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DEPARTMENT OF NEPHROLOGY
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: DIALYSIS: DIALYSIS: ROUTINE PROCEDURES FOR HEMODIALYSIS TREATMENTS

POLICY: All patients receiving hemodialysis treatment will receive the following routine procedures, unless otherwise ordered by the provider.

PURPOSE: To outline the responsibilities and routine procedures that must be completed by the hemodialysis nurse during treatments.

DEPARTMENTS: ALL

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE:

1. The responsibilities of the nurse include the following:

- Obtain and record vital signs. Perform subjective and objective assessments.
- Weight may be measured when feasible or when clinically indicated by MD or NP.
- Venipuncture will be done as necessary for the dialysis procedure. Vital signs will be monitored through the dialysis procedure, every 15 minute or more frequently as clinically indicated. Normal saline will be administered I.V. as necessary to maintain a systolic blood pressure normal for that patient or to prevent symptoms. If normal saline is not effective, the physician or NP may order other medication or oncotic fluids (e.g. albumin or packed RBCs as indicated) to achieve this same result.
- Blood will be drawn for laboratory testing as ordered.
- Vital signs will be recorded at 15 minute intervals at minimum.
- At the conclusion of the hemodialysis procedure, vital signs and weight will be repeated (when feasible).
- A record will be maintained of all information concerning each hemodialysis.
- All machinery will be monitored throughout the shift by the hemodialysis nurse.

2. Weight Measurement and Ultrafiltration

- Weights will be measured on floor per admission orders
- Ultrafiltration volume will be specified on each dialysis order as

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determined by ordering provider's assessment

- Weights may be measured before and after dialysis when feasible and indicated by ordering provider
- Bedbound patients will not have weight measured unless bed scales are built-in to patients' beds.

References:	
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