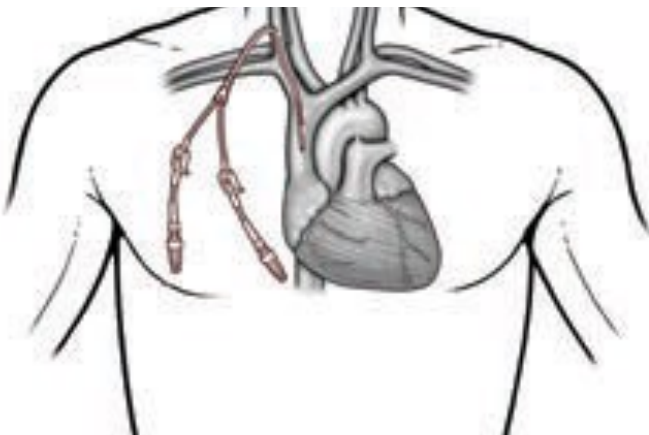


# DITCH THE CATHETER!

## DID YOU KNOW?

A *catheter* is most often used for a temporary access. Some issues having a catheter are:

- Prone to infection
- May not have the blood flow needed for enough dialysis
- Blood clots can form that block the flow of blood through your catheter.
- Can cause narrowing of major blood vessel.
- You need to wear a protective cover for your catheter to take a shower. (showers are discouraged).
- **Catheters are high risk for infection,** provide minimum adequacy for removing toxin.
- Has a higher rate of blood recirculation so less toxins are removed.

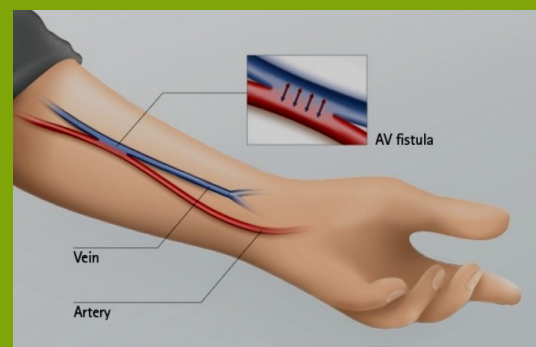


***“Preferred access is the AVF fistula”***

***A permanent access of your artery and vein connected together.  
No foreign objects in your body,-***

## Permanent Access

- Less risk for infection!
- You can shower and swim without worrying about infection
- Better dialysis clearance of toxins
- Minimal recirculation
- Lasts longer
- Its your LIFELINE



**Ask your doctor about your options today!**