



BC Renal Agency
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You are on Vacation and Have a Buttonhole Track

If you are away and need to have your fistula needed, please give a copy of this sheet to the nurse at the dialysis centre.

This patient has a fistula. This fistula is needed using the buttonhole method.

This patient usually needles his/her own fistula.

Patient name _____

The nurse needles his/her fistula.

In the event the patient is not able to needle his/her own fistula, please:

- **DO NOT** use the buttonhole tracks to needle the fistula.
- Use sharp needles placed at least 1 inch (2.5cm) away from the buttonhole sites and in the same direction as the buttonhole track.

Rationale: Each person needles buttonhole tracks in a slightly different way. We would like to limit the number of people needling the track to avoid problems.

The information provided below will help in locating a site to use sharp needles.


Access type _____

Hub to exit site measures (see sample photo)

Access location _____

Proximal site: _____ cm

Distal site: _____ cm

Sample Photo (not this patient)	This Patient's Buttonhole Sites
	

Home dialysis unit name _____

Home dialysis phone number _____

