

The Importance of Technicians in the Dialysis Environment

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The Patient Care Technician (PCT) is the primary direct care giver for patients undergoing dialysis treatments. YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT

- Technicians fill many roles
 - Direct Patient Care
 - Reuse Technicians
 - Bio-med Technicians
 - Water Treatment monitoring technicians

- Technicians are a vital part of Patient outcomes, coping, and security.
- Technicians also help ensure survey readiness.

- Whichever Role you fill, OUR profession changed on October 14, 2008.
 - New Conditions for Coverage were implemented
 - Changed how we operate on a daily basis
 - From Infection control to Documentation
 - Infection control will be covered at length in other lectures during this symposium
 - Documentation- DO IT! Anything that is abnormal or deviates from your orders. IF YOU DON'T DOCUMENT IT, IT DIDN'T GET DONE!

I will be focusing on the new conditions making it mandatory for technicians to be certified.

- This is a Good thing!

There are three national commercially available certifications

- The Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT) offered by NNCC www.nncc-exam.org
- The Certified Hemodialysis Technician (CHT) offered by BONENT www.bonent.org
- Certified Biomed Nephrology Technologist (CBNT) and Certified Clinical Nephrology technologist (CCNT) offered by NNCO nnco.nbccc.net

- WHY?

- Validates the position of Technicians
- Encourages Technicians to educate themselves in order to pass the exam
- Requires technicians to continue to educate themselves.
- Patients receive quality care from competent technicians
- You Deserve it.