WAC 246-827-0520 Conditions for performing hemodialysis. (1) A medical assistant-hemodialysis technician trained by a federally approved end-stage renal disease facility may perform the following dialysis tasks:

(a) Venipuncture for blood withdrawal;

(b) Administration of oxygen as necessary by cannula or mask;

(c) Venipuncture for placement of fistula needles;

(d) Connection to vascular catheter for hemodialysis;

(e) Intravenous administration of heparin and sodium chloride solutions as an integral part of dialysis treatment;

(f) Intradermal, subcutaneous or topical administration of local anesthetics in conjunction with placement of fistula needles; and

(g) Intraperitoneal administration of sterile electrolyte solutions and heparin for peritoneal dialysis.

(2) A medical assistant-hemodialysis technician may perform the dialysis tasks described in subsection (1) of this section, under the following supervision:

(a) In a renal dialysis center under immediate supervision of a registered nurse; or

(b) In the patient's home if a physician and a registered nurse are available for consultation during the dialysis.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.360 RCW, RCW 43.70.280, and 2012 c 153. WSR 13-12-045, § 246-827-0520, filed 5/31/13, effective 7/1/13.]