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Renal Fistuloplasty

Information for patients

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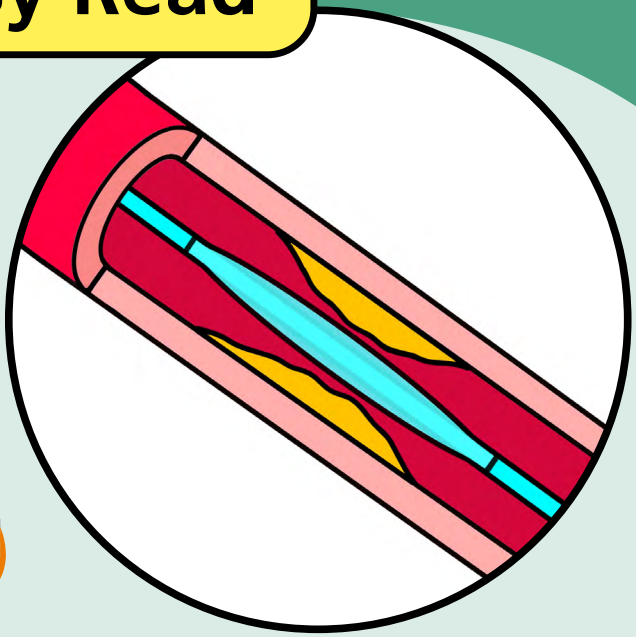

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This booklet uses easy words and pictures.

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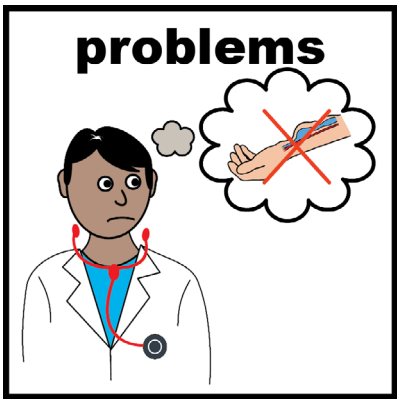
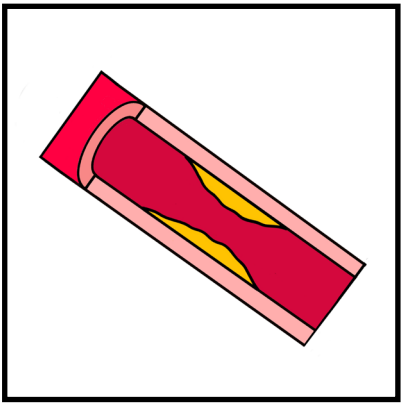
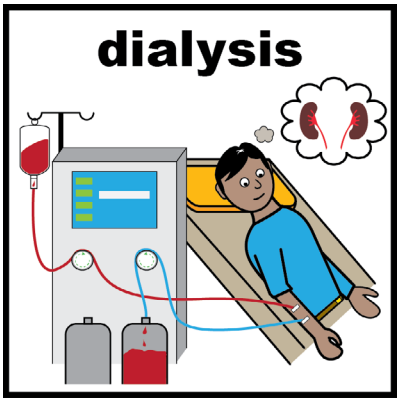


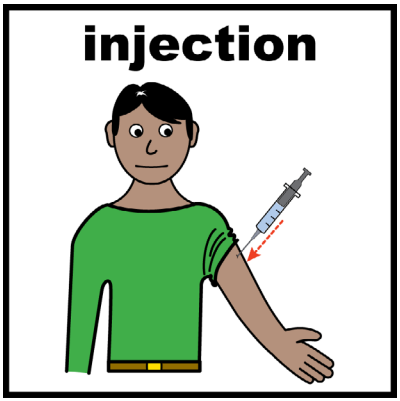
The doctor thinks there is something wrong with your Fistula



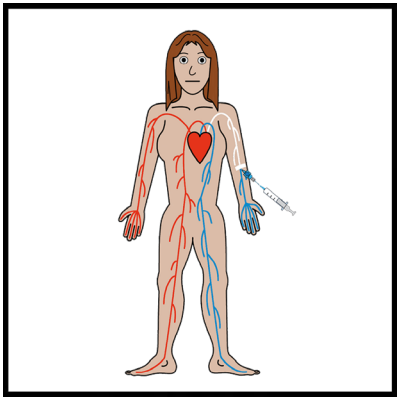
They will perform a Fistuloplasty to open up your blood vessel if it has closed inside your fistula.



This is to make sure your dialysis is working properly.

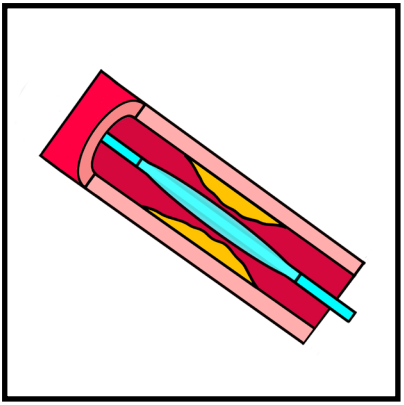


The doctor will put some medicine around your fistula, to stop you feeling the procedure.

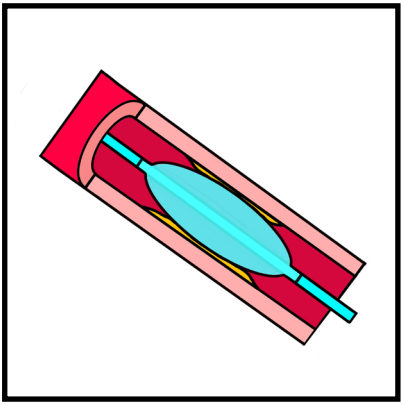


The doctor will then do the Fistulogram.

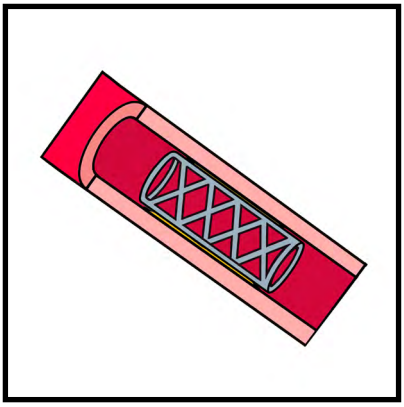
We have other easy reads available to help you understand.



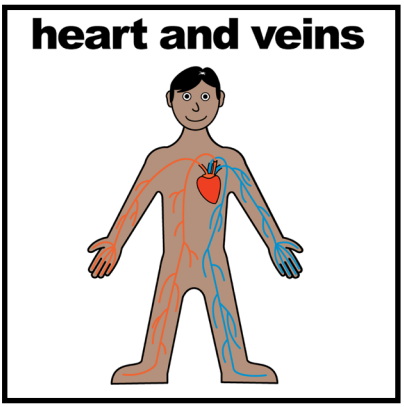
They will insert a small balloon into your vein,



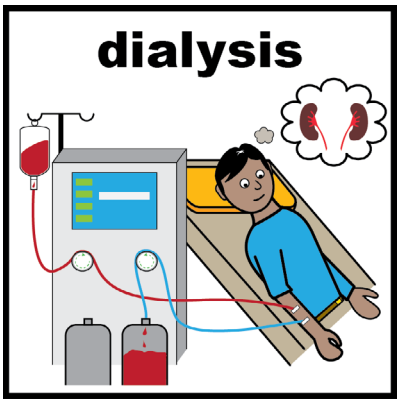
This will be inflated, this will open up the vein to make it wider



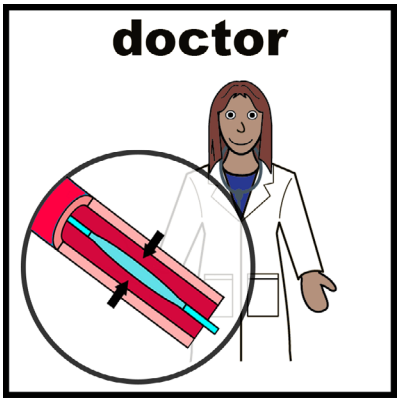
If the balloon hasn't opened up the blood vessel enough, the doctor will use a metal stent.



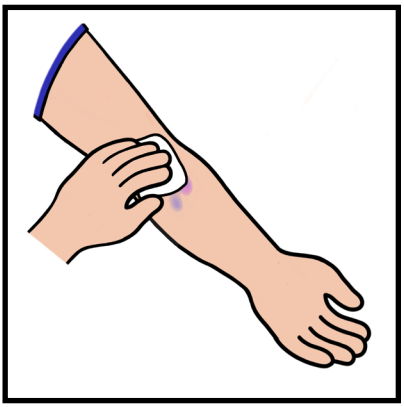
This will mean the blood can get through the vein easier



This will make your dialysis work better.



The doctor will deflate the balloon



They will apply pressure to your fistula following the fistulogram, as they do after dialysis.

This will usually take 30 minutes.

You should be able to go home the same day

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If you have any questions, please speak to your team.

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