

WAC 246-826-300 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout hemodialysis rules, WAC 246-826-301 through 246-826-303, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Competency" means the demonstration of knowledge in a specific area and the ability to perform specific skills and tasks in a safe, efficient manner.

(2) "Dialysis facility or center" means a place awarded conditional or unconditional status by the center for medicaid/medicare services to provide dialysis services. This does not include in the home setting.

(3) "Direct supervision" means the licensed health care practitioner, as required by or authorized by RCW 18.135.020, is physically present and accessible in the immediate patient care area and available to intervene, if necessary.

(4) "End-stage renal disease" (ESRD) means the stage of renal impairment that appears irreversible and permanent, and requires either the replacement of kidney functions through renal transplantation or the permanent assistance of those functions through dialysis.

(5) "Hemodialysis" means a process by which dissolved substances are removed from a patient's body by diffusion from one fluid compartment to another across a semipermeable membrane.

(6) "Hemodialysis technician" means a person certified as a health care assistant, Category G, by the department of health, who is authorized under chapter 18.135 RCW and these rules to assist with the direct care of patients undergoing hemodialysis and to perform certain invasive procedures under proper delegation and supervision by health care practitioners.

(7) "Preceptor" means the licensed health care practitioner, as required by or authorized by RCW 18.135.020, who supervises, trains, and/or observes students providing direct patient care in a dialysis facility or center.

(8) "Training monitor" means the certified hemodialysis technician who with limited accountability mentors skill building and monitors for safety. The training monitor does not replace or substitute for the preceptor.

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