

 <p>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</p>	<p>SECTION D: PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION CHAPTER 17: PHYSIOLOGICAL NURSING CARE</p> <p>POLICY AND PROCEDURE 17.7 Hemodialysis</p>
<p>Authorization: Nursing Executive Committee</p>	<p>Date Effective: May 1, 2018 Scope: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses</p>

Standard of Practice:

To ensure the delivery of prompt nursing care before, during, and after Hemodialysis treatment.

Standard of Care:

All hospitalized patients scheduled for Hemodialysis will be assessed by a RN before leaving their assigned unit and upon return from dialysis treatment per hospital policy.

Policy:

Patients scheduled for dialysis treatment will be transported to and from Battell Hall on scheduled dialysis days for treatment. The Medical Record accompanies the patient to dialysis treatment area.

Procedure:

- A. CVH utilizes a contracted Dialysis Service for dialysis treatment. Actual treatment is provided by a registered nurse employed by the contracted service. Vital signs and weight are documented on the pre and post assessment form done by the dialysis nurse in the dialysis treatment area.
- B. Unit RN will assess and/or ensure:
 1. Prescribed diet and all dietary restrictions;
 2. Presence of bruit at fistula access site daily;
 3. Observation and assessment of shortness of breath, chest pain, signs of agitation/confusion and signs of infection;
 4. Maintenance of fistula access site dressing after completion of treatment, and removal of dressing the day after treatment;
 5. Observation and reporting signs of bleeding from fistula site;
 6. Apply pressure to fistula site if bleeding;
- C. Documentation

1. In weekly/monthly RN Integrated Progress Note, Nursing Plan of Care and Master Treatment Plan.

D. See Dialysis Manual for further information.