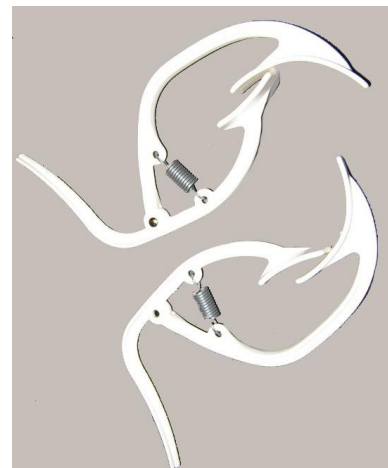


Disinfection of your Fistula Clamps after Dialysis



UHN

- Prepare a fresh solution for each cleaning of your fistula clamps in a reusable container with a tight fitting lid (i.e. plastic container).
- Add approximately 1 tablespoon of bleach (i.e. Javex[®]) to 1 litre of fresh tap water.
- Rinse or wash your clamps thoroughly under running water to remove any blood.
- Place clamps in the bleach solution so they are completely covered by solution.
- Put lid on the container and allow the clamps to soak for **at least 20 minutes** (mark the time on the lid as a reminder if needed). Leaving the clamps to soak longer than 60 minutes should be avoided because it may rust the metal on the clamps and they will break.
- **Note:** Other items should **not** be added during the soaking time.
- Remove clamps and rinse with running tap water.
- Place clamps on clean towel in a clean area and allow them to dry thoroughly.
- Store your clamps in a plastic bag between dialysis treatments.
- Empty contents of the soaking container. Rinse the container.



Fistula clamps

This information is to be used for informational purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Please consult your health care provider for advice about a specific medical condition. A single copy of these materials may be reprinted for non-commercial personal use only.

© 2003 University Health Network. All rights reserved.

Author: Debra Appleton

Created: 05/2006

Form: D-5350

