

BOX 13-9 Indications for Hemodialysis

Serum potassium > 5.5 mEq/liter

Blood urea nitrogen > 80-90 mg/dL

Persistent metabolic acidosis

Acute fluid overload

Uremic symptoms (pericarditis, encephalopathy, anorexia)

Removal of toxins

Platelet dysfunction causing bleeding

Hyperphosphatemia with hypercalcemia

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