

Are you able to answer the “5 Ws” of the emergency disconnect procedure this year?

If a power outage or other emergency were to occur during your dialysis, you may be asked to disconnect yourself to evacuate the building. It is important you feel comfortable with the process. If you feel unprepared with any of these training areas, talk with your dialysis care team.



Who?

- Who will be training me on the disconnect steps?
- Who will help me if I cannot do it myself?

What?

- What should I expect to learn from this training?
 - Know how to disconnect safely and appropriately from the machine.
 - Know when you will need to use the emergency disconnect procedure.
 - Know where and how to evacuate after disconnection.
 - If I will be helping others, know how to do that.
 - Know what to expect after the emergency (e.g., reconnecting, extra run time, rescheduling).
- What if I need additional assistance exiting the building?
 - Discuss with your care team about your specific situation.

Where?

- Where will this training take place?

When?

- When should I expect this training and how frequently?

Why?

- Why should I receive this training?
 - This ensures a quick and safe end of the dialysis session and ability to exit the building carefully, if needed.

Bonus: How?

- How will training be provided?
 - Training may be provided verbally from staff, through a video, in a document, and/or using a demonstration in your preferred language.
 - Be sure to ask questions for anything that is not clearly explained.



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