

What is acute kidney injury (AKI)?

Acute kidney injury (AKI) is when your kidneys suddenly stop working as they normally would to filter and clean your blood. This causes harmful toxins and excess fluid to build up in your body.



What causes acute kidney injury?

Acute kidney injury (AKI) has many different causes including:

- Not enough blood flowing to your kidneys to be filtered
- Damage or injury to your kidneys
- Blockage to your urine pathway



How is AKI treated?

Treatment for AKI depends on the cause of your kidney injury. With AKI, it is possible for the kidneys to heal. You may need temporary dialysis to take over the job of your kidneys until they recover function.

What is dialysis?

Dialysis is a life-saving process that removes unwanted toxins, waste, and excess fluid from your blood. Dialysis is prescribed when your kidneys are not working well enough to keep your body in chemical and fluid balance.

How can I feel my best on dialysis for AKI?

- Take all medications exactly as directed
- Report any new medications prescribed
- Follow instructions provided by your care team if you require fluid or diet adjustments



QUESTIONS? ASK YOUR CARE TEAM.

We're here to help you feel your best and get the most out of your dialysis treatment.

