Trouble-shooting Exchange Problems

Problem	Possible Causes	Try This
No fill or slow fill	Obstruction of tubing	Check for closed clamps, kinks, or bends in the tubing. Make sure the frangible is broken all the way through.
	Poor catheter position	Change your position – turn or stand. Walk around. Call your clinic if filling takes longer than 15 minutes every time.
No drain or slow drain	Obstruction of tubing	Check for closed clamps, kinks, or bends in the tubing and drain bag. Check for fibrin clumps. Follow clinic instructions for adding heparin if present.
	Constipation	Laxative or enema (follow your clinic's instructions).
	Poor catheter position	Change position – turn or stand, walk around. Call your clinic if drains routinely take longer than 30 minutes.



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<section-header></section-header>	Solution too cold	Warm solution to body temperature using a gentle heat source.
	Inflow too fast	Lower height of IV pole. Close line clamp part way.
	Sensitive to solution	Contact clinic if you have pain with every exchange.
	Poor catheter position	Slow down the flow rate.
		Contact your clinic if you have pain with every exchange.
Pain during drain	Drain too fast	Close line clamp part way.
	Catheter irritation when empty	Do not try to drain completely. Start your fill when drainage has slowed to very low rate.
Bloody drainage	Exertion — such as exercise or coughing	Follow your clinic's instructions for flushes and adding heparin.
	Menstruation or ovulation (females)	Call your clinic if drainage is very red or if you also have pain.
Cloudy drainage	Peritonitis is the most common cause	Call your clinic immediately. Save the drain bag to take to the clinic.

Important: Please refer to the Instructions For Use (IFU) for detailed information on device description, instructions, contraindication warnings and precautions.