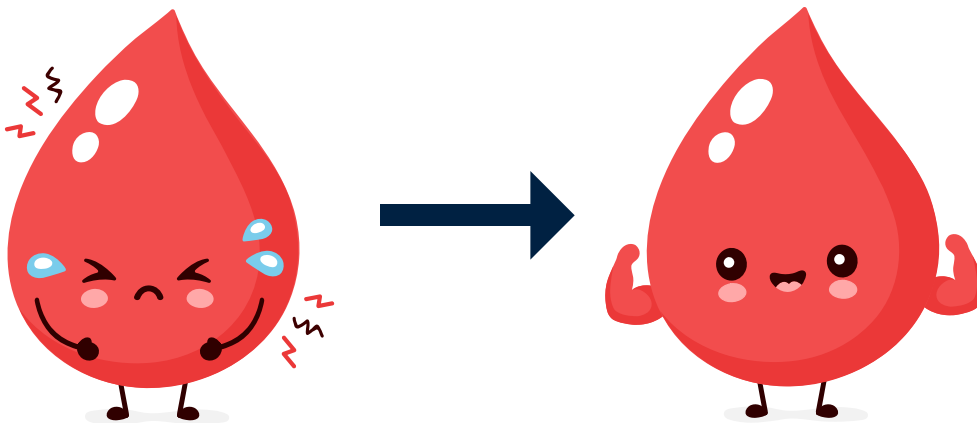
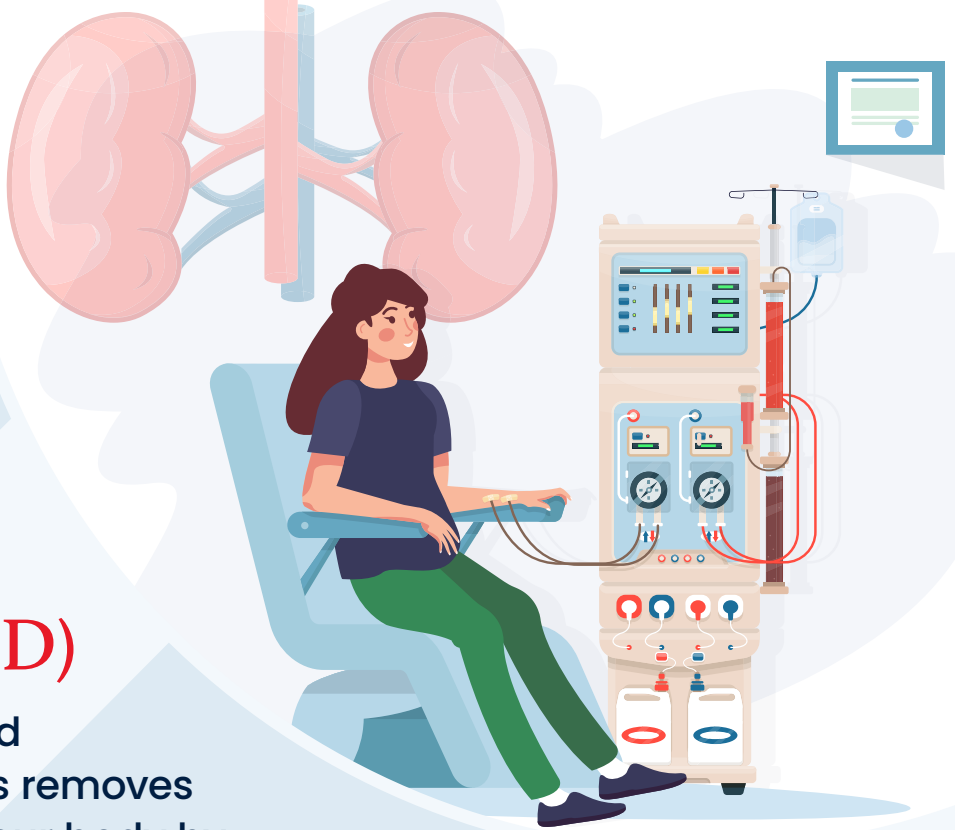


Hemodialysis (HD)

One type of dialysis is called hemodialysis. Hemodialysis removes the waste (bad things) in your body by cleaning your blood. Hemodialysis works by using a hemodialysis machine that does the job that healthy kidneys do.



During hemodialysis, some of your blood will travel in tubes to the dialysis machine to be cleaned. One tube takes your blood to the dialysis machine, and the second tube takes your clean blood back to your body. While your blood is in the machine it travels through something called a filter. The filter, also called a dialyzer, helps to remove any of the bad things in your blood that could make you sick. The blood that goes back into your body is clean, and ready to keep you healthy.

While you are on hemodialysis you will have nurses, doctors, and technicians around you to make sure that you are safe. When your hemodialysis treatment is over, the tubes will be disconnected and you can leave the dialysis unit!