Is Aquapheresis Right for Me?

Aquapheresis is for people who have extra fluid and medications used to remove the fluid are no longer working properly. Your doctor may recommend Aquapheresis therapy if you:

- Have gained 10 pounds or more of “water weight”
- Take high doses of diuretics yet continue to gain water weight
- Are frequently hospitalized for fluid overload
- Have moderate or severe swelling in your legs and/or arms
- Are unable to lie down flat or sleep because of difficulty breathing
- Have fluid in your lungs that can be heard by the doctor
- Have severe difficulty breathing that could be improved by removing fluid
- Were recently discharged from the hospital for fluid overload, but are not improving

What is Aquapheresis® Therapy?

Aquapheresis therapy is a safe, effective way to remove excess salt and water from your body:

1. The device is connected to a catheter to withdraw blood containing excess fluid
2. The blood then passes through a special filter in the device
3. The filter separates blood from excess salt and water
4. The blood is returned to your body

You may experience minor discomfort from the catheter in your upper arm or body, but typically patients do not feel pain.

How Aquapheresis® therapy may improve your quality of life

The Aquadex FlexFlow® System can remove excess fluid, even when conventional approaches aren’t working. If symptoms of fluid overload have prevented you from sleeping or enjoying everyday activities due to shortness of breath, you may begin to feel better after Aquapheresis treatment.

“Aquapheresis therapy has given me peace of mind and comfort through these challenging times. It has allowed my father to quickly regain his life activities that he so cherishes.”

–Daughter of an Aquapheresis patient
Rx Only

Indication: The Aquadex FlexFlow® System is indicated for temporary (up to 8 hours) ultrafiltration treatment of patients with fluid overload who have failed diuretic therapy; and extended (longer than 8 hours) ultrafiltration treatment of patients with fluid overload who have failed diuretic therapy and require hospitalization. All treatments must be administered by a healthcare provider, under physician prescription, both of whom having received training in extracorporeal therapies.

Understand Your Condition and Therapy Options

Learning about fluid overload is an important part of taking control of your healthcare. Read more and share what you learn with your doctor. The American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology recommend that patients with fluid overload should not be discharged from the hospital until euvolemia (dry weight) is achieved.

For More Information

Please consult your doctor to understand risk/benefit information or visit us online at www.sunshineheart.com/AQS to determine if Aquapheresis therapy is right for you.