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The hemodialysis unit must have an admission and discharge criteria consistent with evidence-based practice and are collaboratively developed by nephrologists, nursing staff, and other relevant departments.

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**HM.5 Policies and procedures guide the care of patients requiring hemodialysis.**

HM.5.1 Care of patients in hemodialysis unit is guided by policies and procedures that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- HM.5.1.1 Assessment and reassessment of patients.
- HM.5.1.2 Assessment of volume status.
- HM.5.1.3 Care and monitoring of patients with arterio-venous fistula/graft.
- HM.5.1.4 Care and monitoring of tunneled/non-tunneled catheters.
- HM.5.1.5 Management of clotted access.
- HM.5.1.6 Preparation of hemodialysis machines.
- HM.5.1.7 Dialysis procedures.
- HM.5.1.8 Peritoneal dialysis.
- HM.5.1.9 Anticoagulation.
- HM.5.1.10 Management of electrolytes imbalance.
- HM.5.1.11 Management of dialysis-induced complications.
- HM.5.1.12 Management of cardiopulmonary collapse and urgent medical conditions.
- HM.5.1.13 Emergency transfer of patients.

HM.5.2 Policies and procedures are implemented as evidenced in the daily practice and the patient's medical record.

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**Standard Intent:**

The hemodialysis unit must have policies and procedures to guide the care of patients requiring hemodialysis and include all elements in sub-standards HM. 5.1.1- HM.5.1.13. In addition, the policies and procedures should be implemented as evidenced in the daily practice and the patient's medical record.

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**HM.6 Equipment and machines in the hemodialysis unit are in good working conditions.**

- HM.6.1 All equipment and machines are operated within manufacturer's specifications.
- HM.6.2 The preventive maintenance program -for equipment related to patient care- is developed and implemented in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- HM.6.3 The preventive maintenance program is performed by qualified staff/entities.
- HM.6.4 All records for maintenance and repair are kept on file for future reference and inspection.
- HM.6.5 Staff are oriented to equipment in use.