

# **Automated Peritoneal Dialysis (APD) Homechoice set up and connection Assessment Form**

**Limitations for Practice:**            Enrolled Nurse  
   Registered Nurse  
   Clinical Nurse Specialist  
   Clinical Nurse Consultant

## **Objective:**

To ensure APD set-up and connection procedure is performed according to best practice guidelines reducing the risk of infection and ensuring patient safety.

## **Background:**

1. APD assessment and competency is compulsory for 4S nursing staff prior to attending to APD procedure.
2. Nursing staff with no APD exposure must observe the set-up and connection procedure then practice under supervision by an APD competent nurse.
3. The assessor will advise the number of practice sessions the nursing staff requires prior to a final assessment.
4. Simulated practice sessions are encouraged until APD technique is safe and satisfactory for a final assessment.
5. Final assessment is to be performed on a patient.
6. Final assessment is to be carried out by an APD competent nurse.
7. APD competency is to be renewed every 5 years.
8. A reassessment may be necessary in line with APD protocol revisions.

## **Note:**

1. Keep the original copy of your completed assessment form for your record.
2. Forward a copy of the completed assessment form to the CNE and PD unit.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pay No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Signature

**Please initial appropriate box**

Action	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	C
1. Selects appropriate fluid, checking for expiry date, volume and colour						
2. Collects equipment. Cleans machine and trolley						
3. Plugs machine into power and turns on at the back of the machine						
4. Presses GO to start						
5. Checks and changes the program as indicated (Ensure machine program and documented program are exactly the same)						
6. Performs small handwash						
7. Opens and checks bags. Places one bag of fluid onto the heater						
8. Presses GO to load the set. Loads the cassette correctly						
9. Hangs the line organiser on cassette door						
10. Closes all clamps						
11. Attaches the drain bag correctly						
12. Presses GO to self test						
13. Performs 1 minute handwash						
14. Waits for machine to flash CONNECT BAGS						
15. Connects all lines to bags without contamination (Note: non-touch connection technique)						
16. Breaks the greenstick seals and opens clamps on lines with connected bags						
17. Presses GO to prime lines						
18. Exposes catheter-position away from clothing						
19. Performs 1 minute handwash and uses sterile gloves						
20. Connects patient line to catheter without contamination (Note: non-touch connection technique)						
21. Opens the catheter valve, presses GO twice to commence dialysis						
22. Documents procedure on APD chart and hands over to the next shift						

Practice 1 (P1) Assessor's name & initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Practice 2 (P2) Assessor's name & initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Practice 3 (P3) Assessor's name & initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Practice 4 (P4) Assessor's name & initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Practice 5 (P5) Assessor's name & initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Competent (C) Assessor's name & initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_