

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

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SUBJECT/TITLE: DIALYSIS: AUTHORIZATION: INFORMED CONSENT FOR DIALYSIS

POLICY: Chronic (established) hemodialysis patients receiving continuing HD support while being admitted, including Observation Patients, to OVMC do not require a written consent form. However, verbal consent for continuing HD support should be documented on EHR.

All emergent HD treatments in patients without capacity for consent and without available legal representative may be performed as deemed life-saving (or without which would lead to serious disability) by the renal consulting physician. Precise documentation of such decision and rationale for emergent HD must be done in EHR prior to HD initiation. Also, see OVMC Policy 215, Section IIE.

Change in modality or new dialysis therapy is only performed with patient's informed written consent. For this purpose, the OVMC "Informed Consent for Hemodialysis" is used which is found within iMed Consent of the Hospital Information System. The signed iMed Consent must be placed in the patient's chart prior to the first dialysis treatment.

PURPOSE: To ensure that the patient, or patient's legal representative, is provided information necessary to enable him/her to evaluate a proposed treatment and/or procedure for dialysis before agreeing to the treatment and/or procedure.

DEPARTMENTS: ALL

DEFINITIONS: Informed Consent – A patient's right to decide whether or not to submit to a specific treatment and/or procedure/operation, after being reasonably informed of the nature and purpose of the proposed treatment, including risks, expected benefits, potential complications as well as the alternatives and their expected risks and benefits.

PROCEDURE: See OVMC Policy 215 - page 7, II: Informed Consent, for step-by-step procedure.

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