

*Commonwealth of Virginia*



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PROFESSIONS  
REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF  
DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS**

**Title of Regulations: 18 VAC 75-40-10 et seq.**

**Statutory Authority: Chapter 27.01 of Title 54.1 of the *Code of Virginia***

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**18 VAC 75-40-10. Definitions.**

The following terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Board” means the Board of Health Professions.

“Dialysis patient care technician” or “dialysis care technician” means a person who has obtained certification from an organization approved by the Board to provide, under the supervision of a licensed practitioner of medicine or a registered nurse, direct care to patients undergoing renal dialysis treatments in a Medicare-certified renal dialysis facility. Such direct care may include, but need not be limited to, the administration of heparin, topical needle site anesthetics, dialysis solutions, sterile normal saline solution, and blood volumizers in accordance with the order of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

**18 VAC 75-40-20. General provisions; scope of practice.**

A. In accordance with Chapter 27.01 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia and this chapter, only those persons who hold certification from an entity approved by the Board as prescribed in 18 VAC 75-40-30 shall:

1. Provide direct patient care in a Medicare-certified renal dialysis facility.

2. Administer medications in accordance with subsection O of § 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia.

B. Dialysis patient care technicians or dialysis care technicians shall practice only under the supervision of a licensed practitioner of medicine or a registered nurse.

C. Dialysis patient care technicians or dialysis care technicians shall administer medications only under the orders of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant and under the direct and immediate supervision of a registered nurse.

D. Persons who do not hold such certification shall not hold the restricted titles or use any other title or term that implies a minimum level of education, training and competence. Unregulated persons shall only perform services relating to the technical elements of dialysis, such as equipment maintenance and preparation of dialyzers for reuse by the same patient.

**18 VAC 75-40-30. Criteria for use of the titles of dialysis patient care technician or dialysis care technician.**

In order to use the titles of dialysis patient care technician or dialysis care technician or administer medications in a Medicare-certified renal dialysis facility, a person shall hold one of the following certifications:

1. Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT) by the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC);
2. Certified Hemodialysis Technician (CHT) by the Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing and Technology (BONENT);
3. Certified in Clinical Nephrology Technology (CCNT) by the National Nephrology Certification Organization (NNCO); or
4. Certification or licensure as a dialysis technician or similar title by another jurisdiction in the United States provided the standards for certification or licensure or substantially equivalent to those in Virginia.