

Audit Tool: Basic components of catheter care observations

Facility name _____ Date _____ Start time ____ AM / PM (circle)

Dialysis Schedule: MWF TTS Shift: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Section of unit _____ Number of patients in section _____

Observer name _____ Location of observer within unit _____

Catheter care observations:

(Use a “√” if action performed correctly, a “Φ” if not performed. If not observed leave blank)

Discipline	Hand hygiene	Gloves before	Mask worn properly (if required)	Catheter exit site cleansed appropriately	Skin antiseptic allowed to dry	No contact with exit site (after antiseptis)	Antimicrobial ointment applied	Sterile dressing applied	Gloves removed	Hand hygiene performed	Comments

Discipline: P=physician, N=nurse, T=technician, S=student, D=dietician, W=social worker, O=other

Duration of observation period: _____ minutes

Total number of procedures observed during audit: _____

Audit Tool: Basic components of catheter accessing/disengagement observations

(Use a “√” if action performed correctly, a “Φ” if not performed. Order may vary depending on procedure observed)

Procedure observed: (accessing catheter or disengaging catheter)	Hand hygiene before	Gloves before	Mask worn properly (if required)	Catheter hub cleansed (before connecting if accessing, after disconnecting if disengagement)	Hub disinfectant allowed to dry (before connecting if accessing, after disconnecting if disengagement)	Catheter connected to/removed from blood lines aseptically	Hub caps replaced aseptically (only for disengaging)	Gloves removed	Hand hygiene performed	Comments

Duration of observation period: _____ minutes

Total number of patients observed during audit: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / OBSERVATIONS: