

Training and Proficiency Standards for Dialysis Centers

Training Requirements. The training shall be approved according to the standards determined by the Board. Such training is required prior to dispensing drugs and devices under a delegated dispensing permit in dialysis centers. All training shall be conducted by an actively practicing pharmacist who holds an unrestricted Nebraska pharmacy license.

Approved training shall include but is not limited to the following:

Persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery and persons certified as a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse midwife shall have two hours of training in the following:

1. Procedures for dispensing initial prescriptions and authorized refills of dialysis drugs and devices;
2. Procedures for dispensing approved drugs and devices;
3. Federal and State laws regarding drug dispensing;
4. Proper labeling of dialysis drugs and devices and approved drugs and devices;
5. Proper record keeping of initial and refilled prescriptions;
6. Use of Volumes I and II of the United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Information (USPDI);
7. Proper pharmacist referral;
8. Procedures for reaching the consultant or the on-call pharmacist;
9. Storage and security of approved formulary drugs and devices; and
10. Patient information.

Persons who are workers in a dialysis center shall have six hours of classroom training in the following:

1. Procedures for dispensing authorized refills of dialysis drugs and devices;
2. Federal and State laws regarding drug dispensing;
3. Proper labeling of refills for dialysis drugs and devices;
4. Proper record keeping of refilled prescriptions for dialysis drugs and devices;
5. The actions, drug interactions, and effects of dialysis drugs and devices;
6. Use of Volumes I and II of the USPDI;
7. Proper pharmacist referral;

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8. Procedures for reaching the consultant or the on-call pharmacist;
9. Storage and security of approved formulary drugs and devices; and
10. Patient information.

After the initial training has been completed, persons who are dialysis center workers shall have an annual two hour in-service regarding dialysis drugs and devices.

Documentation of Training. Documentation of attendance of all training will be maintained in the employee's personnel file and in the dialysis center's policy and procedure manual. It is the responsibility of the dialysis center and the consultant pharmacist to assure that the appropriate training of staff has occurred prior to the dispensing of any drugs and devices and to assure that documentation of training has been completed.

Proficiency demonstration requirements. Following training, dialysis center workers must demonstrate proficiency as follows:

1. The dialysis center worker shall demonstrate proficiency, to the consultant pharmacist at least annually or as requested by the consultant pharmacist.
2. Completed proficiency demonstrations shall be documented in the employee's personnel file and in the dialysis center's policy and procedure manual.