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Re: Guidelines Concerning Dialysis at LBJ Hospital

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LBJ Hospital is licensed to provide acute dialysis treatment to inpatients only.

This is an established policy regarding dialysis at LBJ General Hospital.

In order to be considered for emergent dialysis, patients must meet the following minimal criteria.

The established criteria of acute uremia requiring prompt dialysis are as follows:

- (1) Hyperkalemia (>6.0 mmol/L)
- (2) Intractable acidosis ($\text{HCO}_3^- < 15$ mmol/L)
- (3) Pericardial friction rub
- (4) Pericarditis
- (5) Intractable nausea and vomiting
- (6) ECG Changes consistent with either hyperkalemia and/or pericarditis
- (7) Pulmonary edema substantiated by Radiographic, clinical, PO_2 saturation <80%

The patients are to be evaluated in the Emergency room first and, the renal fellow called with the results. The renal fellow will decide on further need for treatment on emergent basis. All patients that need emergent dialysis must be admitted as full admission to the hospital before dialysis is initiated.

This policy needs to be implemented strictly to be in compliance with the stated policies of HCHD.

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