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I had a recent day where I was the only CRRT nurse on the unit who could be in my patient's room for infection reasons (the only other one was pregnant and admitting a fresh open heart). My only break was for 20 min while another nurse watched for me who had done CRRT at her previous job over a year ago, and felt fine "as long as the machine won't need anything." I gave blood products, held pressure to bleeding wounds, hung meds, and cried over not having enough help on the unit to turn him and clean up his blood soaked sheets. I had to stay 30 min late to chart the bare minimum. I sat 20 min total during the busiest 13 hour shift our my career.