



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.

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/graf.
- 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.

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.

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.