

Guide to Hand Hygiene Opportunities in Hemodialysis

| Hand hygiene opportunity category | Specific examples |
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| 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. | | | |
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| | 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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