



## Southeast Texas Renal Access Center

*Caring for Your Dialysis Lifeline*

### **Pre-Operative Instructions for Catheter Removals**

- **Do NOT** take any blood thinner medication **48 hours** prior to your procedure to remove your catheter. Please call the office if you have any questions regarding this issue. (Coumadin and warfarin, Aspirin, etc.)
- Sedation is not used for this procedure however the area will be numbed with lidocaine for patient comfort. There is no need for a driver for this procedure.
- Please allow adequate time for your procedure. In some cases there may be a delay starting your procedure, since we receive many emergencies from dialysis centers. We ask for your patience and understanding in this matter.
- If you are not able to keep your appointment and/or need to reschedule, please call our appointment desk at **409-347-7290**, they will be more than happy to assist you.

We know you have a choice in your healthcare and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of that process. All of us at the Renal Access Clinic of Houston and Southeast Texas Renal Center thank you and wish you well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Nurses at:  
**409-347-7290**

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