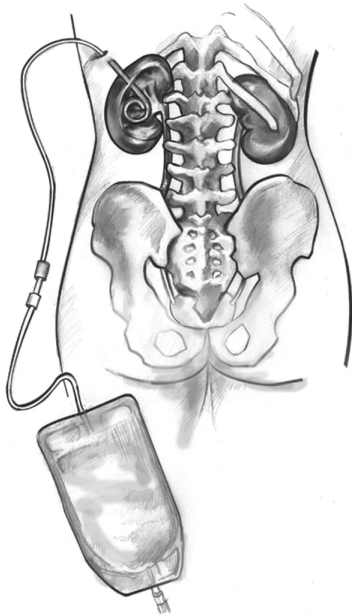




Nephrostomy care at home

The tube passes through skin to drain the kidney into an external bag.



Nephrostomy tube connecting the kidney to an external collection bag.

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01 Know your tube

Know the drained side, instructions and next review date.

02 Avoid pulling

Secure the tube and bag as shown; avoid kinks, twists and snagging clothes.

03 Observe

Check drainage and the entry site. Keep the dressing clean and dry as instructed.

04 Empty

Wash hands, empty before completely full, then check closure.

05 Keep follow-up

Keep replacement appointments. Flushing requires a specific instruction and a trained person.

When to seek help

Dislodgement, no drainage, leakage, fever or new pain: contact the service immediately; do not reinsert the tube.

These reminders complement a demonstration by your team. Personal instructions and device directions take priority. Never improvise insertion, removal or flushing.

Sources and references

[Leeds Community Healthcare NHS — Nephrostomy care](#) · [Royal Marsden — Nephrostomy care](#)