

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK FOR DIALYSIS

Important Considerations for Guests with Dialysis Needs.

We strongly recommend that guests who require dialysis have maintained stability on their home treatments for **at least 12 months** before embarking on a cruise.

Before setting sail, there are several crucial points to consider:

- 1. Consultation with Your Nephrologist:** Guests traveling while undergoing dialysis should consult with their nephrologist. It is essential to share a copy of this letter with your healthcare provider before making any travel arrangements.
- 2. Onboard Medical Support:** Please note that our ships do not have an onboard nephrologist and our medical staff are not able to assist in the management of dialysis. Availability of this specialty during port visits may be limited. Therefore, any specialized medical care required by a nephrologist will not be accessible while the ship is at sea. Haemodialysis is only available through an MSC-approved provider on limited sailings.
- 3. Backup Power for Dialysis Equipment:** Our ships do not provide backup battery support for dialysis-related equipment. In the event of a power outage onboard, dialysis machines that rely on electricity may not function.
- 4. Itinerary Changes and Delays:** Unforeseen changes or delays to the cruise itinerary and port calls can occur. Please be prepared for potential adjustments.
- 5. Health Risks:** Consider the risks of community acquired infections and other travel related health risks when planning your cruise.
- 6. Serious Consequences of Missed Dialysis:** Missing a scheduled dialysis treatment can have severe consequences for guests. Additionally, if a ship is unable to make a scheduled port of call for operational reasons, guests should be aware that they assume additional risks.
- 7. Recognized Risks:** Dialysis patients may face various risks, including pericarditis, cardiac tamponade, congestive heart failure, anaemia, haemorrhage, and even death. Specific risks associated with peritoneal dialysis include infection, catheter obstruction, hemoperitoneum, and metabolic complications. For haemodialysis, risks include low blood pressure, bleeding, infection, clotting of vascular access, and seizures.
- 8. Medical Charges:** Guests should be aware that treatment in the ship's medical centre incurs charges. These fees must be settled before disembarkation. An itemized bill will be provided, which can be submitted to your travel or health insurance. Note that standard trip travel interruption insurance typically does not cover medical expenses.

Guest Arrangements for Dialysis Onboard

- Guests are required to make all necessary arrangements for dialysis, whether it's self-administered onboard or at a shoreside facility. As part of this responsibility, guests must ensure they have the appropriate equipment and supplies on board 4 hours prior to departure.
- For security purposes, the Medical Special Needs team must be informed about the specific supplies each guest is bringing on board. This includes details such as quantities and the name of the medical or vendor supply company responsible for transporting these supplies. To facilitate ship security access, guests or their medical suppliers should complete the attached vendor information form and submit it to Accessibility&medicalrequests@msccruises.com at least two weeks before the scheduled sailing date.

- If a guest plans to bring their own supplies along with their luggage, it's essential to label them with their name and suite number. The electrical outlets on the ship are compatible with European and US household standards (240V/60Hz or 120V/60Hz).
- Should there be any specific requirements for machinery (such as water intake), guests are encouraged to communicate these at the time of the booking to the Accessibility&Medical Requests team.
- On the day of departure, guests must verify that all their supplies and equipment are safely on board and fully functional in their stateroom. Failure to do so may prevent the guest from sailing. In the event of certain medical complications that cannot be treated onboard, guests may need to be disembarked to a shoreside medical facility. In such cases, the patient will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred both onboard and ashore.
- If you're considering sailing with us while undergoing dialysis, please send a "fit to sail" clearance letter from your nephrologist along with this signed acknowledgement letter to Accessibility&Medical Requests.

If, after considering this information, a guest plans to sail with us while undergoing dialysis, please send a fit to sail clearance letter from your nephrologist and this signed acknowledgement letter by e-mail to Accessibility&Medical Requests. Failure to submit this form, along with your fit to sail letter from your nephrologist at least 30 days prior to sailing, will result in full cancellation with penalties.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the information provided to me and accept the risks of traveling aboard the ship while undergoing dialysis. I fully understand and accept that MSC Cruises cannot assume any liability for consequences of my decision to sail and that my decision is subject to the General MSC Cruises Terms & Conditions, and Conditions of Carriage.

Printed Name of Guest: _____

Booking Number: _____

Sail Date: _____

Ship name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Signature of Guest: _____ Date: _____

In case of external vendor:

Driving License number _____ Vehicle Plate _____

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