



Applies To: UNMH Responsible Department: Dialysis Revised: New
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<b>Title: Communication Re : Outpatient Needing Emergent Dialysis</b>	<b>Guideline</b>
<b>Patient Age Group:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> All Ages <input type="checkbox"/> Newborns <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult	

**DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW**

Patient presents to the ED with labs or symptoms indicating possible need for hemodialysis but does not meet inpatient criteria for admission. **UNMH is not licensed for outpatient dialysis treatments.**

**REFERENCES**

- New Mexico State license for Inpatient dialysis.

**AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

- Emergency Department providers/RNs, Dialysis providers/RNs, Emergency Department Social Worker, Primary Admitting Service in Emergency Department, Administrative Supervisors.

**GUIDELINE PROCEDURES**

The following guidelines should be reviewed:

1. ED provider will order appropriate labs and do assessment to determine possible need for hemodialysis.
2. Nephrology consult will be implemented.
3. Nephrology consult will determine one of the following:
  - a. Patient is stable enough to wait to return to their outpatient chair for hemodialysis.
  - b. Patient is unable to wait for outpatient services and would benefit from hemodialysis.
4. If 3b, the primary admitting service will be consulted to conduct a history and physical and to write an order for patient to be placed in "OBS" status.
5. Nephrology remains as the consulting service and enters the hemodialysis orders for nursing staff.
6. Arrangements are made between ED Nursing and Dialysis Nursing to give/receive report and transport patient to Dialysis Unit on 5-West. Dialysis RN notifies the Administrative Supervisor that they are doing a treatment on an "OBS" patient.
7. Dialysis Nursing will consult with the ED Social Worker to clarify the discharge plan for the patient once the treatment is complete (discharge to home/cab voucher/family contact/etc.).
8. Hemodialysis will be completed following Nephrology orders as with any other hemodialysis patient. Staff will ensure patient is stable before discharge using the Hemodialysis Post-Assessment form. If there are any concerns regarding patient's status, the primary admitting service will be consulted regarding possible admission as an inpatient, and the Administrative Supervisor will be notified for bed placement need.

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9. If the patient is stable after dialysis and the primary admitting service has determined the patient no longer has acute medical issues requiring observation services, the Dialysis RN will ensure there is a Discharge order or will contact the primary admitting service to enter this order in the electronic medical record.
10. Dialysis RN will complete the discharge paperwork and patient teaching and then discharge the patient.
11. If for any reason the patient discharge is delayed (family late, etc.) and it is after hours in the Dialysis Unit, the RN will contact the Administrative Supervisor to discuss appropriate waiting area for patient until ride arrives (or consider cab voucher if determined that is safe).


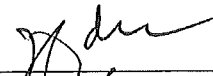
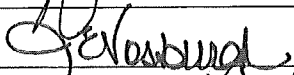
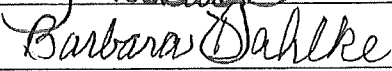
**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

*New document*

**RESOURCES/TRAINING**

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**DOCUMENT APPROVAL**

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