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.

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