

Dialysis Technician

Dialysis Technicians, also known as Patient Care Technicians, provide direct patient care to dialysis patients under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Care includes taking and monitoring patient vital signs, performing blood tests, documenting appropriate patient information, preparing and monitoring dialysis equipment, and cleaning equipment.

Dialysis Technicians typically do the following

- Setup and operate hemodialysis machines.
- Welcome patients and report any patient complaints about wellbeing to the Nurse Supervisor.
- Monitor patient response to dialysis and report any unusual findings or issues to the Nurse Supervisor.
- Discontinue dialysis treatment according to clinic procedures and evaluate the patient prior to discharge.
- Document all information related to patient treatment.
- Educate patients on kidney dialysis related topics.

Work Environment

Dialysis Technicians spend the majority of their days in direct one-on-one patient care. Patients receive care several days a week, so there is an opportunity to form long-term relationships with patients. Dialysis Technicians must be comfortable working around blood and needles and able to work long hours (some shifts are 12+ hours) on their feet.

Watch a video about being a Dialysis Technician

Top Local Employers: Satellite Healthcare, Anthem, Stanford Health Care, HCA Holdings, On Time Solutions

Median Pay

\$59,048

Job Growth (2020-2025)

17%

Education and Training

Employers require a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate and current CPR certification. Some employers prefer some medical training experience. Many of the larger dialysis companies, such as Satellite Healthcare and DaVita, provide their own Dialysis Technician training.

For More Information:

National Association of Nephrology Technicians