**Name of Policy:**  Informed Consent for All Dialysis Procedures  

**Policy Number:**  3364-118-26  
**Department:**  End Stage Renal Disease Program/ Hemodialysis (Nursing Service)  
**Approving Officer:**  Director of Nursing/CNO  
**Clinical Director, End Stage Renal Disease Program**  
**Responsible Agent:**  Nursing Director, Hemodialysis  
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(A) **Policy Statement**

An informed consent will be obtained for all dialysis procedures.

(B) **Purpose of Policy**

To document that informed consent has been obtained.

(C) **Procedure**

1. Informed consent for all dialysis procedures will be obtained as per hospital policy #3364-100-10-01 with the following addendum:

2. Hemodialysis Staff RN’s will obtain chronic dialysis consent from established hemodialysis patients or phone consent from closest relative, legal guardian or person with Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care for chronic patients unable to verbally consent.
   a. The Chronic Dialysis Consent for Artificial Kidney (Hemodialysis) Treatments (HD001) is a department specific consent that explains the hemodialysis treatment process, risks, options, and right to refuse and withdraw and does not fall under policy 3364-100-10-01.
3. Patients who are new to dialysis and minors will have consents completed by a Nephrologist or their designee according to policy 3364-100-10-01.
4. Copies of consents will be kept on file in the dialysis unit and will remain in effect for subsequent procedures.
5. New consents will be obtained every 6 months or if the risk to the patient changes.
6. The dialysis nurse will look for an informed consent prior to the initiation of dialysis. Any instances of lack of proper documentation will be referred to the Medical Director for review.
It is the responsibility of the reader to verify with the responsible agent that this is the most current version of the policy.