Standard of Practice:
To ensure the delivery of prompt nursing care before, during, and after Hemodialysis treatment.

Standard of Care:
All hospitalized patients scheduled for Hemodialysis will be assessed by a RN before leaving their assigned unit and upon return from dialysis treatment per hospital policy.

Policy:
Patients scheduled for dialysis treatment will be transported to and from Battell Hall on scheduled dialysis days for treatment. The Medical Record accompanies the patient to dialysis treatment area.

Procedure:
A. CVH utilizes a contracted Dialysis Service for dialysis treatment. Actual treatment is provided by a registered nurse employed by the contracted service. Vital signs and weight are documented on the pre and post assessment form done by the dialysis nurse in the dialysis treatment area.

B. Unit RN will assess and/or ensure:
1. Prescribed diet and all dietary restrictions;
2. Presence of bruit at fistula access site daily;
3. Observation and assessment of shortness of breath, chest pain, signs of agitation/confusion and signs of infection;
4. Maintenance of fistula access site dressing after completion of treatment, and removal of dressing the day after treatment;
5. Observation and reporting signs of bleeding from fistula site;
6. Apply pressure to fistula site if bleeding;

C. Documentation
1. In weekly/monthly RN Integrated Progress Note, Nursing Plan of Care and Master Treatment Plan.

D. See Dialysis Manual for further information.