive) Anti-HBs						HepCab HBsAg (yearly if core positive) Anti-HBs		
Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*	Tissue Typing*
Troponin T*						Troponin T*					
Fe studies*			Fe studies*			Fe studies*			Fe studies*		
PTH			PTH			PTH			PTH		
HbA1c (only diabetic patients)			HbA1c (only diabetic patients)			HbA1c (only diabetic patients)			HbA1c (only diabetic patients)		
			Fasting lipids - Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL & Triglycerides* only in high risk patients						Fasting lipids - Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL & Triglycerides* only in high risk patients		
<p><b>Tissue typing</b> for patients on transplant list. Performed before 20th of each month and repeated 2 weeks after a blood transfusion.</p> <p><b>Fe studies</b> performed 2 weeks after completing a course of IV Fe.</p> <p><b>HIV testing</b> is performed at commencement of dialysis.</p> <p><b>Fasting Lipids</b> only for patients with a history of, or at risk of, CAD, CVD, PVD or diabetes.</p> <p><b>Troponin T</b> : Twice per year</p> <p><b>Hepatitis B testing - refer to protocol. Core positive patients only require yearly antigen testing</b></p> <p><b>Blood Borne Viruses:</b> Initial testing for HIV, Anti-HCV, HBsAg, Anti-HBs, Anti-HBc (informed consent required)</p> <p><b>Hepatitis B surface antibody (Anti-HBs) level 4-8 weeks post vaccination course</b></p> <p><b>Dialysis Adequacy (Kt/V and Ccl)</b> - Annual tests</p>											

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<p><b>4. Cross References</b></p>	<p><a href="#">SGH CLIN 364 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter (PDC) – Heparin lock</a>  <a href="#">SGH CLIN 414 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter (PDC) - Post insertion Catheter Care, Dressing and Management</a>  <a href="#">SGH CLIN 396 PD Patients- Preparation for invasive procedures or surgery</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 144 Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) - Management of patients requiring intermittent peritoneal dialysis</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 141 Break-In Management For Patients Requiring Urgent PD with Newly Inserted PD Catheter</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 096 Dialysis Adequacy Tests (Creatinine Clearance and Kt/V)</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 097 Peritoneal Equilibration Test (PET)</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 095 Transitioning from PD</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 053 Peritoneal Dialysis – 1L Flush on a Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 137 Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter (PDC)- Simple/Small flush on Peritoneal Dialysis</a>  <a href="#">SGH PD WPI 093 Changing PD Catheter Extension Set</a>  <a href="#">SGH WPI 138 PD Managing Unwell Outpatients in the PD Unit</a></p>
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