Helpful Terminology for this class

Abdomen ? the portion of your body between your chest and pelvis. Commonly referred to as the belly.

Catheter? rubber tubing that will serve as the access (entry and exit point) for PD.

Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) - is where the blood is always being cleaned. It doesn?t require a machine and fluid is added and removed throughout the day.

Continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis (CCPD) - is a form of PD where a machine helps cycle the exchanges while you are sleeping.

Cycler? a device or machine that automatically performs PD exchanges.

Dialysate? the solution that helps your body remove excess waste during dialysis.

Diffusion ? the mechanism that allows your body?s peritoneum to filter materials from higher to lower concentrations

Dwell time - the amount of time dialysis solution remains in the patient's abdominal cavity during a peritoneal dialysis exchange.

Exchange? the entire process of adding clean dialysate and removing old solution during PD.

Membrane? a thin layer of tissue that covers a surface.

Nocturnal? happening at night, in dialysis this is treatment that it done at night while sleeping.

Peritoneum ? the membrane that lines your abdominal cavity that acts as your filter during PD.

Peritonitis ? inflammation of the peritoneum caused by an infection and is a situation that requires medical attention.

Sterile techniques/practices ? washing your hands and other surfaces using prescribed methods to help eliminate potential sources for infections.

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