

NURSING SERVICE GUIDELINES HEMODIALYSIS

Guideline: Personal Protective Equipment while Caring for the Hemodialysis Patient



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Responsibility: Hemodialysis Registered Nurse or any staff manipulating the hemodialysis circuit

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Purpose of Guidelines: To protect staff from the transmission of disease while caring for a hemodialysis patient

Equipment:

Disposable gloves
Disposable gown
Face shield

Procedure:

- (A) Gloves.
 - (1) Hands must be cleansed before putting on gloves and after taking them off.
 - (2) New gloves must be worn each time staff are touching possibly contaminated items, or anytime circuits are being hooked up, disconnected, or if the circuit is being accessed.
- (B) Gowns
 - (1) 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.
 - (2) The gown must remain fully snapped in the front while being worn.

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- (3) The gown will be discarded, and a new gown will be worn for each turn.
- (4) If at any time the gown becomes contaminated or soiled, it must be thrown out.

(C) Face shields.

- (1) Disposable face shield needs to be worn when connecting a circuit, accessing the circuit, and disconnecting the circuit.
- (2) Disposable face shield will be changed every day and when visibly soiled.

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