TITLE: Personal Protective Equipment While Caring for a 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

Disposal 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 circuit is 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 Saniwipe 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.