PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This activity is designed to teach healthcare personnel how to collect and report dialysis event infection data to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), analyze dialysis facility’s incidence of infections, and use the data to improve performance and enhance patient safety.

OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of the session, the participant will be able to:

- Describe the scope of the problem of infections among hemodialysis patients.
- Define key terms, Dialysis Event definitions and protocols used in data collection and reporting Dialysis Events.
- Describe how to collect event data using Dialysis Event form.
- Explain how Dialysis event rates are calculated and reported to promote performance improvement.

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Participants can access the NHSN website at www.cdc.gov/nhsn. Under the training component of the website, the participants will have access to the links and protocols needed to participate in training.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Healthcare personnel involved in infection prevention and control

PREREQUISITES:
Participants should have some clinical background. The participants should also be familiar with the content of the National Safety Healthcare Network (NHSN) Manual: Dialysis Event Component protocol document available on the NHSN website.

FORMAT:
Web-based program

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