

Name of Policy: Notification of Physician in Case of a Change in the Patient's Condition			
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(A) Policy statement

A physician will be informed of any significant change in a patient's condition during hemodialysis.

(B) Purpose of policy

To provide communication between the dialysis nurse and the patient's physician concerning changes in a patient's condition.

(C) Procedure

The nephrologist or his/her designee will be immediately notified of the following:

- (1) Cardiac arrest.
- (2) Respiratory arrest.
- (3) Hemolysis of blood.
- (4) Unresponsive hypotension.
- (5) Muscle cramps unrelieved with normal saline.
- (6) Air embolism.
- (7) Angina.
- (8) Arrhythmia.
- (9) Blood loss exceeding 50ml.

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- (10) Prolonged bleeding post-dialysis.
- (11) Chills or fever on dialysis.
- (12) Complications with blood access.
 - (a) Needle infiltration.
 - (b) Two unsuccessful needle sticks.
 - (c)
 - (d) Discrepancy of blood flow > 50 ml/min.
- (13) Clotted dialyzer.
- (14) Seizure.
- (15) Infected site.

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