

CAPD

(Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis)

CAPD cleans your blood 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. And you're ambulatory (which means you can walk around), even during dwell.

That's because the CAPD system just requires a solution bag and tubing connected to your catheter, which is hung on a pole with wheels during exchanges.

Most people need four exchanges a day: when they wake up in the morning, at lunch, before dinner and before they go to sleep. An exchange takes about 30 minutes. The PD solution is left in the peritoneal cavity between exchanges and overnight.

While performing an exchange, you can do any quiet activity: watch TV, talk on the phone, work at a desk or read. An exchange can be performed in any clean area—at home, work or while traveling.



APD

(Automated Peritoneal Dialysis)

APD is usually done overnight, with a cycler machine that performs exchanges automatically, while you sleep. Most people leave fluid in the peritoneum during the day or do an extra daytime exchange.

APD is good for people who want more freedom from dialysis during the day or who need help with dialysis. With APD, you don't have to do exchanges every 4-6 hours during the day, so you have more independence. Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis (CCPD) is a type of APD.



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