

## **Delivering Safe Pediatric CRRT: Development of a Multidisciplinary Program**

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Pediatric CRRT is an invasive therapy that requires a team approach to ensure its safe delivery. It is imperative that all members of that team receive CRRT specific education, clinical support, and inclusion in decision making. As our program at CMH grew to an average of 35-45 patients/year receiving CRRT, our methods of ensuring patient safety and quality control also had to grow and develop. In this session, I will present the stages of our program development and the multidisciplinary approach that we took. I will discuss the successful balance that was obtained between the different physician specialties, nursing specialties, pharmacists, supply vendors, and hospital administrators in order to safely manage these patients. I will introduce the data collection tools that we developed to continuously assess our program and implement change, and I will present our team of CRRT Specialists that was developed with the sole purposed of providing 24 hour support to each patient receiving CRRT. This session is critical to any Nephrologist, Intensivist, or Nurse that is developing a CRRT program, or that may already have a program that needs a stronger multidisciplinary approach to ensure its safe delivery.

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