

# HeRO Graft Patients' Comments



"The HeRO Graft was kind of a relief to have available as an option, because I didn't have many options left."

– Kaaren



"It gave me another chance at life."

– Stewart



"Consider the HeRO Graft! Yes, there are needles involved, but the risk of infection is far less than a catheter and that is worth it to me."

– Kay



## How Does the HeRO Graft Work?

HeRO Graft bypasses the blockage in veins and is made of two pieces:

- 1) A reinforced tube that bypasses blockage in veins.
- 2) A dialysis graft that is sewn to an artery and accessed.



Learn more at [Merit.com/hero](https://www.Merit.com/hero)

1) Katzman et al., J Vasc Surg 2009; IFU: Comparisons to catheters and AVGs are from literature review on file.



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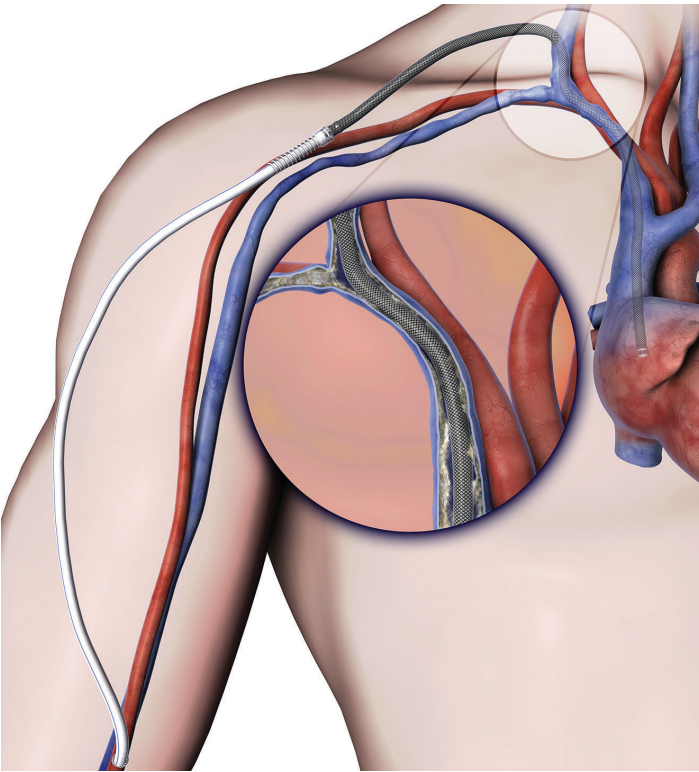
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## What is the HeRO Graft?

The HeRO Graft is a hemodialysis access graft for patients who are catheter-dependent or approaching catheter-dependency due to the blockage of veins leading to the heart.



## Key Benefits

Compared to catheters, the HeRO Graft has:

- 69% fewer infections<sup>1</sup>
- No uncomfortable tubes outside the body
- Improved dialysis clearance of toxins and fluids<sup>1</sup>
- Less than half the interventions to keep access functioning<sup>1</sup>

## What Does HeRO Graft Look Like After it is Implanted?

The HeRO Graft is implanted completely under the skin (see image below) and is accessed like a standard graft.



## Is HeRO Graft for You?

The HeRO Graft may be right for you if you are:

- Catheter-dependent
- Failing your fistula or graft

## Next Steps

Ask your dialysis provider if the HeRO Graft might be an option for you. Experienced surgeons who implant the HeRO Graft can be found online at [www.Merit.com/hero](http://www.Merit.com/hero) or by calling Merit Medical customer service at 1-800-356-3748.



*Kaaren, a HeRO Graft recipient, with her treating physicians.*

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