

# What If ... Awareness Campaign

## Peritoneal Dialysis

# No Power



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

## Emergency Checklist

- ☐ Patients who are on continuous cycler peritoneal dialysis (CCPD) should know how to switch to manual exchanges or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD).
- ☐ Keep at least a 5-to-7-day supply of peritoneal dialysis (PD) supplies at home.
- ☐ Identify a backup location with power (friend, family, shelter, or local dialysis facility) where treatments can be done.
- ☐ 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

CCPD patients should be prepared for a power outage while connected to the cycler machine. Review and practice your machine's manual procedures, including how to disconnect during an outage.

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



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