

Q2 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE WAYS TO TROUBLESHOOT AND MANAGE THESE PROBLEMS, EXCEPT?

- A. Treat constipation
- B. Obtain an abdominal xray
- C. Treat hypokalemia
- D. Switch from APD to CAPD

The correct answer is D.

There is no evidence to show that switching PD modality improves catheter function, inflow, or outflow problems.

Below are the most common ways to troubleshoot and manage:

1. Examine at effluent bag for fibrin clots, blood, or cloudy fluid
2. External manual maneuvers
3. Treat constipation
4. Treat hypokalemia
5. Power flush with saline
6. TPA dwell
7. Instill heparin in dialysate bags
8. Abdominal xray for catheter placement and other abdominal issues
9. Surgical consultation for persistent issues

Additional Reading:

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