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RENAL DIALYSIS

Renal dialysis can be provided as emergency health care in Spain, under the existing reciprocal health arrangements. A current Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) will have to be produced on the first day of treatment at the Spanish renal unit, unless the patient is attending a private renal care unit and has either private medical insurance or pays for their treatment up front.

The renal units tend to be very busy so visitors to Spain from the UK must make their arrangements for dialysis at least **two months before leaving the UK** to ensure that they have a definite reservation in a dialysis unit.

To apply for a place, you need to notify your local healthcare centre that you will be travelling. Your healthcare centre should send the following documentation to Torrevieja Hospital at least two months before the date of travel.

A document stating:

- Name and surname of the patient
- Requested holiday dates
- Address where you will be staying during your holiday
- Contact telephone no.
- Up to date medical report showing the most recent possible blood test results and your dialysis guidelines.

Notification of confirmation of dialysis place:

Once your application has been received and evaluated, we will send your usual dialysis centre a fax or email with the details of your place. It is very important that you read the instructions in the fax or email thoroughly before confirming your place.

Confirmation of dialysis place

Please be sure to carefully read the confirmation of your dialysis place which gives you all the information you need about what medication to bring with you and transport details. To confirm your place, you should send the following documents at least one week before your arrival.

- A legible copy of your Global European Health Card issued in your country.
- Your passport or ID documents
- An up to date blood test taken within no more than 40 days of your arrival date. This blood test must be done by usual dialysis centre