

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-7C-5

§30-7C-5. Authorized activities.

A dialysis technician is authorized to perform the following, under the direct supervision of a registered professional nurse or a licensed physician:

- (1) Preparation and initiation of dialysis access sites;
- (2) Initiating, delivering or discontinuing dialysis care; and
- (3) Administration of the following medications only:
 - (A) Heparin to prime the pump, initiate treatment or for administration throughout the treatment, in an amount prescribed by a physician or other authorized practitioner. This may be done intravenously, peripherally via a fistula needle or in another clinically acceptable manner;
 - (B) Normal saline via the dialysis extra corporeal circuit as needed throughout the dialysis procedure; and
 - (C) Intradermal anesthetic in an amount prescribed by a physician or other authorized practitioner;
- (4) Obtaining a blood specimen via the dialysis extra corporeal circuit or a peripheral access site;
- (5) Reporting changes that arise in conjunction with dialysis care to the registered nurse or physician; and
- (6) Engaging in other acts as delegated by the registered nurse or physician in order to provide dialysis care.