Ohio Revised Code
Section 4723.72 Permitted activities.
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(A) A dialysis technician or dialysis technician intern may engage in dialysis care by doing the following:

(1) Performing and monitoring dialysis procedures, including initiating, monitoring, and discontinuing dialysis;

(2) Drawing blood;

(3) Administering medications as specified in division (C) of this section when the administration is essential to the dialysis process;

(4) Responding to complications that arise during dialysis.

(B)(1) Subject to divisions (B)(2) and (3) of this section, a dialysis technician or dialysis technician intern may provide the dialysis care specified in division (A) of this section only if the care has been delegated to the technician or intern by a physician or registered nurse and the technician or intern is under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse. Supervision requires that the dialysis technician or dialysis technician intern be in the immediate presence of a physician or registered nurse.

(2) In accordance with division (E) of section 4723.73 of the Revised Code, a dialysis technician intern shall not provide dialysis care in a patient's home.

(3) In the case of dialysis care provided in a patient's home by a dialysis technician, both of the following apply:

(a) The technician shall be supervised in accordance with the rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code for supervision of dialysis technicians who provide dialysis care in a patient's
(b) Division (D)(5) of section 4723.73 of the Revised Code does not allow a dialysis technician who provides dialysis care in a patient's home to provide dialysis care that is not authorized under this section.

(C) A dialysis technician or dialysis technician intern may administer only the following medications as ordered by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code and in accordance with the standards for the delegation of dialysis care established in division (B) of this section and in rules adopted under section 4723.79 of the Revised Code:

(1) Intradermal lidocaine or other single therapeutically equivalent local anesthetic for the purpose of initiating dialysis treatment;

(2) Intravenous heparin or other single therapeutically equivalent anticoagulant for the purpose of initiating and maintaining dialysis treatment;

(3) Intravenous normal saline;

(4) Patient-specific dialysate, to which the technician or intern may add electrolytes but no other additives or medications;

(5) Oxygen.