

Potassium Titration Protocol

Add KCl to dialysate and all replacement fluids according to the following protocol. Note the amount of baseline KCl in the solutions being used.

Serum Potassium Level

Final KCl Concentration in Dialysate

if less than 3.0 mmol/L

* KCl bolus I.V. as per CRIT CARE - Electrolyte Replacement (Module).
 * Recheck serum Magnesium and treat as per CRIT CARE - Electrolyte Replacement (Module)
 * KCl to equal 6 mmol/L
 * Notify Nephrology and Critical Care if repeat potassium level is < 3.0 mmol/L

if 3.0 - 3.4 mmol/L

KCl to equal 5 mmol/L

if 3.5 - 4.5 mmol/L

KCl to equal 4 mmol/L

if 4.6 - 5.0 mmol/L**

KCl to equal 3 mmol/L

If 5.1 - 6.0 mmol/L**

KCl to equal 2 mmol/L

if greater than 6.0 mmol/L**

Notify Nephrology and Critical Care if repeat potassium level is > 6 mmol/L

** If serum potassium is 4.6 - 5.6 mmol/L at the start of dialysis, the treatment may be started using PrismaSol 4. Repeat the serum potassium 1 hour after treatment is started.

If potassium remains greater than 4.6 mmol/L change solution to PrismaSol 0 and add appropriate KCl as per protocol.

If the serum potassium remains above 5 mmol/L with dialysis KCl 2 mmol/L, notify Nephrology and Critical Care to review possible causes for persistent hyperkalemia.

Heparin Titration Protocol

Adjust heparin infusion to maintain PTT 60-80 seconds according to protocol below:

If Post Filter PTT

Pre-Filter Heparin Bolus

Infusion Change

greater than 150 seconds

none

* stop infusion for 1 hour
 * decrease infusion by 200 units/hour
 * repeat PTT in 6 hours
 * if repeat PTT > 150, notify Nephrology and Critical Care

greater than 100 seconds

none

* stop infusion for one hour
 * decrease infusion by 200 units/hour
 * repeat PTT in 6 hours

80 to 100 seconds

none

* decrease infusion by 200 units/hour

60 to 79 seconds

none

<< NO CHANGE >>

50 to 59 seconds

none

* increase infusion by 200 units/hour

40 to 49 seconds**

1,000 units

* increase infusion by 200 units/hour

30 to 39 seconds**

2,000 units

* increase infusion by 400 units/hour

less than 30 seconds**

5,000 units

* increase infusion by 400 units/hour
 * if repeat PTT < 30, notify Nephrology and Critical Care

** if PTT less than 50 seconds, adjust drip as per protocol and recheck 2 hours post increase in the heparin infusion to ensure a rise in PTT has occurred.

Citrate Titration Protocol

Post-Filter Ionized Calcium

Citrate Infusion Adjustment

Less than target

Decrease by 10 mL/hour

Target

<< NO CHANGE >>

Greater than target

Increase by 10 mL/hour

Notify Nephrology and Critical Care if Citrate Infusion greater than 350 mL/hour

Calcium Chloride Titration Protocol

Adjust calcium chloride infusion according to protocol below to maintain SYSTEMIC ionized calcium level 1.0 - 1.2 mmol/L

Systemic Ionized Calcium

Calcium Chloride Adjustment

less than 0.80 mmol/L**

increase by 20 mL/hr
 give ordered bolus

0.80 - less than 1.0 mmol/L

increase by 10 mL/hr
 give ordered bolus

1.0 - 1.2 mmol/L

<< NO CHANGE >>

greater than 1.2 mmol/L

decrease by 10 mL/hr

** Call Nephrology and Critical Care for order for calcium bolus if systemic calcium less than 0.80 mmol/L; repeat systemic IONIZED calcium 1 hour post bolus. If less than target, repeat bolus and notify provider.