

## SFHCHS28

# Support and enable individual undergoing dialysis and their carers to obtain and maintain dialysis equipment and materials



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### Overview

This standard covers providing support to individuals undergoing dialysis and their carers to enable therapy to take place at home. This applies to all types of renal dialysis therapy and involves supporting individuals and carers to obtain and maintain their dialysis equipment and materials.

It is recognised within this standard that support and advice will always be given as part of an overall plan of care determined by professionals, including nurses, doctors and social workers within the care team.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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#### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 apply standard precautions for infection prevention and control and other relevant health and safety measures
  - P2 check the individual's identity and confirm the planned activity
  - P3 give the individual relevant information, support and reassurance in a manner which is sensitive to their needs and concerns
  - P4 gain valid consent to carry out the planned activity
  - P5 establish how much assistance the individual requires with the individual and their carer and encourage them to be as self-managing as possible consistent with the plan of care
  - P6 give all support, information and advice in a manner which is appropriate to the needs and concerns of the individual and their carer and which is likely to enhance their understanding
  - P7 inform the individual and/ or their carer how to obtain sufficient supplies of materials and equipment for the procedure and treatment
  - P8 inform and encourage the individual and/ or their carer to store equipment and materials in a safe place appropriate to the item(s) concerned and for the protection of others
  - P9 inform the individual and/or their carer how to check, set up and clean equipment correctly, safely and hygienically
  - P10 explain the importance of using adequate and appropriate infection control measures to the individual and their carer
  - P11 give the individual and their carer full and accurate details of how to seek help in case of faults or problems
  - P12 answer all questions from the individual and their carer clearly and accurately in an appropriate manner, level and pace
  - P13 refer all questions which are beyond your responsibility and own sphere of competence to the appropriate person

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#### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the current European and National legislation, national guidelines, organisational policies and protocols in accordance with Clinical/Corporate Governance which affect your work practice in relation to supporting and enabling individuals undergoing dialysis and their carers to obtain and maintain dialysis equipment and materials
- K2 your responsibilities and accountability in relation to the current European and National legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols and Clinical/Corporate Governance
- K3 the duty to report any acts or omissions in care that could be detrimental to yourself, other individuals or your employer
- K4 the importance of working within your own sphere of competence and seeking advice when faced with situations outside your sphere of competence
- K5 the importance of applying standard precautions to the support and enabling individuals undergoing dialysis and their cares to obtain and maintain dialysis equipment and materials and the potential consequences of poor practice
- K6 the importance of giving advice and information in a manner, level and pace which is appropriate for the individual and/or their carer
- K7 the effects of dependence and independence on the individual, their carers and the provision of the service in relation to obtaining and maintaining dialysis equipment and materials
- K8 how you can assist in reducing anxiety levels in an individual and/or carer when problems occur in obtaining and maintaining dialysis equipment and materials
- K9 what equipment and materials are needed by individuals who carry out dialysis at home
- K10 how individuals should obtain the materials and equipment they need to carry out treatment
- K11 the storage requirements for dialysis equipment and materials and how individuals can achieve appropriate storage conditions at home
- K12 the importance of keeping accurate and up to date records
- K13 the importance of encouraging the individual/carer to keep accurate notes on problems/issues they want to discuss with members of the care team
- K14 the importance of immediately reporting any issues which are outside your own sphere of competence without delay to the relevant member of staff

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### **Additional Information**

#### **External Links**

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

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