

Routine Haemodialysis Blood Testing

Cross references	Routine blood testing table for haemodialysis
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>To ensure each patient is adequately dialysed and blood levels are within unit targets</p>
<p>2. Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each month blood tests are completed for established dialysis patients as per unit guidelines. • Primary nurses are responsible for printing and labelling blood tubes for their primary patients each month, prior to the day of collection. • The nurse attending to the blood test on the day is responsible for recording results in the patient notes and reporting any abnormalities to the Medical Officer. The primary nurse or member of the primary nurse team should also be notified via entry in the nursing diary. • All staff are responsible for making relevant changes to individual patient prescriptions according to blood results. However, the primary nurse or member of the primary nursing team is responsible for checking these changes and ensuring the information has been updated in RISC. • Inpatient management requires additional blood testing as instructed by the treating team, to ensure deviations are monitored and treatment changed accordingly. • Post operative management also requires additional testing especially once the patient is discharged and the patient returns to the outpatient setting. Twice weekly testing is required initially and should be reviewed by the respective treating team until levels are deemed satisfactory. • New dialysis patients require weekly blood tests to monitor serum levels and prevent disequilibrium and for patients transferring modalities, baseline pathology is essential to determine dialysis prescription and acute or chronic protocol selection.

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3. Network file location/ reference, if applicable	<p>\\Sesahs\chn\STG\STGRenal\Public\Protocols\Hdx protocols\Protocols 2014\Final for web</p> <p>http://stgrenal.med.unsw.edu.au/StGRenalWeb.nsf/resources/General+5/\$file/Routine+Bloods+HD_2014.pdf</p>
4. External References / Further Reading	<p>http://stgrenal.med.unsw.edu.au/StGRenalWeb.nsf/resources/General/\$file/Commencement+of+the+chronic+patient+2013.pdf</p>

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