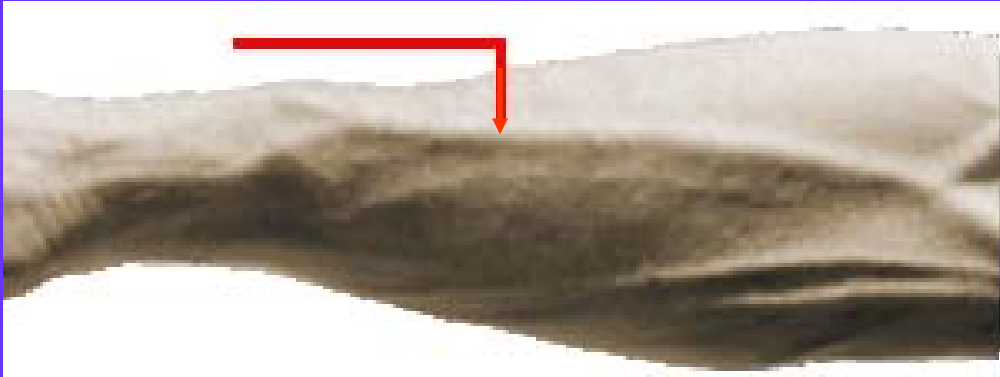


# KNOW YOUR FISTULA...

## *Mature Fistula*



### ★ DID YOU KNOW?...

Fistula is pronounced (fis-chew-la), and is created from your own artery and vein.

It takes about 6 weeks to “Mature” so your fistula can be used for dialysis.

If it is NOT showing signs of growth by 6 weeks, **tell someone!**

Your dialysis caregiver should check your fistula every time.

There is a **buzz** in your fistula and you should check for your **buzz** every day. Tell someone if the **buzz** stops!

The **buzz** is normal. If you feel a stronger “pulse” like a heartbeat, **tell someone!**

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