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Admission and Discharge Criteria for the Chronic Home Dialysis Program

Policy

This policy establishes admission and discharge criteria for the Chronic Home Dialysis Unit and is intended for use by (1) the physician responsible for a patient's treatment regime, including ordering their admission or discharge according to their disposition plan; and (2) the registered nurse responsible for initiation and completion of required consents, care and discharge plans and transfer forms.

Patients shall be admitted to the Chronic Home Dialysis Program according to the protocol for admission to the Chronic Home Dialysis Unit.

The Division of Nephrology establishes priority among the patient population for dialysis.

UTMB strives to respect the diverse cultural needs, preferences, and expectations of the patients and families it serves to the extent reasonably possible while appropriately managing available resources and without compromising the quality of health care delivered.

Admission Criteria

End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients electing to perform their own dialysis at home, whose treatment of choice is hemodialysis, Continuous Ambulatory Periotoneal Dialysis (CAPD), or Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis (CCPD) shall be considered for admission.

Disposition meetings shall be coordinated by the ESRD Coordinator and/or Chronic Home Dialysis Program Coordinator.

Patients considered for home dialysis shall be interviewed by a Chronic Home Dialysis Registered Nurse and presented at the multidisciplinary disposition meeting for review by all team members.

Patients who experience a problem with their dialysis access or dialysis machine and require further evaluation by a chronic home dialysis nurse may be dialyzed on the Chronic Home Dialysis Unit.

Discharge Criteria

Patients who no longer wish to perform dialysis at home or who can no longer do so may be re-evaluated for another form of treatment and discharged from the Chronic Home Dialysis Program.

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Patients will only be discharged from the Chronic Home Dialysis Program for medical reasons or for the patient's welfare. Patients will be given advance notice to ensure orderly discharge.