

## What to bring to EDU

- Any tablets you need to take on dialysis
- A book or magazine to read
- Glasses if needed
- Headphones for the TV (not supplied) or your own radio with ear plugs
- Your own blanket and pillow
- Wear loose comfortable warm clothes with sleeves that roll up easily
- Something to eat

## Medications

It is your responsibility to make sure you have enough tablets. Once you have left hospital, your own GP will prescribe most of your tablets. The hospital doctors will tell your GP what tablets you are taking. You will get these from your local chemist

## Charges for Dialysis at EDU

There is no charge for dialysis. You will be billed for heparin (delivered from the local pharmacist) and any prescriptions from the Austin pharmacy (dispensing fee charged)

## Refreshments

Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided at morning and afternoon tea and at meal times. ***There are no facilities for heating food.***

## Further Information

If you have any questions you can contact EDU staff on the numbers below.



### Phone Numbers

EDU 94012677  
Patient Phone 94014825

Austin Health 94965000  
Social Work 94965560  
Patient Representative  
94963565

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# EPHING DIALYSIS UNIT (EDU)

## Information on EDU for dialysis

### Patients and their families.

EDU is a satellite dialysis unit where people who are well on dialysis can receive haemodialysis away from the hospital. This provides a less stressful setting for long term dialysis. EDU is at:

130 Cooper Street,  
**Epping, 3076**

Tel: 9401 2677  
Fax: 9401 2766



## Epping Dialysis Unit (EDU)

EDU is an open plan unit, with 16 machines, centrally mounted colour TVs and a video (headphones must be used). Lockers are provided for each patient.

## Dialysis Times

EDU is open from 7.30 am to 7.30 pm Monday to Saturday. The last person comes off dialysis by 7.00pm. You will be given an appointment time between 7.30 am and 8.30 am if dialysing in the morning, and between 1.25 pm and 2.30 pm if dialysing in the afternoon. Most people dialyse three times per week.

When you transfer to EDU, the shift you will dialyse on depends on what vacancy is available at the time. We have a waiting list for people wanting to change to another shift. Let the staff know if you want to go on this list.



## The EDU Team

### Patient Service Assistants (PSAs)

PSAs keep the unit clean and tidy, help with restocking supplies, and make your drinks while you are on dialysis.

### Ward Clerk

The Ward Clerk answers the telephone, assists with enquiries, arranges appointments, and delivery of supplies.

### Nurses

Nurses perform your dialysis treatment. They will take blood tests and check the results. They can arrange for you to see other staff, such as a social worker, dietitian, or psychologist.

### Support Staff

EDU runs a consulting clinic fortnightly where you can be seen by Dr Peter Mount (Nephrologist). Also the social worker, dietitian and patient representative are available to help you. You will need to make an appointment to see them at the Unit or at Austin Hospital

## Doctors

Doctors do not routinely visit EDU. They can be seen at regular outpatient visits, or in their private rooms (covered by Medicare). Dr. Mount runs an outpatient clinic at EDU fortnightly. If you are ill at EDU, nursing staff will contact a doctor. In an emergency, you will be taken off dialysis and sent by ambulance to the Emergency Department at the Austin Hospital.

## Illness at Home:

For non-urgent or general illness contact your own GP. If you are unwell at home and need to see a doctor urgently, contact 000 for an ambulance to take you to the Emergency Department at the Austin hospital. DO NOT present to EDU for treatment as we have no doctors on-site. If you are unsure as to what to do, contact us 9401 2677

## Transport to EDU

***You must arrange your own transport to and from EDU.*** If you require help with transport please contact the Renal Social Worker. Free Car parking is available on site.