

# What If ... Awareness Campaign

Home Hemodialysis

## No Power



***Most patients think they are prepared for an emergency, but are they really?***

### Emergency Checklist

- Contact your home dialysis staff to find out the plan for dialysis treatment in the event of a power outage. You may need to dialyze in-center for a short time.
- Identify a backup location with power (friend, family, shelter, or local dialysis facility) where treatments can be done.
- Keep at least a 5-to-7-day supply of home hemodialysis supplies at home.
- Keep a flashlight with extra batteries near your dialysis machine so you can see clearly and perform the necessary emergency procedures.
- Keep an extra portable power bank to charge your cell phone.
- Throw out any refrigerated items after 4 hours. Frozen foods can be kept for 24 hours if freezer is half-full, and 48 hours if freezer is full.

### The Facts

Review and practice your dialysis machine's manual procedure so you are prepared if the power goes out while you are hooked to the machine.

Contact your power company to request information about their medical-needs registration or priority-restoration program.



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