

## Postoperative care of the Peritoneal Catheter Exit Site

- On return from theatre the catheter exit site will be covered by Premierpore or other appropriate sterile dry dressing.
- Send dressing to theatre with catheter.
- This dressing should not be disturbed ideally for 7 to 10 days.
- The catheter should not be stitched in place.
- If there are signs of bleeding or leakage on dressing remove and replace with clean dry dressing but do not clean or disturb site.
- It is very important to minimise the movement and handling of the catheter at this stage, in order to prevent leakage or trauma to exit site and to optimise healing of exit site and catheter tract.
- The catheter must be secured as close to exit site as possible with Skinfix device at all times.
- The catheter will be flushed as prescribed on return from theatre by nursing staff and any leakage observed, documented and reported to medical staff.
- The catheter will then be flushed weekly at Out-patient clinic by Renal Nurse Specialist. Exit site will be reviewed and dressing changed at this time.
- If patient is currently having regular Haemodialysis the Peritoneal catheter flush will be carried out in the unit, and exit site reviewed if required at this time.
- Parents/Carers/Patients will be given advice and information in the routine care of the catheter at home before discharge.
- Parents/Carers/Patients will be advised to contact nursing staff with any concerns and the importance of doing so will be outlined.