

Audit Tool: Hemodialysis hand hygiene observations

(Use a “√” for each ‘hand hygiene opportunity’ observed. Under ‘opportunity successful’, use a “√” if successful, and leave blank if not successful)

Discipline	Hand hygiene		Describe any missed attempts (e.g., during medication prep, between patients, after contamination with blood, etc.):
	Hand hygiene opportunity	Opportunity successful	

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

Duration of observation period = _____ minutes Number of successful hand hygiene opportunities observed = _____

Total number of patients observed during audit = _____ Total number of hand hygiene opportunities observed during audit = _____

** See hand hygiene opportunities on back page



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Guide to Hand Hygiene Opportunities in Hemodialysis

Hand hygiene opportunity category	Specific examples
1. Prior to touching a patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to entering station to provide care to patient • Prior to contact with vascular access site • Prior to adjusting or removing cannulation needles
2. Prior to aseptic procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to cannulation or accessing catheter • Prior to performing catheter site care • Prior to parenteral medication preparation • Prior to administering IV medications or infusions
3. After body fluid exposure risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After exposure to any blood or body fluids • After contact with other contaminated fluids (e.g., spent dialysate) • After handling used dialyzers, blood tubing, or prime buckets • After performing wound care or dressing changes
4. After touching a patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When leaving station after performing patient care • After removing gloves
5. After touching patient surroundings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After touching dialysis machine • After touching other items within dialysis station • After using chairside computers for charting • When leaving station • After removing gloves

Please make note of the following during this session.

	Yes	No	Comments
There is a sufficient supply of alcohol-based hand sanitizer			
There is a sufficient supply of soap at handwashing stations			
There is a sufficient supply of paper towels at handwashing stations			
There is visible and easy access to hand washing sinks or hand sanitizer			



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