



# 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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