

A kidney treatment lifeline

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Keely Nelson, OSF HealthCare critical care nurse manager

“It’s a very slow filtration of the kidneys while they’re in this acute state. Their body may not be able to compensate for that shifting or removal of the toxins and fluids.” (:13)

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April Collins, OSF HealthCare intensive care unit charge nurse

“It’s supposed to act most like what your kidneys are doing all day, every day. Compared to [normal dialysis] three times a week with an aggressive pull of toxins.” (:11)

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Leah Hawk, OSF HealthCare critical care educator

“We run it 24/7, generally five to seven days at a time.” (:05)

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“[CRRT] is extremely critical. During COVID, the patients were so incredibly sick and could not handle aggressive dialysis in the hospital. If we were able to provide [CRRT] during COVID, that would have helped a lot of patients to slowly remove those fluids while providers are hydrating them and giving them medications.” (:27)