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What is a Temporary Dialysis Catheter?

How will the day go for me?

Date of procedure: _____

Arrival Time: The hospital staff will contact you the day before your procedure and give you an exact time of arrival. If you have not been contacted by 4:00 PM please call the hospital at (580) 251-8449 or our office at (580) 255-9797.

Expected length of procedure: There will be 30 minutes of prep time. The surgery will take approximately 30 minutes and you will be in recovery for 30 additional minutes.

What happens after I arrive?

- You will check in at Admissions and Outpatient Services (see map included in packet).
- Pre-op laboratories/imaging will be completed if not previously performed.
- A nurse will confirm your history, start your IV and fluids will be given.
- Your surgeon will visit with you prior to your procedure and answer any questions you have.
- Anesthesia will arrive to review your history and take you to the operating room.
- Anesthesia will be administered and the surgery will begin.

Temporary Dialysis Catheter

What is a temporary dialysis catheter?

- A tunneled dialysis catheter is used for temporary dialysis access. The catheter is used for exchanging blood to and from the hemodialysis machine. A catheter is typically considered a temporary solution and is only used until a more permanent option such as a graft or fistula is ready to use.

The Procedure

- The procedure is completed under moderate sedation anesthesia. The surgeon will access the internal jugular vein to your neck using fluoroscopy. Once access is achieved, the temporary dialysis catheter is placed into the vein. The catheter is sewn into place and dressings will be applied. The catheter is ready for immediate use following the procedure.

