PUT TOGETHER THE PIECES TO PREVENT INFECTIONS IN DIALYSIS PATIENTS

Engage Patients
Discuss important infection prevention practices like hand hygiene with your patients and their caregivers.

Reduce Catheters
Identify and address barriers to fistula/graft placement and catheter removal.

Perform Hand Hygiene and Change Gloves
Know when it is necessary to perform hand hygiene and change your gloves; put this knowledge into practice.

Catheter Care, Scrub the Hubs
Scrub the catheter hubs and allow them to air dry. Use chlorhexidine with alcohol at the catheter exit site and apply an antimicrobial ointment.

Vaccinate Dialysis Staff and Patients
Make sure staff and patients are up-to-date for influenza and hepatitis B vaccinations and patients have received pneumococcal vaccination.

Disinfect the Dialysis Station
Ensure the station is empty before disinfecting. Visibly wet all surfaces with disinfectant.

Track Infections
Know your facility’s rates for important infections like access site and bloodstream infections.

Follow Safe Injection Practices
Never reuse needles or syringes or administer medications from a single-dose vial or IV bag to multiple patients. Use single-dose vials whenever possible and dispose of them immediately after use.

Use Aseptic Technique
Take care to not contaminate the access, bloodlines or hemodialysis circuit. Scrub injection ports prior to use.

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