Dialysis and Nursing Home Hand-Off
COMMUNICATION TOOL

TO BE COMPLETED BY NURSING HOME AND SENT WITH RESIDENT FOR EACH TREATMENT

Resident Name: _____ Date: _____ Code Status: ☐ DNR ☐ CPR
Vital Signs: T _____ P _____ R _____ BP _____ Baseline Temp: _____ Allergies: _____
Current diet/fluid restrictions: _____
Last meal or snack and time consumed: _____
Current type of precautions? (If yes, for what?): _____

Contact person at nursing home for change of condition notification or questions: _____
Nursing Home name: _____ Contact number: _____

TYPE OF ACCESS: AV Fistula AV Graft Catheter (CVC)	
If Fistula or Graft, can you feel or hear a Bruit or Thrill?	☐ Y ☐ N
CVC dressing dry and intact?	☐ Y ☐ N
Signs or symptoms of infection	☐ Y ☐ N
DID PATIENT TAKE MEDICATIONS TODAY?	
Blood Pressure	☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A
Insulin	☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A
Blood Thinners	☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A
Opioids/Sedatives	☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A
(*See attached medication list*)	

CHANGES SINCE LAST DIALYSIS TREATMENT	NO (*Check N or describe change*)	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE OR EVENT
Changes from baseline mental status	☐ N	
New medical problems or falls	☐ N	
Hospitalizations or ED visits	☐ N	
New medications or vaccinations	☐ N	
Labs drawn since last dialysis? (if yes, attach results)	☐ N	
Blood transfusions	☐ N	GI bleed, low hemoglobin, other:

TO BE COMPLETED BY DIALYSIS FACILITY AND RETURNED WITH RESIDENT AFTER EACH TREATMENT

Post treatment vital signs: T _____ P _____ R _____ BP _____
Complications/problems during dialysis: _____
Foods/fluid consumed during dialysis: _____ % Meal consumed _____ Fluids consumed
Medications given during dialysis: _____

Labs drawn	☐ Y ☐ N	Copy attached	☐ Y ☐ N
New or revised MD orders	☐ Y ☐ N	Copy attached	☐ Y ☐ N

Pre-dialysis weight		Post-dialysis weight	
Amount of fluid removed		Time dialyzed	

Changes, New Recommendations, Notes
Dietitian:
Social work:
Follow-up appointments made or needed:

NURSING HOME USE ONLY—UPON RETURN TO FACILITY FOLLOWING DIALYSIS

Patient Name: _____

Check all that apply	Yes	No	N/A	Dialysis center called for clarification	MD notified	Care plan changed	Nurse supervisor aware	Documentation/ follow-up/new orders
Bruit present	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Thrill present	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Hemodialysis catheter present	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Catheter secured, clamped, and capped	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Access bandage dry and intact	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Vital signs: T _____ P _____ R _____ BP _____

Baseline temp: _____ Allergies: _____

Additional comments:

Nurse's signature: _____ Date/Time: _____

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