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