

Signs and Symptoms of Infection

Dialysis Access

People on dialysis sometimes develop infections, which can be very serious. Check your access daily for any signs or symptoms of infection.

Look for these signs and symptoms of infection:



Redness, swelling, or warmth at your catheter exit site or near your fistula or graft



Pus or drainage coming out of the access



Tenderness or increased pain on or around the access



Fever or chills

Your dialysis access is your lifeline! It is important to take care of it. Immediately tell your dialysis clinic or nursing staff if you think your dialysis access may be infected.

For more information, visit: [cdc.gov/dialysis/patient/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/patient/index.html).

