

St George Hospital

Peritoneal Dialysis Newsletter

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We survived yet another challenging pandemic year!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cooperation, support and understanding with all the changes we requested of you.

Another big thanks to all of you for taking the big step in protecting yourselves by rolling up your sleeves & getting vaccinated. We are so proud to share that 100% PD patients of St George Hospital are vaccinated against COVID-19! Well done everyone!!!

We now encourage you to take up your 3rd vaccine dose for an even better protection against COVID-19. Dialysis patients are eligible for 3rd dose, 2 months after the 2nd dose. St George Hospital 4E COVAX hub offers a walk—in clinic for dialysis patients' 3rd dose.

As we prepare for the festive season, please ensure you have enough dressing supplies as the PD unit will be closed on all public holidays and will have less PD nurse on duty on other days:

- We will be open as normal until Friday 24th December 2021
- We will be closed from Saturday 25th December 2021 and reopen for 2 days on Wednesday 28/12/21 and Thursday 29/12/21 with only 1 PD nurse on duty
- We will then be closed again from Friday 31/12/21 and reopen Tuesday 04/01/22, again with only 1 PD nurse on duty for the rest of the week
- PD nurses Emma, Maria and Fiona will return to work on 10/01/2022
- PD nurse Claire will return to work on 17/01/2022

For any PD related concerns whilst PD unit is closed, please call 4 South on 9113 3458 or 9113 3446. If you are unwell or have signs of peritonitis or cloudy drain fluid or have contaminated your PD catheter, please present to the Emergency Department immediately for review.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Kindest Regards,
Claire, Maria, Emma & Fiona



Please check and ensure you have enough dialysis stock including back-up stock for Christmas and New Year holiday

Baxter will be CLOSED from 25th—28th December 2021 and 1st—3rd January 2022

Baxter has also advised to expect delays in delivery from 29th December 2021—10th January 2022 due to reduced staffing during this period

Quick Guide for Leaky or Faulty PD Bag

Reminding you of this easy to follow guide on what to do in case you encounter a leaking or faulty dialysis bag at home:

1. Stop dialysis & disconnect yourself immediately from the leaking or faulty dialysis bag.
2. Do not discard the leaky or faulty dialysis bag. Keep it aside to be picked up by Baxter.
3. Call the PD nurses during office hours or 4 South nurses after—hours or during PD unit closure to report the incident & provide the details of the leaking or faulty dialysis bag:
 - Date & time of incident
 - Bag strength
 - Bag volume
 - Batch number
 - Expiry date
 - Total number of dialysis bags/boxes you have at home with the same batch number as the leaky or faulty dialysis bag



Note: PD nurses or 4S nurses will report the incident to the renal doctor/s. You may be asked to come in to the hospital for PD fluid culture or decontamination to check for & prevent peritonitis.

4. **Do not use** dialysis bags/boxes you have at home with the same batch number as the leaky or faulty dialysis bag – these stocks must be collected and replaced by Baxter ASAP.
5. Call Baxter Home Care (ph 1800 229 837) to report faulty or leaky dialysis bag and to arrange for faulty/leaky bag collection & replacement of affected stocks.

Note: Pick up of faulty/defective bag should occur within 24 hours

Note: Replacement of affected stocks should occur within 48 hours

Note: Once you are on antibiotic treatment, make sure you are also on Nilstat drops or tablets to prevent PD-related fungal infection. Call the PD nurses or your kidney doctor for more information.

Contact us
02 9113 3770



St George Hospital
Renal Care Centre
9 South St. Kogarah
Monday-Friday
7:30am—4:00pm

A little more sparkle,
a little less stress.

This Christmas, I wish
you the very best.