

EMERGENCY DISCONNECT OF HOME HEMODIALYSIS

1. Turn blood pump off (push power button or turn knob above blood pump counter-clockwise).
2. Close all clamps on patient's bloodlines, needles, or catheters. In general, this will involve 4 clamps, whether the patient is using a fistula or has an indwelling central venous catheter.
3. Leave needles in (if needle has dislodged, apply direct pressure over bleeding site using gauze). Do not apply tourniquet to site unless it is absolutely necessary.
4. Disconnect patient bloodline from patient needle or catheter site.
5. Additional precautions:
 - ✓ Avoid IV access in the patient's fistula or graft arm, if possible
 - ✓ Avoid taking blood pressure in patient's fistula or graft arm, if possible