



Acute Dialysis RN Skills Checklist

This skills checklist is to be used by RN's with more than one year of nursing experience in their specialty. It will be utilized by healthcare facilities as a determining factor in assignment approval and for skill assessment while on assignment. Please complete all sections thoroughly and accurately. This document will remain a permanent part of your HR file with Solutions Staffing until it is amended or replaced.

Date _____ Name (*print*) _____

Key to Competency Levels

0 – No Experience 1 – Minimal experience, need review and supervision, have performed at least once 2 – Comfortable performing with resource available 3 – Competent to perform independently and safely 4 – Expert, able to act as resource to others

	0	1	2	3	4
Standards of Care					
Maintains standards of nursing practice and professional conduct as determined by the licensing body and the practice setting					
Bases practice on the best evidence from nursing science and other sciences and humanities					
Makes decisions about actual or potential problems and strengths, plans performs interventions and evaluates outcomes					
Adheres to the ethical standards of the nursing profession					
Provides nursing services and collaborates with other members of the healthcare team in providing health care services					
Assumes primary responsibility for maintaining competence and fitness to practice.					
Cardiovascular					
Assumes primary responsibility for maintaining and implementing plan of care					
Recognizing Arrhythmias					
Cardiopulmonary Arrest					
Pre/Post Cardiac Catheterization					
Hypovolemic Shock					
Hemodynamic Monitoring and Care for the Patient with:					
Central Venous Pressure					
Subclavian Lines					
Wedge Pressure					
Dialyzing the Patient with:					
High K					
Low K					
Recent Cardiac/Vascular Surgery					
Unstable Rhythms					
Low Blood Pressures					
High Blood Pressure					
On Vasopressors:					
Dopamine					
Dobutamine					
Epinephrine					
Neosynephrine					
Brady /Tachycardia					
Chest pain					
Care of Patient on Urokinase					
Septicemia					

Pulmonary					
	0	1	2	3	4
Assessment of Breath Sounds					
Ambuing Technique					
Administer Oxygen (nasal canula, mask)					
O2 Saturation Monitor					
Dialyzing the Patient with:					
Ventilator Support					
Pulmonary Infiltrates					
CHF /Pulmonary Edema					
Air Embolism					
Neurology					
Dialyzing the Patient with:					
Head Injury					
High ICP					
Seizures					
Musculoskeletal					
Dialyzing the Patient with:					
Bone Disorders					
Amputation					
Steal Syndrome					
High Phosphorus					
Low Calcium					
Gastrointestinal					
Dialyzing the Patient with:					
TPN					
Tube Feeding					
NG Suction					
Patient Eating While on Dialysis					
Patient Needing to Use the Bathroom While on Dialysis					
Genitourinary					
Assessment of Fluid and Electrolyte Problems /Lab Values:					
Knowledge of Chem 7, Chem 10					
Knowledge of CBC					
Knowledge of Serum Drug Levels					
Specimen Collections					
Dialyzing the Patient with:					
Acute Renal Failure					
Chronic Renal Failure					
On the Transplant List					
Pre-op Transplant					
Post-op Transplant					
Transplant Rejection					
Administering Peritoneal Dialysis					
Endocrine					
Capillary Blood Glucose Checks					
Dialyzing the Patient with Diabetes					

Pediatric Dialysis					
	0	1	2	3	4
Dialysis of the following and their Developmental Stages:					
Infant					
Toddler					
School Age					
Teenager					
Blood/Albumin Prime					
Teaching the Child as well as the Parents					
Miscellaneous					
Administration of Blood and Blood Products					
How to Draw ABG's					
Cannulating a New Graft or Fistula					
Dialyzing the Patient with:					
Heparin Drip					
Coumadin Use					
Illegal Narcotic Use					
Drug Overdose					
Ethylene Glycol Overdose					
Poor Arterial Flow from Catheter					
Poor Arterial Flow from Graft or Fistula					
High Venous Pressure in Graft or Fistula					
Infiltrated Graft or Fistula					
Pyrogenic Reaction					
Machine Types					
Cobe II or III					
Cobe Prisma CRRT machine					
Fresenius E model					
Fresenius H model					
Baxter (Travenol) 450					
Baxter 550					
Baxter 1550					
Drake Willock					
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Other:					
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Knowledge of Machines					
Arterial Pressure					
Venous Pressure					
TMP					
Goal					
Machine Temperature					
Conductivity					
Blood Flow Rate					
Dialysate Flow Rate					

PUF					
Heparin Administration					
ACT's					
Use and Care of a Quinton or Temporary Catheter					
Use and Care of a Permacath					
When to Use a K-0, K-1, K-2, K-3, K-4 bath					
How to Make Bicarb					
How to Hook Up a Dialysis Machine in ICU or Patient's Room Using a RO					
Initiation and Termination of Dialysis					
Diet Teaching					
How and When to Change Filters on the RO					
How and When to Use Vinegar/Acid Rinse, Heat Disinfect, and Bleach					
How to Give Epogen, Calcijex, Infed					
The Use of Mannitol					
The Use of Sodium Modeling					
The Use of Albumin 5% and 25%					
Different Dialyzers					

Certificates Held (Check all that apply.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACLS	<input type="checkbox"/> IV Certified
<input type="checkbox"/> BCLS	<input type="checkbox"/> Charge Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Please check the boxes below for each age group for which you have expertise in providing age-appropriate nursing care.

A. Newborn/Neonate (birth - 30 days)	F. Adolescents (12 - 18 years)
B. Infant (30 days - 1 year)	G. Young adults (18 - 39 years)
C. Toddler (1 - 3 years)	H. Middle adults (39 - 64 years)
D. Preschooler (3 - 5 years)	I. Older adults (64+)
E. School age children (5 - 12 years)	

Experience with Age Groups:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Able to adapt care to incorporate normal growth and development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Able to adapt method and terminology of patient instructions to their age, comprehension and maturity level.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can ensure a safe environment reflecting specific needs of various age groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please read and agree to the statements below by marking the checkbox.

* I attest that the information I have given is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am the individual completing this form. I hereby authorize the Company to release this Acute Dialysis Checklist to the Client facilities in relation to consideration of employment as a Traveler with those facilities as indicated by my signature below:

Signature