



**DIALYSIS SKILLS CHECKLIST**

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**Instructions:** This checklist is meant to serve as a general guideline for our client facilities as to the level of your skills within your nursing specialty. Please use the scale below to describe your **experience/expertise** in each area listed below.

**1=Never Performed 2=Limited Experience 3=Comfortable Performing 4=Proficient**

<b>BASIC NURSING CARE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>DIALYSIS EXPERIENCE - GENERAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Airway Management					Acute/Inpatient Dialysis				
Oxygen Therapy Administration					Chronic/Outpatient Dialysis				
a. Bag & mask					Pediatric Dialysis				
b. ET tube					Peritoneal Dialysis				
c. External CPAP					Dialysis Home Care				
d. Face mask					Predialysis RN Assessment				
e. Nasal cannula					Patient/Family Teaching re: Dialysis				
f. Trach Collar					CVVH				
g. BiPAP					CAPD				
h. ambu bag					Cycled PD				
Pulse Oximetry					<b>INITIATE DIALYSIS</b>				
Oral Suctioning - Yankauer					Bicarbonate Dialysate				
Nasotracheal Suctioning					Conductivity and pH Testing				
IV Insertion					Priming the Dialyzer				
Venipuncture					Check Machine/Alarm Settings				
Blood Glucose Monitoring					Prep Vascular Access				
Foley Catheter Insertion					Catheter Vascular Access				
Intake & Output Monitoring					Fistula/Graft Vascular Access				
Seizure Precautions					Collect Blood Specimen				
CPR					Anticoagulation				
NG Tube Insertion/Maintenance					Set up for Cycler PD Machine				
Assess Circulation/Peripheral Pulses					Set up for CVHD				
Interpretation of Labs					<b>MANAGEMENT DURING DIALYSIS</b>				
Dietary needs for ESRD patients					Patient Assessment by System				
<b>CARE OF PATIENTS WITH</b>					Volume Status Assessment				
Air Emboli					Vascular Access Function Assessment				
Anemia					Arterial/Vascular Function Assessment				
Cardiac Arrest					Blood Flow Rate				
Chest Pain					Response to Treatment (Subjective)				
Clotted Access/Poor Flow Rate					Anticoagulant Management				
Disequilibrium Syndrome					Conductivity				
Filter Blood Leak					Ultra Filtration Calculation				
Fluid Overload					Administration of Blood/Blood Products				
Hemolysis					Epogen				
Hypertension					Vitamin D Derivative				
Hypotension					Iron Replacement				
Infiltration of an AV access					Antibiotics				
Muscle Cramps					IV Push Medications				
Neuropathy					IV Pump Medications				
Pericarditis					Mannitol				
Pyogenic Reactions					Sequential Ultra Filtration/PUF				
Seizures					Documentation of Dialysis Treatment				

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<b>CARE OF PATIENTS WITH</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Malignant Tumors				
Near Drowning				
Brain Death/Organ Procurement				
Blunt Trauma				
Chest Trauma				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Abdomen				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Chest				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Head				
Multiple Trauma				
Renal Trauma				
Cardiothoracic Surgery				
GI Surgery				
Neurosurgery				
Vascular Surgery				
Transfusion Reaction				
<b>MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Adenosine				
Albuterol (Ventolin)				
Aminophylline				
Amiodarone (Cardarone)				
Amrinone (Inocor)				
Aquamephyton				
Atropine				
Bretylium				
Charcoal				
Chemotherapeutic agents				
Corticosteroids				
Dobutamine				
Diazepam (Valium)				
Digoxin				
Diltiazem				
Epinephrine				
Esmolol				
Insulin				
Ipecac				
Isoetharine (Bronkosol)				
Kayexelate				
Lactulose				
Lasix				
Lidocaine				
Mannitol				
Metaproterenol (Alupent)				
Metroprolol (Lopressor)				
Nitroprusside				
Nitroglycerine				
Paralytic Agents				
Phenobarbital				
Phenytoin (Dilantin)				
Procainamide (Pronestyl)				
Propranolol (Inderal)				
Sodium Bicarbonate				
Streptokinase				
Terbutaline				

<b>MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
TPA				
Vasopressin				
Verapamil				
Continuous IV Infusion				
CAD Pump				
Eye/ear instillations				
IM injections				
Insulin Pump				
IV Push				
Metered Dose Inhalers				
Nebulizer				
Rectal infusion				
Suppository				
SQ injections				
Z track injections				
<b>PROCEDURES/SKILLS</b>				
Admission of patients to unit				
A-V Fistula Care				
Brace/Splint Application				
Bronchoscopy (assist with)				
Foley/Straight Cath insertion & care				
a. male				
b. female				
Bladder irrigation				
Care of suprapubic catheter				
Cardioversion				
Cast care				
Cast application (assist with)				
Charge Nurse responsibilities				
Chemotherapy				
Chest physiotherapy				
Chest tube & drainage system				
a. set up				
b. assist with insertion				
c. care & maintenance				
d. troubleshooting				
e. removal				
CAVH				
EKG Interpretation				
a. 12 lead				
b. arrhythmias				
c. lead placement				
Emergency Tracheostomy-assist				
Extubation				
Continuous Tube Feeding				
Gavage, intermittent Tube Feeding				
Femoral Artery Sheath Mgmt/Removal				
Gastric Lavage, Iced Saline				
Gastric Suction				
a. intermittent				
b. continuous				
Glasgow Coma Scale				
Halo Traction/Cervical Tongs				

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PROCEDURES/SKILLS	1	2	3	4
Hemodialysis				
Hemodynamic Monitoring, Invasive				
a. Swan-Ganz cath insertion assist				
b. Swan-Ganz cath care				
c. MAP				
d. CVP				
e. PAWP/Wedge/PA				
f. Cardiac Output				
g. Cardiac Index				
h. SVO2				
i. Arterial line insertion assist				
j. Arterial line care				
Hemodynamic Monitoring, Non-invasive				
a. auscultation				
b. doppler				
c. automatic BP cuff				
d. palpation				
Interpretation of Lab Results				
a. Blood gases				
b. Blood chemistry				
c. Cardiac enzymes/isoenzymes				
d. CBC				
e. Coagulation studies				
f. Cultures				
g. Electrolytes				
h. Urine dipstick				
Intestinal Tract Tube Insertion/Care				
a. Gastrostomy tubes				
b. Jejunostomy tubes				
c. Nasogastric tubes				
d. Orogastric tubes				
e. T-tubes (care only)				
Intraaortic Balloon Pump				
Intracranial Pressure Monitoring				
Intravenous Infusions				
a. Blood & Blood Products				
- albumin				
- auto infusion				
- cryoprecipitate				
- fresh frozen plasma (FFP)				
- packed RBCs				
- whole blood				
b. Central line care				
- Broviac				
- Groshong				
- Hickman				
- PICC				
- Portacath				
- Quinton				
c. Hyperalimentation				
d. Intralipids				

PROCEDURES/SKILLS	1	2	3	4
e. Peripheral IV insertion & care				
- Angiocath				
- Butterfly				
f. Saline Lock/Heparin Lock				
Intubation (assist with)				
Isolation Procedures				
Lumbar Puncture (assist with)				
Nerve Stimulators				
Neurological Assessments				
Nursing Assessment Care Planning				
Oral Airway Insertion				
Oxygen Therapy Administration				
a. Bag & mask				
b. ET tube				
c. External CPAP				
d. Face mask				
e. Nasal cannula				
f. Trach Collar				
g. BiPAP				
h. ambu bag				
Pacemaker				
a. external				
b. permanent				
c. temporary				
d. transthoracic				
Peritoneal Dialysis				
a. automatic cyclor				
b. manual				
Peritoneal Lavage				
Restraints				
Specimen Collection				
a. Blood				
- femoral arterial stick				
- radial arterial stick				
- arterial line				
- central line				
- venous stick				
b. Cultures				
c. Sputum				
d. Urine				
Suctioning				
a. ET tube - closed				
b. ET tube - open				
c. Nasal-pharyngeal				
d. Tracheostomy				
e. Oral/Yankauer				
Temperature				
a. Axillary				
b. Oral				
c. Tympanic				
Suicide Precautions				
Thoracentesis/Paracentesis-assist				

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<b>PROCEDURES/SKILLS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Ventricular Assist Device (RVAD, LVAD)				
Vent weaning/interpret parameters				
Wound/Ostomy Care				
a. Colostomy care/bag change				
b. Ileostomy care/bag change				
c. Irrigations				
d. Pressure ulcers				
- staging				
- care				
e. Stasis ulcers				
f. Staple insertion - assist				
g. Sterile dressing changes				
h. Steristrip application				
I. Surgical wounds with drains				
j. Suturing - assist with				
<b>PAIN MANAGEMENT</b>				
Pain assessment using pain scales				
Epidural analgesia				
IV conscious sedation				
Patient controlled analgesia (PCA)				
Narcotic Agents				
Non-narcotic agents				
Non-pharmacological measures				
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>				
Automatic BP cuffs				
Cardiac Monitor				

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Centrifuge				
Defibrillator				
Femoral Hemostasis Devices				
Glucometer				
Hypo/Hyperthermia blanket				
Infusion Pumps (specific brands)				
-				
-				
-				
Oxygen Analyzer				
Oxygen Blender				
Pulse Ox				
Specialty Beds				
a. Air fluidized				
b. Low air loss				
c. Rotating				
d. Stryker				
e. other specify _____				
Ventilator				
a. CPAP				
b. High frequency jet				
c. Pressure				
d. T-piece				
e. Volume				

Do you speak any languages other than English? (circle) YES NO  
If yes, which language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Age Specific Skills</b>	Neonates (0-30 days)	Infants (1 mo- 1 yr)	Toddlers (1-3 yrs)	Preschool (4-6 yrs)	School Age (7-12 yrs)	Adolescent (13-18 yrs)	Young Adult (19-39 yrs)	Middle Adults (40-64 yrs)	Older Adults (65+ yrs)
Check the box under EACH age group that you have experience with and are comfortable with for each skill below.									
Understands the different communications needs for the age group & changes communication methods and terminology accordingly									
Understands the different medications, dosages and possible side effects for the age group and administers medications appropriately									
Understands the different safety risks for the age group and alters the environment accordingly									
Understands the normal growth and development for the age group and adapts care accordingly									

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Nurse Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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