

# International Travel Helpful Hints for Peritoneal Dialysis Patients

You have requested information about traveling internationally while continuing your peritoneal dialysis therapy using Baxter Healthcare Corporation's products. This document contains some basic information about Baxter products that may help with your travel preparations. Since each trip is unique and may need special arrangements, you are encouraged to work closely with your clinic to help with your continuity of therapy.

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

- In most European countries, the dextrose concentration of dialysis solution is 1.36%, 2.27% and 3.86% rather than the 1.5%, 2.5%, and 4.25% concentrations available in the United States, Asia, and Latin America. These are the same solutions, respectively.
- In the United States, the pull rings are color coded yellow, green, and red according to the dextrose concentration of the dialysis solution. In other countries, different colors may be used to identify the dextrose concentration or no colors at all may be used.
- In some countries, there may be only one frangible instead of the two that are part of the ULTRABAG Solution Delivery System. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the solution bags when you first open the box.

## IF TRAVELING WITH CYCLER SUPPLIES

- Most Latin American countries use a spike connection rather than a Luer-lock connection which is the connection between the solution bags and the HOMECHOICE/HOMECHOICE PRO Automated Peritoneal Dialysis set (cassette). In most European countries the connection is the same Luer-lock connection you currently use in the United States.
  - **If you are traveling to a country that uses the spike solution bags, you cannot use your U.S. supplied Luer-lock cassettes.**
- In all countries the connection between the transfer set and the patient line of the HOMECHOICE/HOMECHOICE PRO Automated PD set (cassette) and the connection between the cassette and the drain port are the same. (It is only the connection from the cassette to the bag that will be different in those countries that use spike bags.)

**If you have questions about these differences, please discuss them with your dialysis nurse prior to your departure.**

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION IF USING THE HOMECHOICE/HOMECHOICE PRO APD CYCLERS**

- Electrical currencies vary throughout the world. It is important for you to verify what voltage is used in the country you are visiting. The HOMECHOICE/HOMECHOICE PRO APD Cyclers that you use today have the capacity to operate normally in the following conditions:

CURRENCY: 105 - 130 VOLTS

FREQUENCY: 50/60 HERTZ

- If you are traveling to a country with a voltage greater than 130 volts, you will need to obtain a step down transformer. In addition, you will need a grounded adaptor to accommodate the different shapes and sizes of outlets around the world. You can purchase the transformer and adaptor from your local travel supply store. Baxter does not provide recommendations for adaptors or for sellers of adaptors. The choice is yours.
- To set up your cycler at your destination, plug the machine into the transformer, the transformer into the adaptor, and the adaptor into the outlet.
- Many cruise lines offer both 110- and 220-volt outlets in the cabins. The outlets should be marked, but if they aren't, please ask for assistance before plugging in your HOMECHOICE/HOMECHOICE PRO APD Cycler or the cycler will not operate properly.
- Hardware technical assistance can be reached at 1-800-553-6898.
- Baxter recommends that you bring manual supplies for back up in case of electrical problems or technical difficulties with your cycler.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you need immediate assistance while outside of the U.S., you may call the following contacts:

- The International Travel Coordinator at 1-800-284-4060 (Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. CST)
- The after hours services available during evenings and weekends at 1-800-284-4060. (Remain on the line and press 0.)

Be aware of a local hospital in the area in which you're traveling in case you experience a medical emergency.