

AUTOMATED PERITONEAL DIALYSIS (APD) DISCONNECTION WITH OPTICAP PROCEDURE

Cross references	NSW Health PD2017 013 Infection Prevention and Control Policy NHMRC Australian Guidelines for the prevention and control of Infection in Healthcare NSW Health PD2017 026 Clinical and Related Waste Management for Health Services SGH-TSH CLIN027 Aseptic Technique - Competency and Education Requirements
1. Purpose	To ensure APD disconnection with Opticap procedure is performed according to best practice guidelines reducing the risk of infection and ensuring patient safety

2. Process

2.1 DEVICES

2.1.1 Equipment

- Sterile gloves
- Micropore tape

2.1.2 Key parts

- Opticap

2.1.3 Key site

- Abdominal PD catheter

2.2 SAFEGUARD

- 2.2.1** Frequent disconnection from APD machine during dialysis is highly discouraged due to increased risk of contamination
- 2.2.2** Limit disconnection during dialysis to toilet breaks or urgent medical procedures only to reduce risk of contamination
- 2.2.3** Maximum of 2 disconnection episodes only for every 10 hour therapy to reduce risk of contamination
- 2.2.4** If >2 disconnection episodes during dialysis is anticipated, convert patient to CAPD to reduce risk of contamination

2.3 PROCEDURE

1. Press the red (STOP) button to pause/stop dialysis
Note: If possible to wait, pause/stop and disconnect whilst on 'DWELL' phase
2. Perform hand hygiene and don non-sterile gloves
3. Close the clamp on patient line
4. Close the PD catheter valve until it "clicks"

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5. Open Opticap
6. Perform hand hygiene and don sterile gloves
7. Perform disconnection procedure ensuring all key parts/sites are protected:
 - a) Disconnect patient line using non-touch disconnection technique
 - b) Place patient line back on the line organiser
 - c) Remove minicap from Opticap
 - d) Place new minicap on catheter using non-touch technique
 - e) Remove blue divider and place Opticap onto patient line using non-touch technique
8. Secure the PD catheter on abdomen with micropore tape before patient mobilises
9. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene
10. Once patient returns, prepare the PD catheter
 - a) Perform hand hygiene and don non-sterile gloves
 - b) Keep PD catheter away from clothing
 - c) Expose the PD catheter
11. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene
12. Don sterile gloves
13. Perform connection procedure ensuring all key parts/sites are protected:
 - a) Remove the Opticap from the patient line
 - b) Remove the minicap from the catheter
 - c) Connect catheter to patient line using non-touch connection technique
14. Open the catheter valve
15. Open the clamp on patient line
16. Press green (GO) button to continue dialysis
17. Discard equipment as per [NSW Health PD2017 026 Clinical and Related Waste Management for Health Services](#)
18. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene
19. Document the frequency of and reason for disconnection on APD chart and patient notes
20. Handover to the next shift

3. Network file	Renal, Peritoneal Dialysis
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