Name of Policy: **Emergency Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Supply** **Policy Number**: 3364-118-29 **Approving Officer**: Chief Executive Officer Chief Nursing Officer **Responsible Agent**: Nursing Director Hemodialysis Unit **Scope**: The University of Toledo Medical Center	UTOLEDO HEALTH **Effective date:** October 1, 2026 **Original effective date**: December 1990
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(A) Policy statement

The hemodialysis unit will have procedures in place in the event of a breakdown in the reverse osmosis water supply.

(B) Purpose of policy

To ensure a stable supply of water for hemodialysis.

(C) Procedure

(1) Notify technology support services immediately of any problems.

(2) Notify the medical director, assistant nursing director, and the house supervisor (HS) in the event of a problem.

(3) In the event the system cannot be repaired quickly and/or patient need exceeds the equipment capability, arrangements will be made with other dialysis units to transfer patients temporarily. This decision would be made by the medical director after consultation with the HS and nursing director of the unit.

(4) For patients unable to be transferred, portable RO machines will be used (procured from other facilities if needed) for duration of failure.

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