



## Nursing Service Guideline Hemodialysis

**Title:**                   **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WHILE CARING FOR  
THE HEMODIALYSIS PATIENT**

**Responsibility:**    Hemodialysis RN or any staff manipulating the hemodialysis circuit

**Purpose:**                To protect staff from the transmission of disease while caring for a  
Hemodialysis patient

**Equipment:**        Disposable Gloves  
  
Disposable Gown  
  
Face shield

**Procedure:**

1. Gloves
  - a. Hands must be cleansed before putting on gloves and after taking them off.
  - b. New gloves must be worn each time staff are touching possibly contaminated items or anytime a circuits are being hooked up, disconnected, or if the circuit is being accessed.
2. Gowns
  - a. White impermeable gowns will be worn when hooking up or disconnecting the circuit, as well as when accessing the circuit and cleaning the space after the patient leaves.
  - b. The gown must remain fully snapped in the front while being worn.
  - c. The gown will be discarded and a new gown will be worn for each turn.
  - d. If at any time the gown becomes contaminated or soiled, it must be thrown out.
3. Face shields
  - a. A face shield only needs to be worn when connecting a circuit, accessing the circuit, and disconnecting the circuit.
  - b. Staff will have dedicated face shield frames.
  - c. They will be stored separately in a clean manner.
  - d. The face shield with cushion must be unhooked from the frame and disposed of after every use.
  - e. The frame will be disinfected with a PDI Purple top Sani wipe or an alcohol wipe after each patient turn or when contaminated or visibly soiled.
  - f. If the face shield becomes contaminated or visibly soiled during use, it must be disposed of immediately and replaced.

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