

Dialysis Access and Management

Dialysis access by vascular surgeons.

Dialysis access provides an entryway into the bloodstream so that blood can be filtered using dialysis equipment. Dialysis access is necessary for patients who are in kidney failure.

The URMC Heart & Vascular Center provides complete dialysis access and maintenance by fellowship-trained vascular surgeons. Our surgeons oversee every step of the process, from initial evaluation, to surgery, to follow-up.

The vascular surgeons at URMC have the highest level of training and experience in working with the vascular system. As a result, patients can feel confident they are getting the absolute best care available.

Why URMC for dialysis access and management.

All care is provided by board-certified vascular surgeons, the doctors with the most expertise in surgery on veins and arteries. We provide all the diagnostics you need in one place, helping you avoid unnecessary travel.

Our surgeons provide all follow-up care, helping ensure that dialysis access remains healthy, effective and comfortable. Should you need repair or revision of your dialysis access, our surgeons have the knowledge to provide the most effective treatment.



Multidisciplinary Care for dialysis access.

By using a multidisciplinary approach to care, we make dialysis access and maintenance more streamlined and trouble-free. Our vascular surgeons have monthly meetings with nephrologists (kidney doctors) radiologists and dialysis nurses to go over all aspects of your care. If you are having difficulties with dialysis access, we can quickly diagnose the problem and get you the treatment you need.

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Dialysis Access Services.

Access management services. Ongoing care to help dialysis access remain healthy and viable

Central Venous Access. Provides immediate dialysis access when kidney disease progresses quickly.

Dialysis Access Surgery. Procedures to create a fistula or arteriovenous graft.

Fistulograms. X-ray procedure to check blood flow through a fistula.

Fistula maturation procedures. Advanced methods for aiding the growth of the fistula.

Hemodialysis access. Minor surgery to form a fistula or an arteriovenous graft.

Thrombolysis/Thrombectomy. Procedures for removing clots from a fistula.

Treatment of Central Venous Stenosis. Providing both open and endovascular approaches.

Vessel mapping. A diagnostic procedure that shows the location of blood vessels.

Patient- and Family-Centered Care.

Receiving dialysis is almost a full-time job. So the support of family members is often a critical component of a patient's care.

When we see patients, we also welcome the involvement of their family members. We take the time to explain the procedures we are doing and to answer any questions. Most importantly, by providing highly advanced expertise we help to minimize problems that can create challenges for patients and their families.

One number for excellent care.

For more information on Dialysis Access and Maintenance, or to set up an appointment, please call us today. With just one phone number for every heart and vascular need, we make getting the care you need simple: **call 585-275-2877** or visit us at heart.urmc.edu.



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