



# Important questions to ask about dialysis access surgery

For ESRD patients

Do you think I should have my catheter replaced with a fistula or graft? Why?

Which surgeon is best at making a fistula or graft last longest? How can I get an appointment?

Do I need vessel mapping of my veins (ultrasound) before I see the surgeon? Why?

When will we know if my new access is healing well?

How soon can I get my catheter out after my fistula or graft is working?

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