



Dialysis Center



Dialysis close to home.

Imagine getting the quality care you need as quickly and conveniently as possible. Now you can. The Oaklawn Dialysis Center offers this life-saving treatment in a convenient out-patient setting that's close to home...giving you more time to do the things you really want to do.



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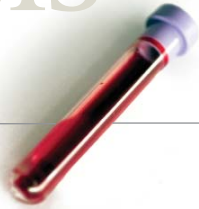
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Simply the best.

When it comes to your health, rest assured, you're in good hands. Oaklawn has partnered with Nephrology Center, a Division of Paragon Health, P.C., headed by board certified Nephrologist Ahsan Aslam Qureshi, M.D., to provide compassionate and high quality dialysis care. Together we provide the latest technology and equipment to offer the best treatment possible for chronic and acute kidney disease.

How does dialysis work?

Dialysis can greatly improve quality of life and allow patients to feel better, have more energy, improve appetite, experience less nausea and reduce hospital stays. Dialysis simulates kidney function by:

- * Removing waste, salt and extra water to prevent them from building up in the body.
- * Keeping a safe level of certain chemicals in the blood, such as potassium, sodium and bicarbonate.
- * Controlling blood pressure



During hemodialysis, blood is sent from the body to an outside machine (a dialyzer) that filters out the waste and extra fluids and then returns the blood to the body. The blood is filtered using a special solution called a dialystate. In order for the blood to get from the body to the dialyzer, there needs to be an access. There are three kinds of accesses:

- * **Fistula:** an artery and vein are surgically connected in the forearm, causing the vein to grow larger and stronger. It usually takes between six weeks to four months to be ready for use. It is considered to be stronger and lasts longer than other types of dialysis access.
- * **Graft:** artificial tubing is surgically connected to an artery and vein. It can usually be used three to six weeks after placement.
- * **Catheter:** a tube is inserted into a vein in the neck, groin or chest. It can be used immediately after placement and sometimes is used while waiting for a graft or fistula to mature for use.

Most patients require dialysis three times a week for three to four hours each time. Our convenient location makes it possible for our patients to receive the best in dialysis treatment close to home.

Is dialysis uncomfortable?

The dialysis treatment itself is painless. However, some patients may have a drop in blood pressure. If this happens, you may feel sick to your stomach, vomit, or have a headache or cramps. The good news? These problems usually go away after a few treatments.



You are not alone.

At Oaklawn, we are committed to helping patients feel as healthy as possible. We'll help you understand kidney disease and give you tools and treatment you need to feel better as quickly as possible.

To learn more about Oaklawn's Dialysis Center, please visit our website at www.oaklawnhospital.org or call the Dialysis Center at (269) 789-7023.

