

# Student Nurses



## *Dialysis Unit*

Student Name:

## The Dialysis Unit

We provide Outpatient and Inpatient Haemodialysis both at Wellington Hospital and at the Satellite Unit at Kenepuru Dialysis Unit.

We support patients to manage as much or as little of their haemodialysis needs as required.

Our patient group attend for treatment up to three times a week every week of the year. Our patient group have developed End Stage Renal Failure (ESRF) requiring Renal Replacement Therapy in the form of Haemodialysis.

We have a large team of Doctors, Nurses and allied health teams who have varying roles to support our patients and their families.

Welcome!!  
We are looking forward to working with  
you

# Contacts

This should contain information on all the key contacts for the ward/unit

Dialysis Unit	Main contact	Email for main contact	Phone number for ward/Unit
<b>Nurse Educator</b>	Toni Smith	Toni.smith@ccdhb.org.nz	<b>DD 8060523 cellphone</b>
<b>Service Leader</b>	Mary Mallon	Mary.Mallon@ccdhb.org.nz	<b>DD 8060636 cellphone</b>
<b>Associate Clinical Nurse Manager</b>	Sarah Morten	Sarah.Morten@ccdhb.org.nz	<b>DD 8060642 cellphone</b>

We prefer that you make contact with our Nurse Educator via email as then the NE can send you pre-reading to do via email. Please include contact phone number.

## Your Preceptor

If you are in your 3<sup>rd</sup> year placement you will be allocated one main preceptor, this preceptor will be responsible for helping you completing your objectives. We will endeavor to ensure that you mainly work with this preceptor, however, due to shift work this is not always possible. It is **your** responsibility to ensure the nurse you are working with is aware of your objectives for the day/week. You must provide evaluations and/or other paperwork to your preceptor in a timely fashion (i.e. not on the due date!!). Your preceptor will not complete any evaluations if you give it to them on your last days in the unit.

If you are on a 2<sup>nd</sup> year placement, you will be allocated to work at a physical location for a set shift pattern for example: a week of AM shifts at Kenepuru Dialysis Unit followed by a week of PM shifts in Wellington Hospital.

If you have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to contact Toni Smith NE.

# Expectations of the Student Nurse while in Dialysis Unit

The shifts in the Dialysis Unit at Wellington and Kenepuru are:

Morning	:	0700hrs to 1530hrs
Afternoon	:	1400hrs to 2230hrs

There is an expectation that you be able to TRAVEL to and from each work location without issue. This includes working multiple shifts in one week at both units (particularly in Year 3).

We have a few expectations of student nurses working in the Dialysis unit:

- ❖ It is expected that you arrive on time for your shift and if you are going to be late or you are unwell and can not come to call the unit on Wellington Hospital (04) 3855999 ext 80644(*wellington*) 86327 (*Kenepuru*)
- ❖ You must complete the full shift that you are allocated to work – if you are unable to do so please discuss this with your nurse, preceptor or nurse educator. A lot of learning occurs at quiet times in the unit!!
- ❖ It is important for your preceptor or the nurse you are working with that he/she is aware of your objectives
- ❖ Due to infection control a clean uniform must be worn, long hair must be tied back and cardigans must not be worn when working in the floor
- ❖ If you are not achieving your objective please see Toni (NE) or your preceptor (before the last week in the unit)
- ❖ Please ensure all documentation you need to complete for the polytechnic/university is accomplished before the last days in the unit – your preceptor will **not** complete any paper that is given to him or her if it is given in the last days of your placement

# Safety Measures in Dialysis Unit

You will be allocated a swipe card for access to the units and hospital facilities for the duration of your placement. These will be provided for you in your welcome pack. Please sign for these and return them to Toni (NE) at the end of your placement.

In your welcome pack you will receive a Swipe card, Student Nurse Handbook, ANTT workbook and hopefully have pre-read emailed Gambro Readings.

In the student nurse handbook is a Health and Safety Questionnaire that we expect you to have completed at the end of your first day. Please leave or email these to Toni for assessment.

In the event of a cardiac arrest the usual area requirements of contacted 777 should be followed. This also applies to a fire emergency.

In the unit there is a lot of exposure to blood and body and chemical fluids and it is expected that you wear Personal Protective Equipment(PPE) at all appropriate times to prevent risk to yourself.



**Dialysis Unit Treasure Hunt**

Patient roster folder  
Primary patient list  
Blood collection transfer device  
URGENT specimen bags  
Chlorine solution 1% & 5%  
Major incident folder  
Spare batteries  
New suction unit equipment  
Dishwashing liquid  
Staff mail files  
Blood culture bottles  
Dialox (Perase) solution  
Plastic apron supply  
Health & Safety manual  
Timers  
Sit-on scales  
AED  
Resuscitation equipment stock  
Blood & body fluid exposure (BBFE) kit  
Wound care equipment  
Surgicel  
Clean-cart cartridges  
Blood glucose monitor & docking station  
Spare dialysis machine  
IV pump  
Pulse oximeter  
Isolation Patient equipment boxes  
Airways, masks & O2 tubing  
Spare gloves  
Keys  
Staff holiday folder



# Objectives

- The provision of appropriate care to the patient and whanau with support and supervision from the preceptor, including
  - Accurate assessment
  - Competent implementation of care
  - Documentation
  - Referrals
  
- Gain an understanding of the multidisciplinary team
- Practice good infection control measures
- Pain management
- Fluid management/Fluid balance
- Wound management

# Common Medications

Some of the common medications you will come across in the unit are:

Erythropoietin (EPO) Subcutaneous Injections

Phosphate Binders (PO) (eg) calcium carbonate/Alutabs

IV Iron infusions



## Pre-reading/Resources

There is an expectation that you get in contact with Toni Smith (NE) by email before you commence your shifts in the unit to get your roster but also to have the pre-readings emailed to you.

## Evaluation of Clinical Experience

Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of placement: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Preceptor: \_\_\_\_\_

This evaluation is intended to offer feedback to the preceptor and their clinical area.

Clinical Learning	1 Strongly Agree	2 Agree	3 Neither agree or disagree	4 Disagree	5 Strongly disagree	Comments
The staff were welcoming and learned to know the students by their personal name						
The staff were easy to approach and generally interested in student supervision						
A preceptor(s) was identified/introduced to me on arrival to area						
One preceptor had an overview of my experience and completed my assessment						
An orientation to the clinical area was provided						
My learning objectives were achieved						
I felt integrated into the nursing team						
I formally met with the "named preceptor" at least fortnightly						
There were sufficient meaningful learning situations in the clinical placement						
<b>How was the Preceptor?</b>						
The preceptor assessed and acknowledged my previous skills and knowledge						
The preceptor discussed my prepared learning objectives						
The preceptor assisted with planning learning activities						
The preceptor supported me by observing and supervising my clinical practice						
The preceptor was a good role model for safe and competent clinical practice						
I felt comfortable asking my preceptor questions						

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The preceptor provided me with regular constructive feedback on my practice						
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**Additional comments:**

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**Please return this form to Charge Nurse Manager or Clinical Nurse Educator**