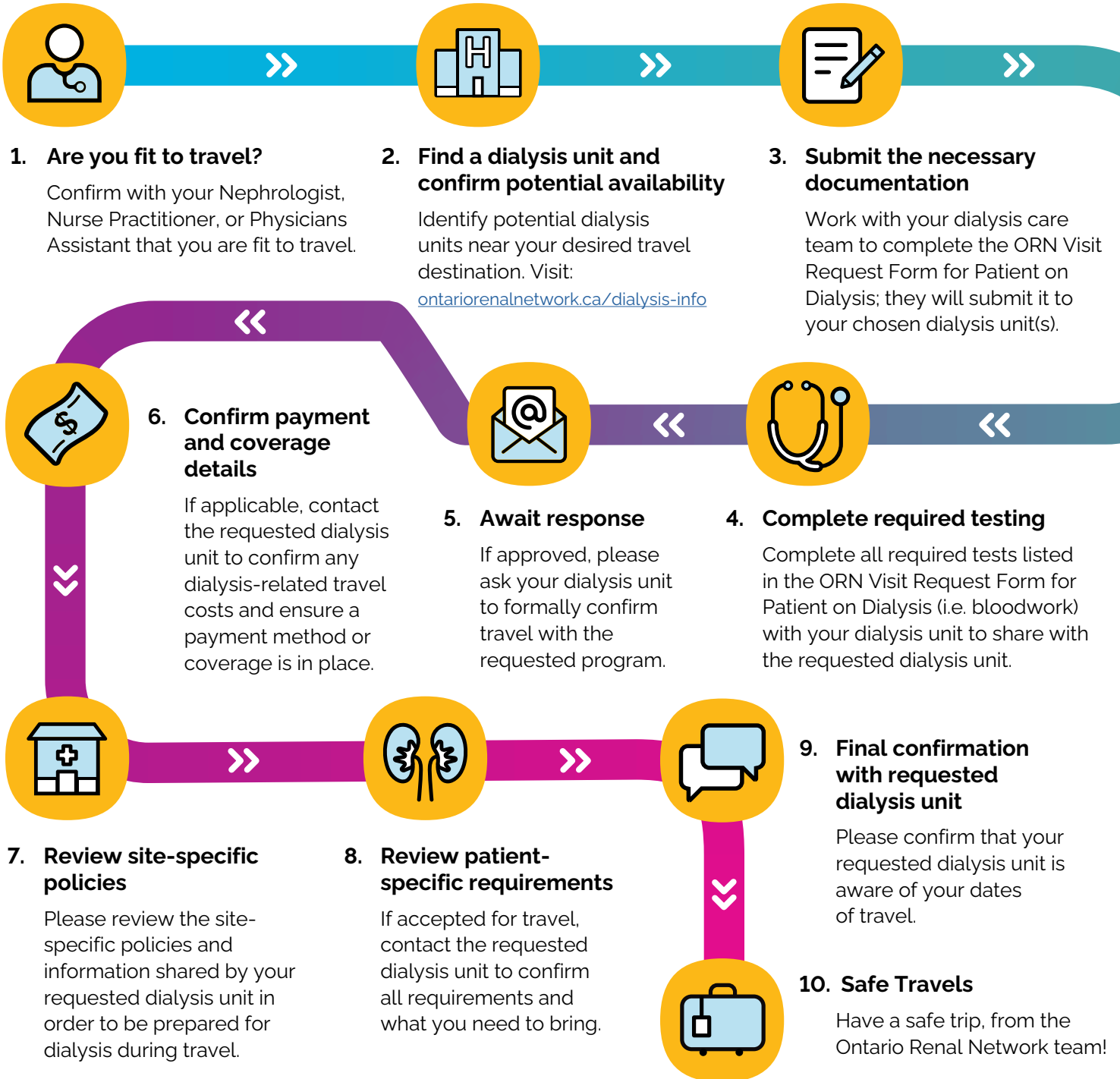
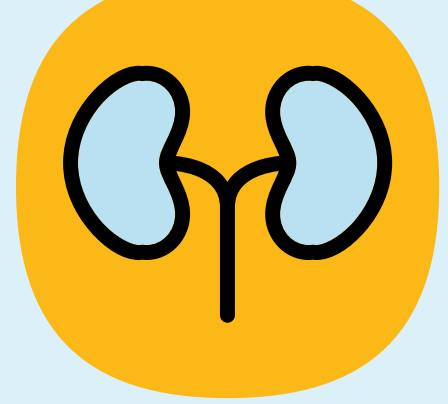


Ontario Patients on Dialysis Seeking to Travel



Steps to Consider

- 1. Are you fit to travel?**
 - Ensure that your Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physicians Assistant medically cleared you to travel
 - Communicate with requested program to identify any other necessary travel requirements, ideally 3 months prior to travel, and at minimum 6 weeks prior to travel

- 2. Find a dialysis unit**
 - Confirm your travel destination and desired dialysis unit. Identify alternative units, dates, or times that are nearby to your intended place of travel in the event your request to the desired dialysis unit is denied. ontariorenalnetwork.ca/dialysis-info. Note: this does not guarantee a travel placement.

- 3. Complete required testing**
 - Work with your care team at your renal program to ensure all relevant medical information is provided to the requested dialysis unit, as identified in the **Ontario Renal Network (ORN) Visit Request Form for Patient on Dialysis**. Additional tests may be required

- 4. Submit necessary documentation**
 - Ensure your care team at your dialysis care team submits the **ORN Visit Request Form for Patient on Dialysis**. This package is required by dialysis units to accept travelling patients. Incomplete packages will not be considered

- 5. Await response**
 - Be aware that the requested program will confirm receipt of the travel package and will reach out to your home renal program at their earliest convenience to convey whether the travel request has been accepted, denied, or if an alternative location is recommended
 - **Do not confirm your travel bookings/arrangements until you have received confirmation** by the requested unit through your dialysis care team

- 6. Confirm payment and coverage details**
 - The Kidney Foundation offers a travel loan which helps to make travel more convenient and affordable for Ontario patients on dialysis. Please visit the following link for more details to verify your eligibility: [Kidney Foundation - Travel Loans](#) ¹
 - **Insurance and payment:**
Please see the following link for information on travel insurance as per the Kidney Foundations guidance in the event of illness or accident during travel: [Kidney Foundation - Insurance Tips](#) ²

- 7. Review patient-specific requirements:**
 - Please be sure to reach out to the requested dialysis unit, if accepted for travel, to determine what you may need to bring. Examples include:
 - Current medication list
 - List of allergies (if any)
 - Numbing agent (i.e. EMLA)
 - Special requirements (i.e. specific dialyzers or needles)
 - Please note that travel outside of Canada will have different requirements. Reach out to the out of country site to identify all necessary items to bring on your travels.

8. Review site-specific policies in Ontario:

- If accepted for travel within Ontario, a document will be shared with you regarding site-specific policies and information. This will include the following:
 - Parking information
 - A map of the site for easier navigation
 - General items to bring during your treatment (i.e. food, blanket, headphones)

9. Confirm with requested dialysis unit:

- Please ensure all requirements have been met to proceed with dialyzing at your requested unit ahead of your travel date.

*Please talk to your social worker for further information or guidance on the travel processes.

Additional Information for Travel Outside of Ontario

- Directory of sites across Canada accepting travelling patients: [Canadian Dialysis Units](#) ³
- Directory of sites outside of Canada accepting travelling patients: [Global Dialysis Sites](#) ⁴ and [International Dialysis Services](#) ⁵
- Online booking tool to book dialysis internationally: [International Dialysis Booking Tool](#) ⁶,
- Cruise booking tool for patients on dialysis: [Dialysis Services Aboard Cruise Ships](#) ⁷

Travel within Canada

- For travel within Canada, an agreement across provinces allows Ontario patients to be dialyzed in all provinces. Home provinces are billed directly for any dialysis treatments provided to Ontario patients outside of their province of residence. Note: some provinces may have additional charges that exceed the standard reimbursements and would have to be paid for ahead of your treatment. In Quebec, patients are required to pay for their dialysis treatments and submit to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan for reimbursement. For more information please visit: [Travelling on HHD in Canada](#) ⁸

Travel outside of Canada

1. The ORN offers an Out-of-Country Hemodialysis Reimbursement which is available to Ontarians on hemodialysis who seek treatment at a dialysis unit outside of Canada. Claims must be submitted within one year of treatment to be eligible for reimbursement. Please see the following link for more information: [Out-of-Country Hemodialysis Reimbursement Program | ORN](#) ⁹
2. If travelling outside of Canada, OHIP provides up to \$210.00 (CAD) of coverage for each dialysis treatment. For more information see the following link: [Out-of-Country Hemodialysis Reimbursement Program | ORN](#) ⁹
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