
DIALYSIS ACCESS

TO: DIALYSIS PATIENTS AND FAMILIES
FROM: (PHYSICIANS NAME HERE)
SUBJECT: URGENT NEED FOR AV FISTULA
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WHY WORRY?

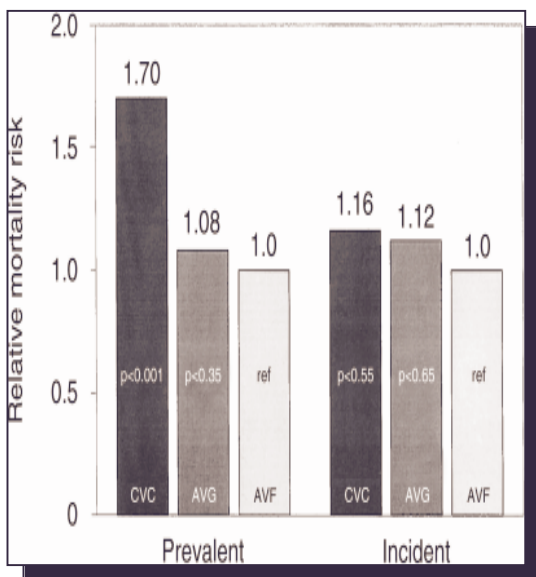
You are receiving this note because we are concerned you do not yet have an AV Fistula. As we have reviewed, an AV (Arterio-Venous) Fistula, is an Artery to Vein connection, made by the surgeon, to allow us to perform dialysis for the long term to keep you from dying of kidney failure.

You are currently receiving dialysis through a dialysis catheter. This is not the best for the long term. Catheters have many more complications and problems.

Catheters carry almost **TWICE THE RISK** of death as would a fistula in the long run, based on scientific, published data.

Please work with us to provide you with the best possible care. Make and keep your appointment with the surgeon to have an AV Fistula created. It's your life.

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