

Thrombectomy

What is a thrombectomy?

A thrombectomy is a procedure to remove clotted blood, called a thrombus, from your fistula or graft (vascular access).

Why do I need a thrombectomy?

Members of your health care team have determined that your fistula or graft is clotted. A special medical device needs to be used to remove the clot and get blood flowing again.

Your **thrombectomy** has been scheduled for: _____

Plan to come to the Hemodialysis Unit at 50 Charlton Ave East Hamilton at:
_____ a.m. p.m.

- You may eat a light breakfast the morning of your procedure. After your light breakfast have nothing more to eat or drink.
- When you are here a thin tube called an intravenous will be placed in your non access arm and bloodwork will be taken.
- The dialysis nurse will then send you to the Centre of Interventional Radiology and Oncology (CiRO). You will need to bring your health card to check in.
- The procedure takes about 2 hours. You can eat after the procedure is done so bring a snack.
- You then need to have a dialysis treatment right after the procedure to keep your access open and flowing. You will be taken to the Hemodialysis Unit at 50 Charlton Ave. East Hamilton for a dialysis treatment.
- You will need to have a follow-up angiogram of your access within 2 weeks. This will be arranged for you and you will be notified of the date and time.

Important:

- If you do not understand and/or speak English please bring someone with you who can.
- If you are not able to sign a consent form please bring your Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) with you.
- You and/or your SDM need to answer some questions and sign a consent form before this procedure or your procedure may be cancelled.