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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Drastic medical treatments and phenomenal technological advancement within the last twenty years have been referred to as a medical revolution. Most of what has occurred may be more properly termed evolutionary, since it is actually the rate of change which has been revolutionary. The effects of these dynamics on patients and families need to be soberly appraised. Technologically sophistocated therapies and the ensuing staggering costs of implementation lead health care professionals to recognize the need for involving patients in their own treatment and care. Safe and effective patient involvement can be achieved through use of proven teaching programs.

End-Stage Renal Disease with its predisposing or related diseases affects approximately thirteen million Americans. As the glomerular filtration rate decreases, certain chemical elements within the body increase creating a threat to homeostasis. Thrice weekly hemodialysis is administered to remove these undesirable metabolic elements and fluids which are incompatible with the homeostatic processes necessary to physiological and psychological functioning of the body.

Sustained changes in body functioning create states which alter patient response to teaching. The learning process is not necessarily related to the method or the efficiency of the teaching alone. Patients' awareness of their condition and understanding of their need for learning usually enhance their motivation to learn. When the physiological and psychological factors experienced by the patients in End-Stage Renal Disease alter understanding and motivation, learning is impeded. More effective teaching programs could be developed if the precise relationship between homeostatic dysfunctions and learning were known.

Statement of Problem

The problem of this study was to determine whether or not there is a relationship between selected homeostatic dysfunctions and learning achievement in patients actively receiving extracorporeal hemodialysis.

Statement of Purposes

The purposes of this study were to identify the relationship between learning achievement and:

1. Abnormal levels of carbon dioxide, potassium, blood urea nitrogen, and creatinine singly and combined.

2. Level of state anxiety.

3. All variables combined.

Background and Significance

An increased life expectancy has been the result of medical and pharmacological research. As life expectancy has increased, so has long term illness and disability. The challenge of nursing the chronically ill and disabled is great. Stryker (1972) emphasizes the need to provide a plan of care which incorporates activities for assessing learning needs of these patients and families, as well as meeting their physiological and psychological needs. One of the primary clinical nursing functions is that of observerteacher. This function was assigned to nursing as early as the middle and late nineteenth century (Redman 1976).

Acknowledging the responsibility of every member of the health team to teach, Winslow (1976) emphasizes that it is the nurses who have the ability to assess patients' perspectives and teach on their level of understanding. Schlotter (1973) suggests that when patients understand their need for treatment, they have an increased desire to cooperate with their treatment regimen. As patients begin to adjust to their condition, they become more able to interact with the nurse-teacher. It is important to note that patients' perception of learning needs are sometimes at variance with the needs perceived by doctors and nurses. Dugas (1972) reports that patients want to know about their

illness and treatment, but often are reluctant to ask nurses questions because they seem so busy.

Wadsworth (1970) conducted a study on the perception of the nurse and the patient in identifying learning needs. She found that learning needs will vary with the patient's stage of illness. At first, patients will want to know about their new environment and then the disease process. At this point they will be most interested in the cause. Later, they will be interested in the diagnostic tests and therapeutic plan. As patients convalesce, concerns will be directed toward going home, adjustments following hospital dismissal, and problems to be faced.

Learning has been defined as discovery of meaning. It involves two steps. The first is acquisition of new information or experience, and the second is discovery of meaning to the individual. Valid evidence of learning is a change in behavior that persists. Dewey wrote that information in itself does not affect the learner significantly unless he is able to use it. Learning is more effective when a patient has the desire to learn and is ready for the experience. Motivation for learning is increased when the individual receives satisfaction from learning (Murray 1976). Studies have shown that motivation is affected more by internal stressors than by external stressors.

Several characteristics of learning need to be considered. The learner does not assimilate new knowledge, attitudes or skills unless he chooses to participate in the learning. Learning is creative for the learner must integrate what is learned into a pattern of action. Stryker emphasizes learning is influenced by: individual intellect; previous experience, both negative and positive; background knowledge; attitude toward content, as well as attitude toward teacher; and a need to see useful purpose for material being presented.

Several blocks to learning are identified in the literature. Stryker notes the task of learning may produce a sense of inadequacy and anxiety in adults, who too often equate "knowing" with being adult. In order to learn, persons must accept the fact that they do not have knowledge in a particular area. The activity of learning may produce resentment, insecurity, and a negative feeling toward authority. On the other hand, if learners are ready to learn, sensitivity, security, and increased self image may result.

Chronic illness and physical problems such as impaired vision and hearing deficit cause reduced energy level and shortened attention span. These factors affect the ability to learn. Inadequate kidney dialysis, medications, and fever also cause mental cloudiness and dullness of

understanding. Emotional reactions to illness influence the quality and speed of learning.

Anxiety is one of the most obvious and common reactions affecting learning. Psychologists and educators alike have recognized the negative effects of anxiety on achievement (Grooms and Endler 1960). Green (1964) indicates increased anxiety generally, but not uniformly, handicaps performance. Anxiety about the future, outcomes of illness, presence of pain and discomfort, changes in roles and functions of daily living are of great concern to patients. Anxiety is manifested in patients in many ways as well as in differing degrees. It can cause confusion, reduced learning, and non-compliance with treatment regi-Symonds (1964) relates there is a fine thread differmen. entiating anxiety and curiosity, which encourages approach, and anxiety and panic, which repels and initiates retreat. Individuals may vacillate from curiosity to panic suddenly and without warning.

Stress is related to anxiety in many ways. A distinction is that stress encompasses both physical and psychological factors. Selye, a pioneer investigator in the field of stress and body adaptation in health and disease, found stress is essential to life. He named the stress

which is vital to mind and body integrity, eustress, and stress detrimental to mind and body function, distress.

Stress has been most recently defined as the nonspecific response of the body to any demand. Essentially, it is the rate of "wear and tear." The body responds to stress by the adaptive responses, alarm, resistance, and finally exhaustion, if relief is not obtained (Selye 1976). Selye's early definition of stress is especially appropriate to stress experienced by hemodialysis patients. He defined stress as a syndrome produced by diverse noccuous (noxious) agents.

Patients on hemodialysis have suffered renal failure due to acute or chronic End-Stage Renal Disease. These patients must receive dialysis treatments two or three times a week for the duration of their lives. The mortality rate for individuals with kidney disease is approximately 54,000 annually. This figure is approximately 7,500 greater than reported deaths caused by automobile accidents in 1976. An excess of 40,000 Americans have End-Stage Renal Disease, and more than 36,000 suffer from chronic renal disease (Kidney Foundation of Texas 1978).

The Social Security Administration estimates \$750,000,000 was spent on dialysis and transplant patients in 1977. An estimated \$150,000,000 was spent by states in

assistance programs for these patients. A conservative projection for the future, based on present trends, is that 55,000 Americans will be on dialysis by 1984 at a total cost to the Federal Government of 2.5 billion dollars. State governments will expend more than \$500,000,000 (Kidney Foundation of Texas 1978). In addition to the great number of individuals affected by End-Stage Renal Disease and the increasing cost of funding patient care, psychological and social stress on patients and their families creates crises which are not compatible to continuous maintenance of life.

Both patients and family members may consider hemodialysis initially as a gift of life, a panacea. Then, as the monotony of treatment, change in roles, life styles, relationships, and ever-increasing financial burdens take their toll, it becomes painfully apparent that dialysis can be both blessing and curse. The coveted treatment becomes both reliever and creator of stress. Patients often sense feelings of being tied to, or controlled by, the dialysis machines. Assisting hemodialysis patients to accept responsibility for their own care and helping them learn to manage routine aspects of their treatment is a challenge to the professional nurse. An even greater challenge is the study of the relationship of physiological factors and anxiety on the

learning processes of hemodialysis patients and implementation of these findings to enhance patient learning.

Hypotheses

To carry out the purposes of this study the following predictions were made. There will be a significant relationship between:

1. Learning achievement and each of the following physiological variables:

- a. Carbon dioxide
- b. Potassium
- c. Blood Urea Nitrogen
- d. Creatinine

 Learning achievement and all physiological variables combined.

3. Learning achievement and level of state-anxiety.

4. Learning achievement and all physiological and psychological factors combined.

Definition of Terms

Within the limits of this study, the following terms were used:

<u>Blood Urea Nitrogen</u> (BUN) -- Urea in the blood produced as a by-product of protein metabolism which increases as kidney failure develops. Normal blood value is 10-26 mEq per deciliter (dL).

Carbon Dioxide (CO2) -- Gas diffused in the blood.

The amount of CO₂ in the blood affects acid-base balance of body fluids. Normal blood value is 24-32 mEq per liter (L).

<u>Creatinine</u> (Cr)--Substance produced as by-product of muscle metabolism used as an indicator of normal and artificial kidney function. Normal blood value is .7-1.7 mg. per decileter (dL).

Learning Achievement--Increase between pre-test and post-test scores.

<u>Potassium</u> (K)--Electrolyte necessary for normal metabolic activities of all cells. An excess or deficit can be fatal. Normal blood value is 3.5-5 mEq per liter (L).

<u>State-Anxiety--A</u> transitory state in which the individual feels tense, apprehensive, or nervous.

<u>Stress</u>--Non-specific response of the body to any demand which calls for some type of adaptation.

<u>Stress-Anxiety</u>--Physiological and psychological response of the individual to chronic illness.

Limitations

Limitations for this study were as follows:

 Study was conducted on patients in a single hemodialysis facility.

2. Convenience sample may not have been representative of all patients in the dialysis facility. 3. Subjects were selected on the basis of consent to participate.

4. Study was conducted while patients were receiving dialysis, which may influence responses other than those measured.

5. Subjects' level of understanding and capacity to learn was undetermined.

6. Learning achievement was tested only at the knowledge level as described by Bloom.

Delimitations

Delimitations for this study were as follows:

1. Subjects had End-Stage Renal Disease treated with hemodialysis.

2. Subjects had received a minimum of five dialysis treatments in the dialysis facility.

3. Subjects had blood chemistries drawn on the day of study.

4. Subjects were between twenty and sixty years of age.

5. Subjects had completed at least the ninth grade.

6. Subjects were chosen on the basis of ability to understand and read English.

Assumptions

The following assumptions were made for this study:

 Individuals receiving dialysis experience some form of stress-anxiety.

2. Learning is altered in the presence of adverse conditions.

3. Motivation is necessary for learning to take place.

4. Decrements in post-test scores not exceeding ten points will be construed as resulting from variance in parallelism between pre-test and post-test.

Summary

Nurses are involved with the care of the patient with End-Stage Renal Disease during initiation, maintenance, and termination of thrice weekly extracorporeal dialysis. This contact provides an opportunity for the nurse-teacher to evaluate the patient's learning needs and stress-anxiety levels which affect learning achievement. The effects of stress-anxiety on learning achievement and a modular approach to learning are described in more detail in Chapter II. Chapter III describes the methods utilized to determine effects of stress-anxiety on learning achievement. The results and interpretation of the data collected are included in Chapter IV. Chapter V contains a summary of findings. Conclusions are drawn, implications are cited, and recommendations are made which give direction for future study.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Focus of this study was to determine the relationship between learning achievement and selected homeostatic dysfunction in patients actively receiving extracorporeal dialysis. Guidance for this task was sought through researching the literature pertinent to the principles of stress, anxiety, and learning. Review of literature was ultimately categorized into sections to provide information in response to the following questions: (1) What are the stress factors in End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), and what effect do they have on cognition? (2) What is the prevalence of anxiety, and what effect does it have on patients with ESRD? (3) What is known about learning in the presence of ESRD, and what principles of learning should be utilized as a guide for development of an education module for patients with ESRD?

Stress - Physiological Manifestations

Stress as a health concept has been described in various terms. The word has been used to describe both physical deformity and mental and emotional disruption (Davies 1970). Selve was the first medical researcher to

adopt the term stress and apply it to the concept of health and disease. Stress was described as a syndrome or nonspecific response produced by the body to demands made upon it. Essentially, stress is the rate of "wear and tear" caused by living and necessary for life. Stress is present in almost every disease, either as a cause or as a result of the condition. Selye concluded that stress is not necessarily bad unless the body is unprepared to respond to it, for a single stress may make one person ill, while another may find it an invigorating experience.

Response to stress is described as a protective mechanism enabling an individual to adapt to trauma and gradually regain homeostasis. Selye's formulation and testing of the general adaptation syndrome (G.A.S.) and identification of the side effects of "distress" brought about the realization that the origin of many common diseases lay in errors of adaptive response to stress rather than to damage directly related to life experience, microorganisms, or poisons. He found that many nervous and emotional disturbances, gastric and duodenal ulcers, hypertension and certain types of allergic, cardiovascular and renal derangements are apparently diseases of adaptation. Every organ and every chemical constituent of the body is involved during a general stress reaction. Physiological equilibrium is

maintained by the kidney during the G.A.S. through regulation of chemical composition of blood and tissues and selective elimination or production of certain substances. Based upon this understanding, it can be stated that failure of the kidney to maintain normal function, for whatever reason, creates a threat to maintenance of homeostasis during the G.A.S., and in the presence of ESRD poses a threat to maintenance of life. Bailey (1972) concluded that renal failure is a total body disease which manifests itself in every organ system, and ESRD is a life threatening crisis which must be resolved or death ensues. Studies of death and survival rates of patients on dialysis show that ESRD is terminal and that deaths occur in spite of regular dialysis (Moorhead et al. 1970, Siddique et al. 1970).

Stephenson (1977) cited a need for understanding the G.A.S. and associated signs and symptoms as a basis for assessment of the critically ill patient. She reported sources of stress can be divided into physical, chemical, biological, physiological, and emotional/social categories. Gutch and Stoner (1975) describe the common problems of uremia found in ESRD as those related to fluid overload, hypertension/hypotension, sepsis, electrolyte imbalance, and cerebral manifestations. Electrolyte imbalance can be identified through determination of levels of certain

electrolytes such as potassium (K) and the level of metabolic end-products such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), blood urea nitrogen (BUN), and creatinine (Cr). Formation of ammonia and excretion of titratable acids is decreased in ESRD. Bicarbonate wasting sometimes occurs and acidosis is present resulting in CO2 levels below 15 mEq. (Schlotter). When renal function falls below 5% of normal, acidosis ensues. Metabolic acidosis is a constant factor in ESRD. Two major causes of metabolic acidosis are retention of byproducts of protein metabolism (BUN, CR, and others) causing a decreased glomerular filtration rate with acid retention, and tubular defect in hydrogen-ion (H+) excretion through ammonia production causing an increasing acid load and decreasing plasma CO₂. A CO₂ level of 5 mEq. is the lowest reported in literature with survival (Bailey). Carbonic acid, formed when CO₂ enters the blood, decreases blood pH. Normally the body compensates for lowered blood pH by utilization of buffers and release of CO₂ from the lungs (Guyton 1976).

Collections of blood and pus, a hypercatabolic state, and acidosis contribute to hyperkalemia, and hyperkalemia in turn alters cardiac conductive mechanisms constituting a cardiac emergency (Freedman and Smith 1975). Management of the level of K is vital since a uremic patient

can neither excrete K overload nor conserve K efficiently. Normally K is present principally in the intracellular compartment. Concentration of K in the intracellular and extracellular compartments is affected by K balance with sodium (Na) and pH changes. An elevation of serum K is found in acidosis as acidosis causes K to leave the cells. Severe acidosis may cause cardiac arrhythmias, pulmonary vasoconstriction, and disturbances of mentation (Boedeker and Dauber 1976). Unsuspected accumulation of serum K may result in cardiac arrhythmias or cardiac arrest without previous warning. Bailey reports serum K levels greater than 8.0 mEq/L will lead to death if not treated promptly.

Signs of K intoxication are traced to neuromuscular and cardiac origins. Neuromuscular symptoms frequently observed are muscle weakness, paresthesia, or paralysis and reduction of deep tendon reflexes. While cardiac symptoms are less apparent, changes in EKG can be demonstrated (Johnson et al. 1975). Cellular K depletion caused by acidosis is present prior to dialysis and is corrected with the elevation of serum pH following dialysis (Moncrief and Decherd 1975). A stable patient will typically have a pretreatment serum K level of 5.0-6.0 mEq/L. Post-treatment level would probably be 3.0-3.5 mEq/L. (Jacobberger 1977).

Blood urea nitrogen (BUN) is a principle waste product of dietary protein metabolism. As the kidneys fail, less urea is excreted causing an elevation of the serum BUN. Patients receiving regular dialysis may eat protein in carefully prescribed amounts, decreasing the incidence of poor nutrition and negative nitrogen balance, since urea is rapidly diffused across the dialyzing membrane of the artificial kidney.

Serum levels of creatinine (Cr), a by-product of muscle metabolism, have been found to be relative to amount of muscle mass in the individual. Usually a greater amount of physical activity produces a greater level of serum creatinine. Creatinine is a small molecule which diffuses easily across the dialyzing membrane. Clinically the level of Cr is monitored with BUN as an indicator of both normal and artificial kidney function.

Pre-dialysis levels of BUN in ESRD patients often range from 80-90 mg/dL with post-dialysis levels of approximately 30 mg/dL compared to the normal range of 8-18 mg/dL. Pre-dialysis levels of Cr are often between 10-15 mg/dL with post-dialysis levels of approximately 6 mg. compared to the normal 0.4-1.2 mg/dL (Jacobberger). Moncrief and Decherd note that terminal uremia occurs when the BUN level is greater than 100-120 mg/dL and serum Cr level is greater

than 10 mg/dL. Jacobberger relates that it is unknown presently to what extent urea and creatinine accumulations contribute to the clinical manifestations of renal failure. It is general knowledge, however, that the severity of the uremic syndrome is proportional to the degree of urea and creatinine retention and symptoms such as lassitude, loss of memory, inability to concentrate, depression, hostility, anger, dependency, fear, hallucinations, and paranoia are increased as uremia increases. Bailey reported similar findings noting that memory decreases, attention span shortens, ability to do "serial sevens" decreases, and performance of integrative tasks, such as dealing cards, is accomplished with great difficulty.

Research studies have shown the interrelationship of sleep disturbance to an increased BUN and conversely a subsequent enhancement of more normal sleeping patterns following regular hemodialysis (Passouant et al. 1970, McDaniel 1970). Decrements in cognative functioning in patients maintained on chronic dialysis were correlated to "poisoning" represented by elevated serum levels of K and Cr (McDaniel). A study by Foster, Cohn and McKegney (1973) showed all patients to have some evidence of dialysis modified uremic encephalopathy. Some of the behavioral changes and neurovegetative symptoms which are present in incipient

stages of progressive uremia were also documented in these dialysis patients. Noted, however, was the fact that symptoms seemed to be arrested in the first stages of uremic encephalopathy since obvious delirium was absent. Mock (1975) concluded that hemodialysis is not as efficient as a functioning kidney and that while the dialyzing process corrects many of the chemical imbalances, alteration of psychological functioning is often present. While life can be prolonged in most instances, extreme psychological stress occurs in relation to the image of self, family, and society (Nordan et al. 1971).

Anxiety - Psychological Manifestations

Many references to anxiety of chronically ill patients and patients with ESRD are cited in the literature. Anxiety, as described by Menninger (1967), is an awareness of an uncomfortable or worried feeling or tension produced in response to forces from without or within which create psychic discomfort. Selye describes anxiety as a floating feeling of distress in which one experiences fear, but does not exactly know the cause of that which is feared. Anxiety is described by Peplau (1962) as a dynamic construct whose components contain certain observable signs and symptoms, and increased or decreased anxiety can be placed

on a continuum with degrees which can be identified along a graduated scale. Hazzard and Thorndal (1979) recognize that patient behavior, as a manifestation of anxiety, is related to experiences and the level of illness or wellness present. Similar expressions of anxiety have been noted by Brundage (1976) as she worked with patients exhibiting ESRD. Other pronounced psychological responses operationally related to anxiety were described as fear, hostility, resentment, regression, dependency, displacement, and aggression. Also mentioned were uncertainty, threat of death, and changes in body image (Kemph 1966, Denour 1970, Short and Wilson 1969, Santopietro 1975, Herrington and Brener 1973, Hansen 1972, and Nordan et al.).

Fisher (1976) wrote that there was a similarity between psychological problems of patients with renal diseases and other disability groups. He found that patients were often more disturbed by their perception of things which happened than by what actually happened. A corollary to this finding is that disease becomes an impediment to the body, but not to the will unless the individual allows it. Anxiety related to dialysis was classified by Wright, Sand, and Livingston and reported by Fisher in three categories: threatened or actual loss, threat of injury or injury, and frustration or deviation in drives. Fisher further revealed

the psychological aspects of patient reaction to observed stresses were varied. It is a general consensus that anxiety is present as a major aspect of the psychological reaction to ESRD, and a number of studies focus on the massive use of denial as a coping or defense mechanism (Fisher, Santopietro, Greenberg et al. 1975, and De Nour and Czaczkes 1972).

Short and Wilson describe denial as the initial phase of adjustment for the patient on maintenance dialysis. These same researchers have reported displacement, projection, reaction formation, and isolation as other defenses used. Frequent changes in mood were noted as increasing medical complications became apparent (Morgan et al. 1971). DeNour et al. (1968) described extensive use of defense mechanisms to relieve anxiety, but noted that patients were relatively free of psychiatric symptoms. Coping behaviors of patients under stress of dialysis were related to changes in social role, dependency, toxicity, and economic pressure (Cummins 1970). The harmful effects of denial were noted by Goldstein and Resnikoff (1971), for they wrote that problems must be realistically faced in order to be dealt with productively.

Systematic investigation of personality factors associated with dietary non-compliance (DeNour and Czaczkes

1972) indicated primary and secondary gains from the sick role were factors most commonly associated with non-compliance to dietary restrictions. Goldstein and Reznikoff saw dietary non-compliance as the patient's attempt to deal with anxiety resulting from recognition that he is responsible for his own survival. This finding could also be interpreted as an action akin to suicide or an effort to exert control in a circumstance in which the patient seems to have lost control.

Patients, after a time, respond more positively to the need to move on with living rather than clinging to dependency and denial. Anxiety can then be used in a more constructive way. At this point, patients can often express a need to establish "their optimum level of wellness" (Santopietro). A team approach encouraging the patient to take some responsibility for his own condition and to become actively involved in the maintenance of it is advocated by Nordan et al. It is clear that hemodialysis patients do not all respond to the same events in the same manner or to the same degree. An event which is catastrophic to one may be a challenge for adaptation for another. An approach to patient care which improves the psychological state enhances the climate for learning.

Learning - Ability and Methods of Enhancement

A paucity of material exists in the literature on the relationship of physiological effects of ESRD on the learning process. If mental cloudiness is present due to elevated levels of BUN, Cr, and K, and if decreased CO₂ values indicate metabolic acidosis, as reported by numerous authors, then the body physiologically represents a less than optimal media for learning. In addition, anxiety and distress caused by uncertainty and discomfort may not only block perception and the learning process, but also may increase the body's already maladaptive functioning.

Human behavior and the larning process have been of interest to philosophers and psychologists for centuries. Many theories have been advanced and empirically tested since the early twentieth century. Essentially, however, learning theory is incomplete as it presently exists (Gagne 1971). Two views of learning are recognized. One emphasizes learning as a change in patterns of behavior through acquisition of new responses or extinctions of old ones. The major contribution of this view is a reduction of theory to simplist terms which can be tested and validated. Some of the researchers and their descriptive terms related to this point of view are: Pavlov - conditioning; Thorndykelaw of effect; Skinner - stimulus, response, reinforcement,

motivation; and Miller - motivation, cue, response, reward (Gagne, Miller 1957, Bigge 1971, Skinner 1965). Followers of the other view acknowledge learning as a composite of life experiences, biogenetic needs, ego needs, and development of insight or meaning. Testing these views is primarily clinical and descriptive. The results are interpreted subjectively through natural observation, clinical judgment, and personal experience (Luchins 1971).

Experimental and humanistic concepts for learning were systematized by James and Dewey. Dewey theorized that individuals learn to do by doing (experiential learning) and conditioning (pragmatic learning) as an active rather than passive process. Dewey felt information is internalized (learned) after it has been understood, tested, and found relevant. Freedom to test and accept or reject information is inherent in this view of learning. Gestalt or field theory of learning includes principles of order, laws of arrangement, spheres of influence, experience, and insight as bases for learning (Bigge). Cantor (1956) wrote that general learning is in essence self-learning.

Gagne (1966) describes learning as a change in capability which persists and is not simply the result of maturation. Utilizing present learning theories, Gagne (1971) describes a concept of learning stimulated through media of

communication by objects and events, still and moving pictures, diagrams, and printed and auditory messages. Striking similarity in concept and flow of learning and communication models was described by the National Education Association's Commission Monograph on Definition of Technological Development (NEA Report 1971).

Selecting learning theories most relevant to instruction is difficult. Prototype learning situations are stated as: (1) conditioning, (2) rote learning, (3) probability learning, (4) short term memory, (5) concepts, (6) perceptual motor skills, and (7) problem solving. The most important events of instruction are described as: gaining and maintaining instruction; facilitating recall; providing cues; giving feedback; facilitating remembering; and transfer and assessment. Gagne perceives learning as an individual matter and instruction as encompassing more processes than evident in learning theories.

Stimulation of the senses and awakening curiosity through audiovisual materials for enhancement of learning is generally acknowledged. Redman describes principles of learning: (1) learning is more effective when a student is ready to learn, (2) moderate anxiety is beneficial to learning; low or high levels of anxiety detract from learning, (3) reinforcement of desired behavior is necessary for

internalization of knowledge, (4) tasks too easy cause motivation lag; too difficult cause discouragement, (5) meaningful material is learned more readily and retained longer, (6) differences in meaning to individuals reflect variations in prior experiences, (7) learner must readily discriminate one skill from another, (8) inadequately suppressed interference between erroneous interpretations and correct interpretations cause the individual to become confused, (9) strengthening associations enhance ability to transfer knowledge, and (10) learning from general to specific is more efficient than the reverse approach.

Well designed media presentations based on generally accepted principles of learning allow the learner to be involved, to his capacity, in the steps of learning. Peplau (1952) outlines these as: observation, description, analysis, formulation, validation, testing, integration, and utilization. Major elements involved in audio-visual presentations are described as: (1) message - content or meaning, (2) media - instrumentation, materials, and devices, (3) personnel - skills required, (4) methods - specifications and techniques, and (5) environment - instructional situation (NEA Report).

Anxious responses and metabolic encephalopathy are known to affect patients' reactions, block ability to learn,
and alter perception of problems or tasks (Brundage and Murray). O'Neill (1971) reports patients' emotional factors and additional physical problems may affect "training." Also cited was a lack of standardization of patient education and clinical practice.

A survey of core curricula for dialysis programs by Hekelman and Ostendarp (1974) showed focus of education on tasks rather than learning. All programs reporting (31% of 108 questionnaires mailed) relied on demonstration and discussion for teaching, citing informality and one-to-one contact with patient as reasons for practice. Time and setting for learning occurred while patients were being dialyzed. Sixty-seven percent of reporting programs used patient centered objectives. Recommendations made by Hekelman and Ostendarp were: increased teacher familiarity with concepts of human needs, mastery of communication skills, improved assessment of patient readiness for learning and creating or selecting devices to measure patients' learning progress.

Review of available literature on patient education reveals greater emphasis on the teacher, methods of teaching, and subject matter rather than identification of learning needs and learning process relative to material to be learned. Two notable exceptions are views of Hekelman and

and Ostendarp (1975) and Redman. Need for use of nursing process for planning learning sequences, involving learner, and assistance to meet needs are stressed by Hekelman and Ostendarp. Concepts mentioned are: (1) learning through understanding effects of ESRD on body (cognative), (2) adaptation to disease and changes in life style (affective), (3) learning new skills for self care (psychomotor). Redman reports facts or concepts are suited to intellectual (cognative) learning and are accomplished through use of written materials, audio-visual aids (representation of concepts), and lecture or discussion. Attitudes (affective) are learned best through exchange of feelings and discussions which promote acceptance. Motor skills (psychomotor) are effectively learned by demonstration and return demonstration. Process for learning suggested by Redman includes: (1) assessment of need to learn, (2) assessment of readiness, (3) setting objectives for desired behaviors, (4) emotional and experiential involvement in learning, and (5) ongoing evaluation and revision of material as necessary.

It is evident from review of the literature that ESRD produces both physiological and psychological barriers to learning. An educational program developed for a population with ESRD should utilize proven methods which stimulate and guide the learning process, provide reinforcement,

reduce anxiety, and render denial unnecessary. The program should recognize and utilize the patient as partner in the process. Under these conditions, learner accomplishment should enhance understanding, encourage expression of feelings, and kindle motivation for compliance with prescribed treatment.

CHAPTER III

PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION AND TREATMENT

OF DATA

This study was conducted as a quantitative descriptive study. Fellin, Tripody, and Meyer (1969) describe this type of study as one which tests a hypothesis and searches for variable relationships. The study utilized a preexperimental, one group pre-test, post-test design (Campbell and Stanley 1969). The interrelationship between observed phenomenon and learning achievement were quantitatively compared. Descriptive research as defined by Issac and Michael (1976), describes characteristics of an area of interest. One characteristic of this type of research is that it identifies problems or justifies current conditions or practices.

The purposes of this study were to examine the relationship between learning achievement and the independent variables: identified levels of carbon dioxide, potassium, blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, and state-anxiety as single and combined factors. The dependent variable, learning achievement, was identified as the increase in score

performance on the pre-test and post-test. This study was conducted in three phases which included development of a learning module, pilot testing, and the investigational phase from which data for this study were collected.

Setting

The setting for this study was an uncontrolled or natural setting. Non-experimental research is conducted in a natural setting, which is characterized by the absence of control over the environment (Abdellah and Levine 1970). A limited care, out-patient dialysis center in a large metropolitan area was used. The center maintains a three shift, five-hour treatment run schedule six days per week. A copy of the proposal for the study was presented to one of the medical directors of the facility and the nursing coordinator of inservice education. Agency permission was obtained before the study began (Appendix A).

The treatment area was composed of two large rectangular open rooms. Each room contained twenty patient units equipped with reclining chairs and dialysis apparatus. Small television sets provided diversion during the five to six hour treatment. Movable arms extending from a counter behind the units allowed television sets to be adjusted for individual patients' viewing. The nursing station was located at one end of the room on a raised platform. One

treatment room was decorated in bright yellow and orange. Five patient units faced each other on two aisles. The other room had bright blue and yellow decor. Four patient units faced each other on two aisles. Two glassed isolation units, located on each side of the room, contained separate dialysis apparatus. Two patients could be accommodated in each of these areas.

For the sake of convenience, testing and module viewing were administered in the large open treatment rooms during the mid-portion of the treatment. Stability of the subject's physical condition, general emotional calm, and fewer interruptions characterize the mid-treatment phase. Complications were more frequent during the last portion of the treatment.

Population

The population, or universe, for this study was all chronically ill End-Stage Renal Disease patients being treated by hemodialysis. The sample chosen was thirty-six patients from the metropolitan dialysis center, who met the delimitations set forth in this study. During the two-day data collection period, patients were selected from each shift by convenience and consent to participate. Convenience sampling is a non-probability sample selected for availability. It is not a true random sample; however,

there is an element of randomness of entry of subjects into the study (Abdellah and Levine). Subjects were assured that they would not be embarrassed in any way. Their right of privacy and anonymity was assured. Standard consent forms were signed by each of the participants (Appendix B). Reported data contained no identifiable descriptions, and no discomfort or risk was experienced by the subjects.

Tools

Each subject completed a demographic data sheet before beginning the study (Appendix C). The sheet was designed to facilitate collection of information from the subjects. Measurement of the independent variables, (CO₂, K, BUN, Cr) chosen to represent stress, was accomplished by securing and recording results of the pre-dialysis blood samples drawn on the mornings of the study. Laboratory values, accepted as normal by the center, were used for comparison criteria.

A standardized test developed by Speilberger, Gorsuch, and Lushene was used to identify the independent variable state-anxiety (Appendix D). Speilberger initiated the development of the tool in 1964 to provide objective self-report measures of both state and trait anxiety. The theoretical basis underlying the consturction of the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) was that a measure of

state-anxiety should be sensitive to stress situations. In the four years after introduction of the test in 1970, the STAI was utilized in more than one hundred research studies. The inventory has been used to measure anxiety relating to a variety of topics, such as academic performance, counseling and desensitization, achievement, test anxiety, computer instruction, coping process, and feelings about dying.

Studies in the literature confirm Spielberger's claim that scores on A-State scale increase in the presence of stress and decrease with relaxation or reduced stress. Nine hundred seventy-seven undergraduate students at Florida State University were tested for state-anxiety (A-State) under normal and examination conditions. The mean score for the A-State test was greater in examination conditions (female=60.51, male=54.99) than in normal conditions (female=39.36, male=40.02). An A-State study of general medical surgical patients with psychiatric complications revealed a mean score of 42.35 and a standard deviation of 13.76.

For utilization in this study, the STAI Form X-1 (A-State) was self-administered by the patients. Twenty short statements rank present feelings into four categories: Not at all, somewhat, moderately so, or very much so. Tests were collected and filed with other data for later analysis.

A search of audio-visual sources and dialysis training programs revealed a lack of available commercial or "inhouse" audio-visual modules on arteriovenous shunt and fistula management for patients. A two component module was developed. One component was a slide-tape presentation, "Living with Your External Shunt or Internal Fistula." Module objectives were used to develop the pre-test, posttest component for measuring learning achievement (Appendix E). Parallel items on pre- and post-tests were developed to minimize sensitization. A panel of three educators, two doctorally prepared and a third in doctoral preparation, reviewed the module. Recommendations of the two nursing educators and expert on modular learning were incorporated into the revised tests.

A pilot study was conducted using the module on two small groups of first and second year professional nursing students. Mean test scores for first year students were 63 on the pre-test and 92 on the post-test (46% gain). Second year students mean test scores were 84 on the pre-test and 90 on the post-test (7.1% gain). The difference of the means was determined to identify whether the change in scores was due to real or chance difference. The critical value for the difference of the means for the first year students was determined to be 1.54. The actual increase in

mean score was 29. The critical value for second year students was 1.43. The actual increase in the means was 6. Both groups tested in the pilot study showed a significant increase in means from pre-test to post-test indicating learning had occurred.

Data Collection

Blood samples, from which the physiological data were determined, were routinely obtained prior to dialysis on the last Monday and Tuesday of the month. This procedure dictated these two days be utilized for collection of all data required for analysis. Samples were drawn as treatment was initiated. Additional data were collected during the mid-treatment phase.

Learning was reinforced with a correctly keyed posttest following data collection. Participants were encouraged to take the test home and share it with family members, other patients, and friends. A registered nurse, prepared to assist with data collection, and the researcher explained procedures and answered questions before each segment of the study.

Treatment of Data

Demographic data, including age, sex, race, education, months on dialysis, and previous shunt care education, were summarized, using frequency distribution. Summary

statistics (mean, standard deviation, and range) were used to describe physiological variables (CO₂, K, BUN, and Cr), State-Anxiety Test, and pre-test and post-test scores.

Multiple regression and correlation were used to determine interrelationships between the variables. Multiple regression is used in situations which have more than two variables, or when it is assumed that one of the variables is dependent upon the others (Zar 1964). Since computational procedures for most multiple regression and correlational analyses are complex, the computer was utilized for data analysis. Data were reported in writing to a statistician in the Computer Science Division of Southwestern Medical School.

The form of physiological and psychological relationships were explored singly and combined, using multiple linear regression techniques. Correlation coefficients of the physiological and psychological factors were calculated to assess the strength of linear relationships. Significance level for testing the hypotheses was set at .05 level.

Several models were investigated for the prediction of learning achievement.

- Learning in the presence of the physiological variables:
 - a. Carbon dioxide
 - b. Potassium
 - c. Blood Urea Nitrogen
 - d. Creatinine

- 2. Learning in the presence of state-anxiety.
- Learning in the presence of both state-anxiety and physiological variables.

This study was designed as a quantitative descriptive study. A pre-experimental, one group, pre-test, posttest design was used. Data were collected to measure stress-anxiety factors present and to study their relationship to learning achievement.

CHAPTER IV

ANALYSIS OF DATA

Thirty six patients with End-Stage Renal Disease presently under treatment in an outpatient hemodialysis center participated in this study. The purposes of this study were: to identify learning achievement in relation to the level of State-Anxiety and the presence of abnormal levels of CO_2 , K, BUN, Cr; and to compare learning achievement with all variables singly and combined. Data were collected, analyzed, and summarized using descriptive statistics. Multiple correlation and multiple linear regression were utilized to show interrelationships between variables. Significance level for testing the hypothesis was set at P< 0.05.

Presentation of Findings

Demographic Data

Demographic data for the thirty-six patients are listed in Table 1. Complete data for each subject is provided in Appendix F. Twenty-one females (58.3%) and fifteen males (41.7%) ranging from twenty through fifty-six years of age participated in this study. Nine patients (19.4%) were between twenty and twenty-nine years of age. Six (16.7%)

	Demographic Data	of Patients	n=36
		Number	Percent
Sex	female	21	58.3
	male	15	41.7
Age by decades	20-29	9	19.4
	30-39	6	16.7
	40-49	14	38.9
	50-59	9	25.0
	Black	12	33.3
cia	Mexican American	1	2.8
Ra	White	23	63.9
pur	9	2	5.6
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eri is	49-60	4	11.1
Exp lys	61-72	3	8.4
Previous shunt or fistula care education	Shunt care		
	res No	12 24	33.3 66.7
	Fistula care Yes	26	72.2
	No	10	27.8
	NO teaching	9	25.0

were between thirty and thirty-nine years of age. Fourteen (38.9%) were between forty and forty-nine years of age, and nine (25%) were between fifty and fifty-nine years of age. Mean age of the participants was 40.9 years.

Twelve patients were black (33.3%), one was Mexican American (2.8%), and twenty-three were white (63.9%). Their educational level ranged from nine to sixteen years. Two patients (5.6%) reported nine years of education. Five (13.8%) reported ten years. Three (8.3%) reported eleven years. Fifteen (41.7%) reported twelve years. Two (5.6%) reported thirteen years. Four (11.1%) reported fourteen years, and five (13.9%) reported sixteen years of education. Twenty-five (69.4%) of the patients had nine to twelve years of education. Eleven (30.6%) had between twelve and sixteen years of education. The mean educational level was 12.3 years.

Thirty-six patients represented a total of 987.5 months (82.3 years) of experience on hemodialysis. Thirteen (36.1%) of the patients had been on treatment twelve months or less. Four (11.1%) had been on treatment thirteen to twenty-four months. Ten (27.8%) had been on treatment twenty-five to thirty-six months. Two (5.5%) had received treatment thirty-seven to forty-eight months. Four (11.1%) had received treatment forty-nine to sixty months, and three

(8.4%) had received treatment for sixty-one to seventy-two months. The mean experience on hemodialysis was twenty-eight months.

Twelve patients (33.3%) reported some form of shunt care education, while twenty-four (66.7%) reported they had received none. Twenty-six patients (72.2%) reported some form of fistula care education, while ten patients (27.8%) reported they had received none. Nine patients reported they had received education (teaching) on neither shunt nor fistula care. Their experiences on hemodialysis were reported as one month, two and one-half months, eight months, nine months, eleven months, thirty months, forty-two months, and seventy-two months respectively.

Physiological Variables

The physiological variables CO₂, K, BUN, and Cr were obtained from laboratory reports. Summary statistics for these variables are shown in Table 2. Blood serum levels of carbon dioxide were reported from an abnormally low 3 mEq/L to a nearly normal 22 mEq/L. The mean level was 13.6 mEq/L with a standard deviation of 4.27. All thirty-six patients were considered to be in various stages of metabolic acidosis. Serum potassium levels were reported from an abnormally low level of 1.8 mEq/L to an abnormally high level of 6.1 mEq/L. The mean level was

4.5 mEq/L with a standard deviation of 1.04. Five patients were considered hypokalemic, nineteen were within normal limits, and twelve were hyperkalemic. Serum BUN was reported from 31 mg/dL to 121 mg/dL. The mean level was 81.5 mg/dL with a standard deviation of 21.27. All patients had an elevated level of blood urea nitrogen. Serum Creatinine levels of 7.2 mg/dL to 23.7 mg/dL were reported. The mean level was 16.0 mg/dL with a standard deviation of 4.10. All patients had an elevated level of creatinine.

TABLE 2

Variable	Range	Mean	Standard Deviation
co ₂	3-22 mEq/L	13.6 mEq/L	4.27
K	1.8-6.1 mEq/L	4.5 mEq/L	1.04
BUN	31-121 mg/dL	81.5 mg/dL	21.27
Cr	7.2-23.7 mg/dL	16.0 mg/dL	4.10

Physiological Laboratory Values

Psychological Variable

The A-state anxiety test was self-administered by the patients. Scores ranged from thirty-seven to sixtyeight. The mean score was 52.5, and the standard deviation was 7.26. Mean score of the hemodialysis patients was 10.15 points greater than Spielberger's reported mean of general medical surgical patients with psychiatric complications and 9.82 points greater than Spielberger's reported mean of general medical surgical patients without psychiatric complications. Sixteen patients were above the 52.5 patient mean, seventeen were below the mean, and three scored at the mean.

Learning Achievement Variable

Learning achievement was measured by an increase in scores between pre-test and post-test. The tests were self-administered by the patients. Summary statistics for test results are shown in Table 3. The pre-test scores ranged from fifteen to ninety-five. The mean was 65.4 with a standard deviation of 20.58. The post-test scores ranged from 50 to 100. The post-test mean was 79.6 with a standard deviation of 13.91. Change in the means was assessed to determine whether the change in scores was due to a real or chance difference. The critical value for the difference between the means was determined to be 4.75. The observed increase in score averaged 14.2 units indicating that learning did occur.

TABLE 3

Test	Range	Mean	Standard Deviation
A-State	37-68	52.5	7.26
Pre-test	15-95	65.4	20.57
Post-test	50-100	79.5	13.90

Psychological and Learning Achievement Test Scores

Multiple correlation and multiple regression were used to identify relationships of the selected variables to learning achievement. Multiple correlation failed to show a significant relationship between learning achievement and any of the physiological variables studied at the p < 0.05 level (Table 4). Ranking of the physiological variables showed carbon dioxide ranking highest in relation to learning achievement (r=0.261 and p=0.125), followed by potassium (r=0.169 and p=0.323), blood urea nitrogen (r=0.110 and p=0.522), and creatinine (r=-0.067 and p=0.697). Based upon these findings, hypothesis one (There will be a significant relationship between learning achievement and each of the physiological variables: carbon dioxide, potassium, blood urea nitrogen and creatinine.) must be rejected. The alternate hypothesis of no significant relationship is assumed.

TABLE 4

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Variable	Rank	Correlation Coefficient-r	Significance Level-p
co ₂	1	-0.261	0.125
Anxiety	2	-0.197	0.249
К	3	0.169	0.323
BUN	4	0.110	0.522
Cr	5	-0.067	0.697
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Correlation of Learning Achievement with Study Variables

Analysis of learning achievement and all physiological variables combined using multiple linear regression yielded p=0.31. This finding indicates hypothesis two (There will be a significant relationship between learning achievement and all physical variables combined.) must be rejected. The alternate hypothesis, learning achievement is not significantly related to physiological parameters, is assumed.

The psychological variable, anxiety, and its correlation with learning achievement was r=-0.197 and p=0.249. Results of multiple regression produced the same significance level. These findings indicate that hypothesis three (There will be a significant relationship between learning achievement and level of state-anxiety.) must be rejected. The alternate hypothesis, learning achievement is not significantly related to anxiety, is assumed.

Analysis of learning achievement and all physiological and psychological variables combined using multiple regression yielded p=0.35. On this basis, hypothesis four (There will be a significant relationship between learning achievement and all physiological and psychological factors combined.) must be rejected. The alternate hypothesis, learning achievement is not related to a linear combination of anxiety score and physiological variables, is assumed.

Additional Statistical Findings

Some correlations were found (Table 5). Post-test scores were inversely related to age (r=-0.376 and p=0.024). Education was significantly related to pre-test scores (r=0.469 and p=0.004) and post-test scores (r=0.511 and p=0.002). Experience on dialysis was significantly related to levels of K (r=0.394 and p=0.018), levels of BUN (r=0.375 and p=0.024), levels of Cr (r=0.322 and p=0.055) and learning achievement (r=0.320 and p=0.058). Creatinine levels were significantly related to levels of K (r=0.586 and p=0.0002) and levels of blood urea nitrogen (r=0.586 and p=0.0013). Post-test learning scores were significantly related to pre-test scores (r=0.557 and p=0.004). Learning

achievement was significantly related to pre-test scores (r=-0.743 and p=0.0001.).

TABLE 5

Correlation With Other Variables

Variables	Correlation Coefficient-r	Significance Level-p
Post-test with age	-0.376	0.024
Education with pre- test	0.469	0.004
Education with post- test	0.511	0.002
Experience on dialysis with levels of K	0.394	0.018
Experience on dialysis with levels of BUN	0.375	0.024
Experience on dialysis with levels of Cr	0.322	0.055
Experience on dialysis with learning achie ment	0.320 ve-	0.058
Creatinine with anxiet	y 0.398	0.016
BUN with K	0.586	0.0002
BUN with Cr	0.516	0.0013
Learning achievement with pre-test	0.743	0.0001
Post-test with pre-tes	t 0.557	0.0004

Other findings, listed on Data Summary sheet for Individual Patients in Appendix F, showed one patient having a grossly decreased level of CO₂ (3 mEq/L), K (1.8 mEq/L), a slightly elevated BUN (31 mg/dL), Cr (8.7 mg/dL), an anxiety score of 48, a score of 40 on pre-test and 60 on poast-test (20 point gain). Another patient exhibited CO₂ (8 mEq/L), K (5.3 mEq/L), a greatly elevated BUN (90 mg/dL), Cr (18.8 mg/dL), Anxiety score 47, and pre-test score 15 with post-test score of 95 (80 point gain). Yet another patient exhibited a more nearly normal CO₂ (16 mEq/L), K (2.9 mEq/L), moderately elevated BUN (67 mg/dL), a greatly elevated Dr (17.7 mg/dL), Anxiety score of 68, pre-test score 70, and post-test score 85 (15 point gain).

Data from thirty-six hemodialysis patients were analyzed using descriptive statistics, multiple correlation and linear regression techniques. The relationships between learning achievement and physiological parameters, CO_2 , K, BUN, Cr, and the psychological variable, anxiety, were examined singly and combined. No significant relationships were found at the p<0.05 level. Carbon dioxide and anxiety were identified as the variables nearest to significance in relation to learning achievement. Other variables were identified which showed significance at the p<0.05 level.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

The intent of this study was to evaluate the effect of stress-anxiety on learning achievement. This study was based on the philosophy that understanding, cooperation, and participation of patient and family are vital to compliance with treatment. Preparing patients and family members to actively participate in and accept responsibility for certain aspects of care is an important nursing function.

Relationships between selected homeostatic dysfunctions and learning achievement were studied. One purpose was to identify learning achievement in the presence of changing and usually abnormal levels of CO₂, K, BUN, Cr, and state-anxiety. Another purpose was to study the relationship of learning achievement to all variables singly and combined.

Review of the literature considered principles of stress, anxiety, and learning. Stress factors in End-Stage Renal Disease were identified and related to

cognition. The prevalence of anxiety and its effects upon patients were described. A paucity of literature exists on physiological effects of End-Stage Renal Disease and the learning process. Barriers to learning were cited. Principles of learning were described, and characteristics of efficient educational presentations were presented.

A pre-experimental, one group, pre-test, post-test design was used for this quantitative descriptive study. Blood samples were drawn immediately prior to treatment to determine physiological data. Written consent of participants, demographic data, and A-State results were obtained. A two-component module was utilized to facilitate learning and measure achievement. Data were statistically analyzed using frequency distribution, summary statistics, multiple correlation, and multiple linear regression. Results of statistical treatment of the variables failed to support the hypotheses at the p<0.05 level of significance.

Conclusions

A significant difference in pre-test, post-test scores indicated learning achievement following module viewing. Although various stages of physiological dysfunction and varying levels of anxiety were experienced by the patients, learning occurred.

The relationship of metabolic acidosis (CO₂) to learning achievement came nearest to the p < 0.05 significance level (p=0.13). Present state-anxiety was second in significance among variables studied (p=0.25). These findings suggest that learning will be more effective as these two variables approach the mean or "norm" for hemodialysis patients. Analysis of the physiological and psychological variables individually or in combination failed to meet the selected significance level.

Failure of the data to support the hypotheses suggests that learning, in the presence of illness, is very complex. Other factors, as yet unidentified, probably act in combination with the study variables to influence the process of learning. This conclusion is supported by Kendler (1971) who reported unsuccessful attempts by learning theorists to study learning through relationships of independent environmental variables to dependent behavioral variables. Based upon the findings of the present study, the effect of the variables ultimately depends upon the individual and his holistic functioning. Study of data information for individual patients showed varying physiological and psychological patterns; however, the findings are too inconsistent to make predictions. From the information compiled and analyzed in this study, it is

concluded that numerous recognized and unrecognized variables play a part in the individual's response to disease and capacity to learn.

Implications

The following implications for education of patients with End-Stage Renal Disease were formulated from the results of this study:

 Patients can be taught how to assist in management of their care.

2. The presence of abnormal physiological and psychological factors does not necessarily preclude the patient's ability to learn.

3. Identification of acidosis (CO₂) and recognition of abnormal anxiety levels can be used as indicators of impediments to learning.

4. Teaching programs can be effective during the mid-dialysis treatment phase.

5. Twenty minute teaching segments on a selected concept can produce measurable learning achievement.

6. Multi-media presentations appear to increase sensory perceptions, focus patient's attention, and facilitate learning.

Recommendations

It is recommended that further studies be designed to determine the effects of chronic debilitating illness upon learning. It is further recommended that this study be replicated utilizing these modifications:

 Similar patient sample from another geographic location with limitation of age to the twentieth through the thirtieth year age groups.

2. Patient sample with equal division between male and female subjects to determine if level of anxiety is related to gender.

3. Patient sample with administration of Spielberger's anxiety inventory for both A-State and A-Trait.

4. Patient sample assessed for additional psychological variables, such as locus of control and patterns of coping.

5. Patient sample assessed for effect of presence or absence of family support systems comparing data with results of Spielberger's anxiety inventory for A-State.

Statistically significant information, derived from research dealing with chronically ill patients, increases empirical knowledge necessary for more efficient patient education. Learning achievement may be tested with pencil and paper; however, learning is demonstrated by changes in

behavior over a sustained period of time. Successful treatment of End-Stage Renal Disease is not only the maintenance of life through hemodialysis, but also the quality of life with emphasis on the ability to cope with daily living.

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APPENDIX A

AGENCY PERMISSION

RESEARCH COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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AGENCY PERMISSION FOR CONDUCTING STUDY*

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GRANTS TO	Dorothy Ellen Parker

a student enrolled in a program of nursing leading to a Master's Degree at Texas Woman's University, the privilege of its facilities in order to study the following problem:

The problem of this study will be to determine the

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TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY Ruman Research Committee

Dear Ms. Parker:

Your study entitled <u>Stress-Anxiety Factors in Learning Achievement</u> has been reviewed by a committee of the Raman Research Review Committee and it appears to meet our requirements in regard to protection of the individual's rights.

Please be reminded that both the University and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations require that written consents must be obtained from all human subjects in your studies. These forms must be kept on file by you.

Purthermore, should your project change, another review by the Committee is required, according to Diaw regulations.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Ruman Research Review Committee at Dallas_____

APPENDIX B INFORMED CONSENT FORM STUDY DESCRIPTION TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Consent to Act as a Subject for Research and Investigation:

I have received an oral description of this study, including a fair explanation of the procedures and their purpose, any associated discomforts or risks, and a description of the possible benefits. An offer has been made to me to answer all questions about the study. I understand that my name will not be used in any release of the data and that I am free to withdraw at any time.

Signature

Date

Witness

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Certification by Person Explaining the study:

This is to certify that I have fully informed and explained to the above named person a description of the listed elements of informed consent.

Signature

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STRESS-ANXIETY FACTORS IN LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT

Oral description of study used with consent Form B, Texas Woman's University.

Good morning, ______. I am a registered nurse; my name is ______. I am conducting a study on Stress-Anxiety Factors in Learning Achievement as part of the requirements for a Master of Science Degree from Texas Woman's University. I would like for you to participate in this study.

Subjects for this study must have End-Stage Renal Disease and be currently receiving hemodialysis. In order for you to participate, you must have received a minimum of five dialysis treatments in this dialysis facility. You must be able to read and understand English. You must have completed the ninth grade and be between twenty and sixty years of age. Do you meet each of these requirements?

Participation is voluntary. You will not be embarrassed in any way. Your privacy will not be violated and your tests will have a number rather than your name. There will be no discomfort or risks involved in this study. The results of the study will be used to develop more effective teaching programs for patients.

A self-evaluation questionnaire will be given to you. Following completion of this questionnaire, you will be given a pre-test to determine your present understanding of the external shunt and internal fistula. You will view a module on "Living With Your External Shunt or Internal Fistula." A post-test will be given to measure your learning achievement. Directions will be given to you for each of the activities I have mentioned.

Do you have any questions? If you would like to participate, please fill out the consent form and the demographic data sheet. APPENDIX C

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA SHEET

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY STUDY-STRESS-ANXIETY FACTORS IN LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT

PURPOSE of the research project is to identify learning achieved in the presence of hemeostatic changes in the patient on hemodialysis.

FINDINGS of the study will be used to develop more effective teaching programs for patients.

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA SHEET

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APPENDIX D

SELF-EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

76 SELF-EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Developed by C. D. Spielberger, R. L. Gorsuch and R. Lushene

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DIRECTIONS: A number of statements which people have used to describe themselves are given below. Read each state- ment and then blacken in the appropriate circle to the right of the statement to indicate how you <i>feel</i> right now, that is, at this moment. There are no right or wrong answers. Do not spend too much time on any one statement but give the answer which seems to describe your present feelings best.	NOT AT ALL	ROMEWHAT	MORFACTFLY SO	VERY MUCH NO	
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LIVING WITH YOUR EXTERNAL SHUNT OR INTERNAL FISTULA

PRE-TEST

- DIRECTIONS: Read the question. Circle one answer and move on quickly to the next question. A list of correct answers will be given to you when you finish the last test. You may guess if you do not know the answer.
- Which of the following types of connectors carries blood to and from the body:
 - a. blood line and pump
 - b. shunt and fistula
 - c. artificial kidney and dialysate solution
 - d. artery and vein
- 2. An external shunt is defined as:
 - a. an artificial joining of an artery and vein inside the body.
 - b. a plastic tube outside the body which mixes blood.
 - c. a tube joining an artery and vein outside the body.
 - d. a large single needle used in the groin which connects blood to the artificial kidney when the usual site is not working.
- 3. Which of the following activities is unsafe for a person with a shunt?
 - a. walking
 - b. crocheting
 - c. reading
 - d. hammering nails
- 4. A person who has a shunt should avoid:
 - a. daily cleansing of shunt area
 - b. wearing a bandage over shunt
 - c. getting bandage wet
 - d. routine activities
- 5. The shunt area should be cleansed daily to prevent:

 - a. high blood pressureb. separation of the shunt
 - c. infection caused by dirt and dampnessd. clotting in shunt (cannulae)
- 6. Tight and constricting clothing cause:
 - a. pain in limb with shunt
 - b. reduced body motion
 - c. infection in the shunt
 - d. slowed blood flow and clotting

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- 7. What serious and common problems may a person with a shunt experience?
 - a. dizziness, headache, loss of appetite
 - b. pain, bleeding, nausea
 - c. infection, clotting, hemorrhage
 - d. vomiting, high blood pressure, headache
- 8. Which of the following are signs of infection in the shunt area?
 - a. headache, nausea
 - b. separation of fluids, vomiting
 - c. visible clot, fever
 - d. redness, pain, drainage and pus
- 9. The enswer which is not a sign of clotting in the shunt is:
 - a. visible clot
 - b. separation of fluids
 - c. chills
 - d. dark blue-red color
- 10. Correct action for a disconnected shunt is to:
 - a. call the doctor
 - b. wrap the shunt in a towel

 - c. try to reconnect the tubesd. place a clamp across each end of the tubes
- 11. Choose the statement which is a disadvantage of the shunt:
 - a. may be used as soon as it is in place
 - b. causes more frequent clotting
 - c. produces discomfort from insertion of needlesd. begins treatment with simple procedure
- 12. An internal fistula is:
 - a. an artificial joining of an artery to a vein inside the body.
 - b. a plastic tube outside the body used to mix blood with dialysate fluid.
 - c. a tube which joins a vein and artery outside the body.
 - a large single needle used in the groin for connecting blood to the artificial kidney.
- 13. A person who has a fistula should avoid:
 - a. bathing daily
 - b. hitting or throwing objects
 - c. feeling fistula for buzzing twice daily
 - d. sleeping or resting on the fistula arm

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- 14. Which of the following is most dangerous to a person with a fistula?
 - a. being stung by a bee
 - b. injuring arm or leg with fistula
 - c. daily exercise
 - d. gaining weight
- 15. Choose the action which is incorrect for care and protection of your fistula.
 - a. keep fistula area clean
 - b. report signs of infection to Doctor or Dialysis Center

 - c. check fistula for buzzing twice daily
 d. have blood pressure taken in fistula arm
- 16. Choose the correct action for care and protection of the fistula.
 - a. report to Doctor or Dialysis Center bleeding or drainage from
 - fistula
 - b. allow blood to be drawn from fistula arm
 - c. wear tight fitting clothing d. expose fistula limb to extreme heat or cold
- 17. The two most serious problems affecting a person who has a fistula are:
 - a. pain and weakness
 - b. nausea and vomiting

 - c. infection and clottingd. loss of appetite and sleeplessness
- 18. Choose the answer which is not a sign of infection around the fistula.
 - a. redness
 - b. dark blue color
 - c. swelling
 - d. fever
- 19. A sign of clotting in the fistula is:
 - a. absence of buzzing or pulsation
 - b. muscle cramps
 - c. headache
 - d. weight loss
- 20. An advantage of the fistula is that the fistula:
 - a. uses needles for dialysis treatment
 - b. does not require special care between treatments
 - c. may be used as soon as it is in place
 - d. reduces dialysis time

PATIENT EDUCATION MODULE

LIVING WITH YOUR EXTERNAL SHUNT OR INTERNAL FISTULA

OBJECTIVES

FOLLOWING THE VIEWING OF THE MODULE, THE LEARNER WILL BE ABLE TO:

- 1. Recall two means of connecting blood from your body to artificial kidney during dialysis.
- 2. Select the appropriate definition for an external shunt.
- 3. Choose appropriate activities for care and protection of a shunt.
- 4. Recall three most common and serious problems facing a person with a shunt.
 - 5. Identify the signs of infection in the shunt area.
- 6. Identify the signs of clotting in the shunt.
- 7. Recall correct emergency treatment for a disconnected shunt.
- 8. Recall advantages and disadvantages of the shunt.
- 9. Select the appropriate definition for an internal fistula.
- 10. Choose appropriate activities for care and protection of a fistula.
- 11. Recall the two most important problems experienced by a person with a fistula.
- 12. Identify the signs of infection at the fistula site.
- 13. Identify signs of clotting in the fistula.
- 14. Recognize the advantages and disadvantages of the fistula.

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it to your body. After dialy-<u>ioining which remains in your</u> arm or leg at all times. artificial kidney and returns nula, or tube, in your artery artificial kidney. The other cannula in your vein receives During hemodialysis, the canis attached to another tube the purified blood from the sis, cannulas are joined to form a shunt, an artificial which carries blood to the shows dialysis apparatus. dialysis treatment; Male adult during 6 These small tubes are called placed into a nearby vein in The other cannula or tube is into an artery in your forearm or just above the ankle. tube, is surgically placed carry blood from an artery directly to a nearby vein. cannulas. One cannula, or two special tubes which the same arm or ankle. An external shunt has **External Shunt** Graphic. 8 Drawing, picture, or descriptio of scene-with action of movemen noted. Dialysis access outside about the external Let's talk first External Shunt. Graphic. 5 shunt. body. NARRATION SCENE # REMARKS TITLE



the shunt to protect it from accidental discon-A bandage is worn over nection, injury or Bandaged shunt. infection. # 15 Feeling for pulsation shunt is working cor-Pulsation or buzzing is present when the IIILE Living With Your External Shunt or Internal Fistula shunt arm. rectly. 14 -Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted. Shunt arm showing joining Cannulae are joined between treatments. by a connector of cannulae. MARRATION SCENE # 13 REMARKS

Signs of infection around cannula entry site. 1. Redness around the cannula entry site Graphic listing signs Drainage from the of infection - shunt. the shunt are: Swelling 2. Pain # 18 . е 4. Completed protective wrap. with tape will protect the transparent wrap, sealed TITLE Living With Your External Shunt or Internal Fistula A plastic sack or shunt. 17 * ł I l Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted. dressing before bathing or Waterproof plastic should Application of waterproof be applied over the shunt covering over bandage. showering. 16 NARRATION SCENE # REMARKS

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CENE #	± 	#
Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movemen- noted.		
Physician talking with	Physician taking blood	Girl wearing dress with
patient.	pressure in arm without	tight arm cuff.
	shunt.	
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NARRATION	_	

Your doctor should be	Blood pressure should	You should not wear tight
contacted if any signs	not be taken in the arm	clothing or clothing with
of infection appear.	with the shunt, since this	tight fitting arm or leg
	may decrease circulation	bands. Extremes of heat
	and cause a blood clot	or cold may cause spasms
	to form in the shunt.	of the veins which may
		produce clotting in the
		shunt.
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flowing through the shunt several times a day. The color should be rose-red. indicates that a clot may Check the color of blood A dark bluish-red color Exposed shunt arm; inspect for color. have formed. 24 ł # 1 weight will not slow the You must learn to rest or sleep so that body Proper position for IIILE Living With Your External Shunt or Internal Fistula normal blood flow. sleeping. 23 -I ł Urawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted. wrist or ankle or sleeping area causes pressure and or resting on the shunt slows the blood flow. Prolonged bending of Girl sleeping on shunt arm. SCENE # 22 NARRAT ION REMARKS

In the event of separation, tubing to stop the blood place a clamp on the end of each cannula. The clamp must be placed perpendicular to the Clamps in place on separated shunt. flow. # 27 1 if the shunt is accidently special hemastatic clamp. Two light-weight clamps be used in an emergency bandage where they can times. They should be should be worn at all clipped to the shunt Shunt bandage with separated. 26 Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted. Shunt segment showing clot. fluids. If this happens, the clot or notice that the blood has separated You may be able to see contact your doctor or the dialysis center at into dark and clear 25 NARRATION once. SCENE # REMARKS

TITLE Living With Your External Shunt or Internal Fistula

advantages of the shunt. Summary of the shunt. advantages and dis-Let's compare the Graphic. <u>ال</u> infection, clotting, and accidental separation of The most common problems you may experience are Most common problems. the shunt. Graphic. 29 Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted. arm or leg with the shunt. You should avoid puncture Injection being given in into the muscles of the of veins or injections arm without shunt. 28 NARRATION SCENE # REMARKS

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 ,	Graphic.	ß		You should:	Limit movement of arm to	mild routine activities.	Wear a bandage to protect	shunt.	Keep the bandage dry.					
unt or Internal Fistula # <u>32</u>	Graphic.	Disadvantages.		 Daily cleansing and re- 	dressing are necessary.	2. There is a greater pos-	sibility of infection.	3. More frequent clotting.	4. Possibility of separation	of cannula and hemorrhage	5. Limited movement of	cannulated limb.	Now, let's review what we	have said about the shunt.
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leg to extremes of heat or stricting clothing on arms Exposing cannulated arm or for a prolonged period Flexing of arm or leg Wearing tight or con-Do Not (Continued). Graphic. or leys. of time. cold. # 39 Having blood pressure taken Shaking, throwing, or Getting bandage wet. TITLE Living With Your External Shunt or Internal Fistula You should avoid: hitting objects. in shunt area. Graphic. Do Not. 86 -Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted. Check shunt for signs of Separation of fluids. Dark blue-red color Do (Continued). Visible clot. clotting: 37 Graphic. NARRATION SCENE # REMARKS

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wing, picture, or description scene-with action of movemen. ed.		
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lleeping or resting posi-	The second common method	An internal fistula is an
ions which reduce blood	of access or entry for	artificial connection
low to cannulated limb.	hemodialysis is the	joining an artery and a
aving puncture of veins or	internal fistula.	vein under the skin. A
.njections into muscles of		minor surgical procedure
he cannulated limb.		allows arterial and veinous
		blood to mix.

by the dialysis needle. separating; and, movement of the limb is not restricted. fistula is that it does not the fistula to become large It takes several weeks for There is no danger of the fistula becoming loose or require special care be-Arm and hand showing One advantage of the tween treatments. working fistula. 45 # facts you should know about Facts about your fistula. Nere are some important Graphic. fistula: 44 Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted. enlarged vein is easier to Increased blood flow under Arm showing enlarged vein high pressure causes the locate and allows less vein to enlarge. An painful insertion of with needle marks. dialysis needles. 43 **NARRATION** SCENE # REMARKS

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Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movemen: noted.		
Graphic.	Graphic.	Graphic.
Signs of infection.	Signs of clotting.	Summary of the fistula.
ARRATION	Clotting is another problem which may occur in the	
Infection of the fistula	fistula. Signs of clotting are:	Let's compare the
site is a problem which may	 The disappearance of vein pulsation or buzzing which 	advantages and disadvantage
occur. Signs of infection	can be felt with the fingers over the fistula	of the fistula.
are:	site. 2. The disappearance of	
1 Redness of skin over	sound produced by move- ment of blood,	
fistula	3. Pain 4. Swelling	
2. Pain	If signs of clotting or in-	
	faction and present contact	
3. Swelling	rection are present, contact	
 Swelling Drainage from needle site. 	your doctor or the dialysis	


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TITLE Living With Your External Scene #	Shunt or Internal Fistula	
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Drawing, picture, or description of scene-with action of movement noted.		
Graphic.	Graphic.	Arm with shunt.
Do Not.	Do Not (Continued).	
MARRATION		
Avoid:	Flexing fistula arm or	In the event that the
Injuring arm or leg	leg if located near a	internal fistula fails
which has fistula.	joint.	to function properly,
Having blood pressure	Sleeping or resting posi-	an external shunt may
taken in fistula arm.	tions which cause pres-	be used for dialysis
Wearing bands or tight	sure on fistula.	temporarily or until
constricting clothing on		the new fistula is ready
fistula arm or leg.		for use.
REMARKS		





LEARNING MODULE

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POST-TEST

- DIRECTIONS: Read the question. Circle one answer and move on quickly to the next question. A list of correct answers will be given to you when you finish the last test. You may guess if you do not know the answer.
- 1. Two means of connecting blood from your body to the artificial kidney during dialysis are:

 - a. artery and veinb. blood line and pump

 - c. shunt and fistulad. needles and dialysate solution
- 2. An external shunt is best described as:
 - a. two tubes (cannulae) placed in an artery and vein.
 - b. an artificial connection of an artery and a vein which causes enlargement of the vein.
 - c. a new method of dialysis treatment using an improved artificial kidney.
 - d. an outside passage which allows blood to mix with dialysate fluid.
- 5. A person who has a shunt should avoid:
 - a. throwing or hitting objects
 - b. mild activity

 - c. bathingd. wearing a bandage
- 4. The shunt bandage is protected from getting wet by:
 - a. not bathing
 - b. taping plastic wrap over bandage when bathing
 - c. taking a shower
 - d. covering it with a wash cloth
- 5. Daily cleansing and redressing of the shunt prevents:
 - a. high blood pressure
 - b. infection caused by dirt and dampness
 - c. clotting in the shunt (cannulae)
 d. separation of the shunt
- 6. Tight and constricting clothing should not be worn because:
 - a. blood flow is slowed and clots may form
 - b. body motion is reduced

 - c. pain may be caused
 d. loose clothing is in style
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- 7. Three most serious and common problems facing a person with a shunt are:
 - a. pain, bleeding, nausea
 - b. vomiting high blood pressure, headache
 c. dizziness, headache, loss of appetitc
 d. infection, clotting, hemorrhage
- 8. Signs of infection in the shunt area are:
 - a. separation of fluids, pain

 - b. redness, painc. visible clot, fever
 - d. nausea, headache
- 9. Choose the answer which is not a sign of clotting in the shunt.
 - a. chills, feverb. visible clot

 - c. separation of fluids d. dark blue-red color
- 10. Emergency action for a disconnected shunt is:
 - a. call the Doctor
 - b. place a clamp across each end of the tubes
 c. wrap the shunt in a towel
 d. try to reconnect the tubes
- 11. An advantage of the shunt is:
 - a. separation of the shunt is impossible
 - b. daily cleansing and redressing is unnecessary
 - c. no discomfort is caused by needle puncture
 - d. movement is unlimited in cannulated limb
- 12. An internal fistula is best described as:
 - a. two tubes (cannulae) placed in an artery and vein, which allow blood to flow from your body to the artificial kidney and back
 - b. an artificial connection of an artery and a vein which causes enlargement of the vein allowing entry of needles for dialysis.
 - c. a new method of dialysis treatment using an improved artificial kidney.
 - an outside passage which allows blood to mix with dialysate fluid.

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- 13. When you have a fistula you should avoid:
 - a. flexing of limb if fistula is near a joint
 - b. checking fistula for buzzing twice daily
 - c. washing fistula site with soapd. looking for signs of infection
- 14. One of the most dangerous problems for a person who has a fistula is:
 - a. insect bites
 - b. loss of appetite and nausea
 - c. a blow or cut on the fistula arm or leg
 - d. gaining weight
- 15. Choose the incorrect action for care of fistula:
 - a. wash the fistula arm or leg wehnever it becomes sweaty or dirty b. wait to report soreness or tingling around fistula until you
 - see the Doctor
 - c. use fistula arm or leg as you would normally
 - d. assume that the fistula is working when vibration or
 - buzzing is present
- 16. Choose the correct action for care and protection of the fistula:
 - a. wear bands and tight clothing

 - b. keep fistula area cleanc. allow fistula area to become chilled
 - d. allow injections to be given in fistula limb
- 17. The two most important problems which affect a person who has a fistula are:
 - a. infection and clotting
 - b. sleeplessness and weakness
 - nausea and vomiting c.
 - d. loss of appetite and pain
- 18. Which of the following is not a sign of infection at the fistula site?
 - a. loss of buzzing
 - b. drainage of fluid
 - c. pain d. redne
 - redness
- 19. Which of the following are not signs of clotting of the fistula?
 - a. swelling and heat
 - b. pain and discomfort
 - c. redness and absence of buzzing d. muscle aches and fever
- 20. A disadvantage of the fistula is that the fistula:
 - a. may come loose and cause hemorrhage
 - b. will cause limited arm or leg motion
 - c. requires the use of needles for each treatmentd. may clot frequently

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Answers for Pre-Test

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Answers for Post-Test

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