



Nursing Service Guidelines 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 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. Disposable face shield needs to be worn when connecting a circuit, accessing the circuit, and disconnecting the circuit.
 - b. Disposable face shield will be changed every day and when visibly soiled.

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