

Dialysis Comments from Residents:

“I would prefer to have dialysis in my room so I don’t have to go through the transportation process.” – John Grishaw, Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee County Resident

“I would like to not leave the facility. I would like to stay in my own room. It would be more comfortable and I would be by myself.” – Laura McNeill, Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee County Resident

“I would love it if I could have dialysis here, so I don’t have to go out and be in the car.” – Margrett Marshall, Roxboro Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Resident

“It is a hassle. Just the transport and waiting eats up most of the day. Waiting is frustrating. I am gone all day and have to carry everything I need for the day with me. I am very tired when I return and it takes me the entire next day to recover. It would be wonderful to have dialysis here so no more cab rides and waiting.” – Willie Cook, Liberty Commons Rehabilitation Center Resident

“It makes me feel so weak, I don’t feel like doing any physical therapy when I come back. I have to go to dialysis Monday, Wednesday and Friday and it drains everything out of me, all of my energy. Leaving all day for dialysis is uncomfortable. The chairs are uncomfortable and they don’t have cushions.” – John Singletary, Shoreland Health Care and Retirement Resident

“Leaving the building makes me more tired and I would rather not leave the building. They have to use the lift on me when I go to dialysis and transportation is not always on time. Leaving makes me tired and I don’t have my stuff with me. Oh my god. It would be so great if I could have dialysis here and not have to leave.” – Tonia Faw, Yadkin Nursing Center Resident

“Sometimes I am too tired to do therapy when I get back from dialysis. If I could do dialysis here, I believe this would allow me more time to do therapy. I would like to do dialysis inside this building instead,” Margaret Coston, Elizabethtown Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center

“It’s usually uncomfortable and quite painful because I have a sore, an abscess. It’s really painful leaving the building. If I could have dialysis in this facility, I could just be rolled down the hallway rather than have to drive 20 minutes across town and then wait in their waiting room for another hour or an hour and a half until they have enough techs to serve me. Then on the way back, I have to wait in traffic again. Other than the inconvenience of it, my chair time is also 6:15 in the morning. That means for me to get myself ready, because I choose to bathe myself, I have to get up 2.5 to 3 hours early, so I’m getting up at 2 o’clock in the morning to get myself ready to go. It also has a major effect on my therapy here because on days I have dialysis, that extra time I am spending on the road and waiting, is time that I could spend on my therapy, working on my leg muscles and my coordination so that I am able to get up and out of my dialysis chair without someone pulling on me. The last time I went to dialysis, they were short-staffed, so I waited two hours before I could even start my dialysis treatment. I missed my

afternoon therapy appointment. Leaving all day affects my meals because I can't eat my breakfast in the morning. I have to take a bag lunch with me, which is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or something similar. It's not breakfast food. If I could have dialysis here, that would be an ideal place for it. It would really be helpful." – Toni Johnson, Highland House Rehabilitation and Healthcare Resident