Kidney dialysis in the ICU - Patient Journey Map

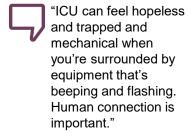
This resource shows the journey for patients receiving acute kidney dialysis in an intensive care unit (ICU). The ICU can be overwhelming for patients and families. We're here to help connect with you. Let us know how you're feeling. It's OK to ask us to slow down or repeat the information we share with you.

Admission Assessment Monitoring Treatment Reassessment Decision

- The ICU team will provide care that is guided by the reason for your admission.
- We will work together to help you feel better.
- Staff will share their name, occupation, and duty (NOD).
- You may need bloodwork to monitor your kidney function.
- The ICU team will monitor you closely for signs of a kidney injury.
- Kidney injury can be related to the critical illness.
- You may need dialysis if you have a serious kidney injury or kidney failure.
- You and your family will be included in care decisions whenever possible.
- Dialysis might be short-term or long-term depending on your kidney function and how your kidneys recover.
- To prepare for dialysis, the doctor will insert a tube (catheter) to connect the dialysis machine.
 You will also have an x-ray.

- The ICU team will continue to monitor and treat you.
- The kidney health team may also be involved.
- You may be transferred to another unit or hospital after you recover from your critical illness.
- Your kidney injury will require followup care. This is a key part of your treatment and discharge plan.

Patient voices



"Repetition & frequency of information is important in the ICU, especially with new treatments such as dialysis or transitions in care."

"Going to the dialysis machine every other day makes you feel terrible and tired. It can be hard to have the conversations about dialysis when

you're that sick."

"The presence of someone living with dialysis gives people hope. Peer support can help with this."



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