

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER  
DEPARTMENT OF NEPHROLOGY  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: PROVISION OF CARE: HEMODIALYSIS**

**POLICY:**

**PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES**

**Philosophy**

Hemodialysis care is an integral part of the community in which it functions. The hemodialysis treatment areas exist to provide hemodialysis for patients with renal failure who cannot be managed by conservative methods. In addition, certain patients with dialyzable intoxications will be treated.

The Hemodialysis personnel understand the peculiar stresses with which these patients must cope and will make every effort to help the individual to accept and understand the need for hemodialysis.

The personnel also feel that it is their responsibility to educate, comfort and provide understanding for the patient and his/her family since the institution of hemodialysis usually necessitates a radical change in the life style of both the patient and his family.

**Goals and Objectives**

1. To provide optimal nursing and medical care to patients requiring hemodialysis (whether they be acute or chronic). The nursing and medical staff seek to accomplish this by:
  - a. The Nursing Staff working in hemodialysis must implement the physicians' therapeutic regimen and know the medical complications associated with patients receiving maintenance hemodialysis.
  - b. The Nursing Staff members must be able to recognize and report any signs and symptoms of infections to the patient's physician.
  - c. The members of the Nursing staff must be able to teach the renal patients activities of daily living with respect to their renal disease as much of their time is spent outside the hospital, pursuing a fairly

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normal life.

- d. Participating and cooperating with other departments and disciplines in the coordination and integration of all activities relating to the care of the patient receiving hemodialysis treatment.
- 2. To provide a source of data for ongoing research in to the pathophysiology of renal insufficiency due to a variety of medical disorders. These objectives and philosophy are in conjunction with Department of Medicine general policies.

**DEPARTMENTS: ALL**

**DEFINITIONS:**

References:	
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