

# My Choice, Home Dialysis

## MYTH VS. REALITY

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#### MYTH

**You have to buy the dialysis machine to use at home.**



#### REALITY

Your dialysis clinic will provide the machine if you need one for home use, as well as the supplies.

**You can't just decide to do dialysis at home, right?**



Anyone on your care team at the dialysis center can refer you, or you could do it yourself!

**Once you decide to do dialysis at home, you can begin right away.**



There's a lot to learn and arrange for when preparing for home dialysis. But you can get started by first speaking up.

**If you do home dialysis, it costs more than at the dialysis unit.**



No, not at all. Both Medicare and private insurance cover the cost of home dialysis.

**If you do home dialysis, your home must be rewired.**



The required electrical work is simple and can often be completed sometime during the training.

**You can't do home dialysis unless your plumbing is redone.**



It depends. One option uses an adaptor that fits onto the faucet. The other option may require some minor plumbing work to be completed.

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