



Blood and dialysate composition

Blood: dark red, viscous slightly alkaline suspension (pH 7.4) of cells – erithrocytes, leukocytes, thrombocytes suspended in plasma.

Plasma: water (90%), proteins (9%) and inorganic salts, ions, nitrogens, nutrients and gases (1%)



Dialysate: reverse osmosis water, dextrose and different electrolytes like calcium-, potassium-, magnesium-, sodium chloride and sodium acetate or bicarbonate

Physical and microbiological characteristics of dialysate are also importaint



Driving forces of mass transfer

$$J = -D_{s} \cdot A \cdot \frac{\Delta C}{\Delta x}$$

J the net solute flux (mol/s), DS the solute diffusivity (m²/s) being a unique property of the solute-solvent at a specific temperature, A the area of diffusion (m²) and $\Delta C/\Delta x$ the concentration difference (mol/m³) over the membrane thickness (m)

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{P}$$

Ju the volumetric flux (m³/s), hm the hydraulic permeability (m/s/Pa), A the area of ultrafiltration (m²), and ΔP the pressure difference (Pa)

$$\Delta \pi = \sigma \cdot R \cdot T \cdot \Delta C$$

 σ the reflection coefficient of the membrane (-), R the universal gas constant (8.314J/mol/K), T the absolute temperature (K) and ΔC the concentration difference (mol/L)



















Modern hemodialyzers

- Permit complete manipulation of the dialysate composition, temperature, flows and pressures to improve problems of metabolic acidosis and electrolyte balance
- Most dialyzers today resemble ones that were 30 years ago but there are a number of changes...

















