

# Safeguard your dialysis access

## know when to call



### ALL CLEAR

#### No action required

- Normal bruit and thrill (vibration)
- Bleeding 15 minutes or less after dialysis
- No pain, redness, or swelling



### CAUTION

#### Consider a referral

- Change in thrill and/or bruit
- Cold or painful hand during dialysis
- Arm or hand swelling
- Bleeding more than 15 minutes after dialysis
- Other indicators may be identified by your dialysis team:
  - Pulsatile
  - Poorly functioning catheter
  - Difficult cannulation
  - Pulling clots
  - Unable to achieve adequate dialysis



### ACCESS EMERGENCY

- Clotted access - no thrill or bruit
- Unexpected bleeding at the dialysis access site
- Broken or clotted catheter
- Shiny, thin skinned, pulsing aneurysm
- Signs of infection:
  - Redness
  - Swelling
  - Pain
  - Skin warm to the touch

**Call your  
physician or  
dialysis center  
immediately**