

## **DIALYSIS CONSULTATION SERVICE**

The Dialysis Consult Service sees End Stage Kidney Disease patients on a consultation basis who are hospitalized at the University Hospital for any reason. This service provides fellows with supervised hands on experience in managing a wide variety of problems typically encountered by this patient population. It includes intensive experience managing the spectrum of available forms of chronic dialysis modalities and provides experience trouble shooting and treating hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis access complications, infectious complications, and other medical problems experienced by this patient population. An Interventional Nephrology Unit has been created that supports the activity of this service; this unit is provided with its own space within the hospital that includes a dedicated fluoroscope and carries out such procedures as tunneled catheter placement, access declotting and angioplasty procedures, and peritoneal catheter placement. Fellows rounding on this service may perform these procedures under the direction of certified staff. Additional opportunity to become proficient in these procedures may be elected as a second year fellow.

### **Educational Goals:**

The fellow is expected to develop competency in providing compassionate and thorough care to a medically and socially diverse group of outpatients with end stage renal disease. One purpose of this rotation is to provide first year fellows with the education and experience to become proficient in managing peritoneal dialysis and hemodialysis patients.

### **Objectives:**

#### **Patient Care**

Each fellow will rate as valuable the importance of being a nephrologist to a medically and socially diverse group of patients

Each fellow will be able to obtain and document a history and physical, formulate an assessment and plan, and communicate this assessment when necessary to other physicians.

#### ***Specific educational goals are to provide clinical expertise and opportunities to gain experience in:***

- In hospital care of hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis patients including writing dialysis prescriptions, and assessment of dialysis adequacy;
- Understanding the principles and practice of peritoneal dialysis, including the use of cyclers, and peritoneal equilibration tests;
- Recognition of short and long-term complications of hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis
- Understanding the prevention and treatment of complications in hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis patients;
- Drug dosage modification during dialysis and other extracorporeal therapies.
- Evaluation and management of medical complications in patients during and between dialyses and other extracorporeal therapies, including dialysis access, and an understanding of their pathogenesis and prevention.
- An understanding of how to write a peritoneal dialysis prescription and how to assess peritoneal dialysis adequacy.

- The pharmacology of commonly used medications and their kinetic and dosage alteration with peritoneal dialysis.
- An understanding of the complications of peritoneal dialysis, including peritonitis and its treatment, exit site and tunnel infections and their management, hernias, plural effusions, and other less common complications and their management.

***The fellow is also encouraged to acquire the knowledge base (that includes cost effectiveness) and expertise in:***

- Bone biopsy;
- Placement of peritoneal dialysis catheters;
- Balloon angioplasty of vascular access;
- Peritoneal Biopsy.

### **Medical Knowledge**

The fellow will demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the pathophysiology, diagnostic evaluation, and therapeutic management of a core group of issues in end stage renal disease patients described above.

By the end of the year, each fellow will have attended and participated in the educational activities listed in the teaching methods section.

By the end of the year of outpatient dialysis ambulatory experience, each fellow is encouraged to complete some of the recommended readings (below)

### **Communication Skills**

Each fellow will demonstrate effective communication skills with the attending physician by discussing each clinic visit or rounds. A dictated medical note will also demonstrate effective communication skills.

Each fellow will discuss the ongoing care of each patient with the appropriate attending at the time of the clinic visit or rounds and if follow up discussion is required

Each fellow will model effective interpersonal communication skills with patients, families, and other allied health professionals

### **Professionalism**

Each fellow will demonstrate compassion and understanding to a group of socially, economically and racially diverse group of patients

Each fellow will rate as comfortable his/her ability to assume the leadership role for outpatient care

### **Practice-Based Learning and Improvement**

The fellow will incorporate basic knowledge of evidence-based medicine in evaluation and management of outpatient medical problems

Each fellow will continue the process of acquiring skills and documenting the procedures required by the ABIM, as listed in the procedure summary

Each fellow will model practice based learning and effective information seeking in the outpatient care of patients

### **Systems-Based Practice**

The fellow will demonstrate competence in the integration of inpatient and outpatient care, and a systems approach to care

The resident will demonstrate an awareness of issues cost-effective medicine in patient care, by discussing the cost implications of cases with the attending physician

Each fellow will routinely evaluate the socioeconomic needs of his/her patients, including health insurance, access to care and co-payments necessary to provide care

### **Teaching Methods:**

Teaching methods include one-on-one supervision with a Nephrology Attending. Topics pertinent to this experience may be covered in the Summer "Nuts and Bolts" Lecture Series, Core Curriculum Conference, and Wednesday Clinical Conferences. Literature may be provided by the Nephrology attending. PUB MED, Up-to-Date and other textbooks are available on all public workstations in the hospital.

### **Mix of Diseases:**

Patients with all forms of End Stage Renal Disease may be seen during this rotation including diabetes, hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, chronic tubulointerstitial disease, genetic kidney diseases such as Polycystic Kidney disease, HIVAN, SLE as well as other diseases that may result in End Stage Renal Disease. Importantly, fellows will gain experience managing complex complications associated with end stage renal disease and renal replacement therapies that include but are not limited to specialized infections, vascular disease, management of complications of vascular access, and metabolic complications of ESRD.

### **Patient Characteristics:**

Patients are admitted to primary internal medicine or surgical services; therefore, this service is consultative. All patients already on peritoneal or hemodialysis due to any cause of ESRD are cared for by this service. Primary consultation on all inpatients requiring dialysis of any type is automatic, as dialysis care is the primary responsibility of the Nephrology Dialysis service. Many patients may initiate dialysis over the age of 70, therefore experience in geriatric aspects of Nephrology are obtained.

## **Types of Clinical Encounters:**

This is an in patient consultative service. However, fellows will provide care for recently discharged patients who return to the acute hemodialysis unit during an interval before they are placed with their permanent outpatient units.

## **Procedures:**

Fellows supervise hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis treatments for all inpatients with ESRD. Fellows perform other procedures associated with renal replacement therapy with assistance from the Interventional Nephrology Unit.

## **Reading List:**

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**Pathologic material:**

Pathologic material such as arterial graft removal as well as other pathology sent to our renal pathology division will be available for review.

**Evaluations:**

The fellow is evaluated using the ABIM form for Evaluation of Clinical Competence, Categories evaluated include the core competencies of Patient Care, Medical Knowledge, Practice Based Learning , Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism, Systems Based Learning, evaluation of procedures above, and Moral and Ethical Behavior, and Overall Clinical Competence as a Specialist In Nephrology. The American Board of Medical Specialties Generic Form for Global Ratings of Resident Performance is also used which evaluate the 6 core competencies. Please see general Curriculum for details of the evaluation. These evaluations are filled out every six months by the supervising Nephrology attending. Fellows maintain procedure logs as a means of demonstrating procedural competence. A 360 degree evaluation involving nurses, social workers, dieticians, fellows, and attending faculty is conducted yearly on this service. The fellow evaluates the teaching of the Nephrology attending using the form provided.

**Supervision / Lines of Responsibility:**

The nephrology fellow is responsible for the initial evaluation of new patients and follows up existing patients on the Dialysis Consultation Service. The nephrology fellow assists in teaching these other members of the Nephrology Consultation team. The nephrology fellow contacts the nephrology faculty member prior to the start of any form of renal replacement therapy and writes initial orders for renal replacement therapy. The nephrology fellow communicates any concerns to the nephrology faculty member that might mandate review of the patient prior to rounds scheduled later in the day. The nephrology faculty member discusses patients and reviews the medical notes presented to the faculty member on a daily basis. The nephrology faculty member confirms the history, physical findings, and assessment and plans after interviewing and examining the patients. The nephrology faculty member discusses any modifications of the history, physical findings assessment and plans with the fellow. The nephrology fellow discusses with house officers and other staff recommendations by the nephrology fellow and the nephrology faculty member. The nephrology faculty member may personally communicate with some physicians. The fellow and nephrology faculty member jointly decide which patients no longer will need to be followed by the Nephrology Consultation team. The nephrology faculty member supervises procedures unless the faculty member attending is not on the premises at the time of the procedure. The nephrology faculty member supervises all renal biopsies.