

## 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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