



# PROVINCIAL STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

## Cleaning & Disinfecting Hemodialysis Machines & Stations

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This BCPRA guideline/resource was developed to support equitable, best practice care for patients with chronic kidney disease living in BC. The guideline/resource promotes standardized practices and is intended to assist renal programs in providing care that is reflected in quality patient outcome measurements. Based on the best information available at the time of publication, this guideline/resource relies on evidence and avoids opinion-based statements where possible; refer to [www.bcrenalagency.ca](http://www.bcrenalagency.ca) for the most recent version.

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## 1.0 Scope

This guideline provides a standardized procedure for cleaning and disinfecting hemodialysis (HD): (a) machines; and (b) stations (routine cleaning & disinfection only).

The guideline applies to the provision of hemodialysis (HD) and hemodiafiltration (HDF) in:

- In-centre HD units (both adult and pediatric units).
- Community dialysis units (CDUs).

## 2.0 Definitions

Rinse:	Flushing the internal hydraulics of the dialysis machine with water that meets CSA dialysis standards.
Descalant:	Removal of calcification / precipitate from within the internal hydraulics of the dialysis machine. i.e., citric acid or acetic acid-based product or removal of calcification.
Heat Disinfection:	Destruction of pathogenic and other kinds of microorganisms by thermal means. NOTE: Disinfection is a less lethal process than sterilization. It destroys most recognized pathogenic microorganisms but does not necessarily destroy all microbial forms.
Chemical Disinfection:	Destruction of pathogenic and other kinds of microorganisms by chemical means. Chemicals can include: sodium hypochlorite (bleach), sodium carbonate, peracetic acid / hydrogen peroxide blend (i.e., Minncare, Dialox).
Descalant with Heat Disinfection:	Combination of descalant and heat disinfection.
Machine Types:	Artis = Baxter Gambro Artis Phoenix = Baxter Gambro Phoenix B. Braun = Dialog+ Bellco = Formula 2000 Fresenius = Fresenius 5008 Cordiax

## 3.0 Recommendations

### Recommendation #1:

Each HD unit develops a process to identify, update and document the frequency of machine disinfection required for a specific patient based on the frequency tables in recommendation #2.

Suggested mechanisms to identify the frequency of machine disinfection include:

- Nephrologist/Nurse Practitioner writes an order in the patient record; or
- Nephrologist/Nurse Practitioner provides education to the HD RNs/renal techs. HD RNs/renal techs identify the frequency.

Suggested location for documentation of Hepatitis B status and frequency of disinfection: HD log (“run” sheet).

### Recommendation #2:

Disinfect internal pathways, the external surface of the HD machine and peripheral equipment and accessories as per Tables 1, 2 and 3.

Standards on Tables 1, 2 and 3 are consistent with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards with one exception noted in the footnote.

**Table 1: Disinfection of Hemodialysis/HDF Machines & Peripheral Equipment & Accessories<sup>1</sup>**

Recommendation	Internal Pathways <sup>2</sup>		Blood Tubing Transducer Protectors	External Surface of HD Machine	Peripheral Equipment & Accessories
	HD, no on-line priming or substitution fluid	HD with on-line priming or HDF substitution fluid			
Hep B: Refer to Table 2  Hep B status unknown	Disinfect after each patient (even if two consecutive runs of Hep B+ patients).	Disinfect after each patient.  If using on-line priming or using machine for HDF, machine must be disinfected before each use (i.e., if machine used on previous patient for conventional HD, machine must be disinfected before using on-line priming or using for HDF). If not possible, do not use on-line priming (i.e., use saline) or for HDF.	If blood tubing transducer protector(s) comes in contact with a patient's blood, remove HD machine from clinical care after treatment is completed for biomedical inspection & disinfect machine PRN.	Disinfect after each patient & before machine is moved from a patient area to another location.  Refer to recommendation #2 for a description of routine disinfection of the dialysis station.	If single-use, discard.  If can't discard, dedicate to single patient where possible (e.g., tape, tourniquet).  Disinfect peripheral equipment used with HD machine (e.g., wands, BP cuff) after each patient.
All other patients	Disinfect at end of day; <sup>3</sup> -AND- Disinfect after patient if blood leak occurs outside the blood pathway (i.e., membrane is compromised & blood enters the dialysate pathway).  If blood was detected in the dialysate effluent, perform a heat or bleach disinfection.	As per above.  If not using on-line priming or using for HDF, disinfect as per instructions in column to the left ("HD, no on-line priming or substitution fluid").	As per above.	As per above.	As per above.

<sup>1</sup>The type of disinfection selected (heat, chemical or heat/descalant combination) will depend on the type of machine and the manufacturer's recommendations for disinfection.

<sup>2</sup>Refer to Table 3 for specifics.

<sup>3</sup>CSA Standards (CSA Z364.2.1-13, 2013) states "the internal path of the HD machine shall be disinfected between each patient use." The rationale deviating from this is:

- Disinfecting at the end of the day (vs after each patient) is standard practice for conventional HD in BC and across Canada. There is no known evidence to suggest an increased risk of infection as a result not disinfecting between every patient.
- It may not be feasible in some units to disinfect after every patient (lengthens the time between treatments and could mean fewer treatments per day).

**Table 2: Hepatitis B Status & Disinfection of Hemodialysis/HDF Machines**

HEPATITIS B STATUS			DISINFECTION RECOMMENDATION
HBsAg	Negative	Susceptible	Routine (as per “all other patients” on Table 1)
Anti-HBc	Negative		
Anti-HBs	Negative		
HBsAg	Negative	Immune due to natural infection	Routine (as per “all other patients” on Table 1)
Anti-HBc	Positive		
Anti-HBs	Positive		
HBsAg	Negative	Immune due to hepatitis B vaccination	Routine (as per “all other patients” on Table 1)
Anti-HBc	Negative		
Anti-HBs	Positive		
HBsAg	Positive	Acutely infected	Disinfect after each patient
Anti-HBc	Positive		
IgM anti-HBc	Positive		
Anti-HBs	Negative		
HBsAg	Positive	Chronically infected	Disinfect after each patient
Anti-HBc	Positive		
IgM anti-HBc	Negative		
Anti-HBs	Negative		
HBsAg	Negative	Interpretation unclear: 4 possibilities: 1. Resolved infection (most common) 2. False-positive-anti-HBc, thus susceptible 3. “Low level” chronic infection 4. Resolving acute infection	Disinfect after each patient if: • HBV status unknown • Confirmed HBV+ • Anti-HBS <10 IU/L
Anti-HBc	Positive		
Anti-HBs	Negative		

Source: Columns under “Hepatitis B status”: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/pdfs/serologicchartv8.pdf>.

**Table 3: Specifics re: Disinfection of the Internal Pathways**

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION
Max time between disinfection and use	24 hours
Max storage time between disinfections, regardless of use	<p>48 hours</p> <p>Unless contraindicated by the machine manufacturer, place a low grade disinfectant into the machine if it is expected to sit for more than 48 hours.</p> <p>If a machine has sat for more than 48 hours without a low grade disinfectant in it, perform 2 consecutive disinfections prior to patient use.</p> <p>If a machine has sat for more than 7 days (regardless of whether it has had a low grade disinfectant in it), follow machine manufacturer's recommendation for long-term storage. Before patient use, refer to Tables 1 &amp; 2 for disinfection requirements if machine used for on-line priming or HDF.</p>
Max frequency for bleach or clean cart A disinfection	<p>B. Braun: Do not use bleach</p> <p>Artis: One clean cart A disinfection per week</p> <p>Fresenius: Use bleach a maximum of once/week</p> <p>All other machines: Refer to manufacturer's recommendations</p>
Min frequency for bleach or clean cart A disinfection	<p>B. Braun: Do not use bleach</p> <p>All other machines: once/week</p>
Descaling frequency	<p>Artis: Daily</p> <p>Phoenix: After every treatment</p> <p>B. Braun: Daily</p> <p>Bellco: Minimum twice/week; recommend every other day</p> <p>Fresenius: 6 times/wk</p>
Residual check post bleach disinfection	If use bleach, do residual check post-bleach disinfection (Artis and B. Braun do not use bleach)
Residual check post citric disinfection	Not required <sup>4</sup>
Incoming hoses	If possible, conduct integrated heat disinfectant of the incoming water hose weekly or monthly chemical disinfection of the hoses.

<sup>4</sup> Bellco is the only manufacturer that recommends a residual check post citric disinfection. The rationale for deviating from this is after doing this testing for 8 years in Island Health, there has never been an incident of residual in the machine post-citric disinfection. Given the very low risk, it was agreed that such checks are not necessary.

### Recommendation #3:

Utilize a standardized process for routine disinfection of the dialysis station, including the exterior surface of the dialysis machine. Refer to Appendix 1 for a checklist of the important steps in Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection.

#### Disinfectants:

- All disinfectants must have a DIN number from Health Canada and be mixed according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Use of a low level disinfectant is adequate for cleaning the external surface of HD machines.

#### Selection of disinfectant:

- Each manufacturer provides a list of disinfectants tested and validated for use on specific HD machines (refer to Table 4). Disinfectants not on this list have not been tested.
- HD units may also request approval from the manufacturer to utilize a specific disinfectant on a specific machine.
- If a disinfectant is used that has not been approved by the manufacturer, it could damage the machine and the warranty (if the machine is under warranty) may no longer apply.

**Table 4: Disinfectants Tested & Approved by the Manufacturer**  
(list only includes disinfectants registered in Canada)

MACHINE	MANUFACTURER-APPROVED DISINFECTANTS		DO NOT USE PRODUCTS
	MACHINE	SCREEN	
Artis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethanol 60% or 70%</li> <li>• Isopropanol 60%</li> <li>• Sodium hypochlorite 1.5%, except on touch screen, art &amp; ven pumps, air detector, blood sensor, hemoscanner sensor, arterial &amp; venous line clamps and automatic pinch valves.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethanol 60% or 70%</li> <li>• Isopropanol 60%</li> </ul>	Products containing benzene, toluene, xylene, acetone or similar solvents.
Phoenix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethanol (90%)</li> <li>• Isopropanol 70%</li> <li>• Sodium hypochlorite (active chlorine from 50,000-60,000ppm; bleach/water ratio 1:50). Do not use on the blood pump crank.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethanol (90%)</li> <li>• Isopropanol 70%</li> <li>• Sodium hypochlorite (active chlorine from 50,000-60,000ppm; bleach/water ratio 1:50). Rinse after appropriate contact time.</li> </ul>	As above.
B. Braun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethanol (max 70%)</li> <li>• Isopropanol (max 70%)</li> <li>• &lt;0.1% hypochlorite-based agent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethanol (max 70%)</li> <li>• Isopropanol (max 70%)</li> </ul>	As above.
Bellco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcavis 100 5L (1:10 dilution required) or Alcavis 110 wipes (1:10 pre-diluted) (Canadian equivalent to Antisapril Amuchina which is a product approved by the manufacturer)</li> <li>• Ethanol (60% or 70%)</li> <li>• Isopropanol 60%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcavis 100 5L (1:10 dilution required) or Alcavis 110 wipes (1:10 pre-diluted) (Canadian equivalent to Antisapril Amuchina which is a product approved by the manufacturer)</li> <li>• Ethanol (60% or 70%)</li> <li>• Isopropanol 60%</li> </ul>	As above.
Fresenius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virox Accel Prevention wipes</li> <li>• Cavi Wipes, CaviWipes XL</li> <li>• Sani-Cloth Plus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virox Accel Prevention wipes</li> <li>• Cavi Wipes, CaviWipes XL</li> <li>• Sani-Cloth Plus</li> </ul>	As above.

## 4.0 References

### **CSA Standards (CSA, 2013)**

CSA standard CAN/CSA-Z23500:12 (heat disinfection)  
CSA standard CAN/CSA-Z23500:12 (chemical disinfection)  
CSA standard CAN/CSA-Z23500:12 (descalant with heat disinfection)

### **International Standards**

**KDIGO, 2008.** [http://www.kdigo.org/clinical\\_practice\\_guidelines/pdf/KDIGO%20Hepatitis%20C%20Guideline.pdf](http://www.kdigo.org/clinical_practice_guidelines/pdf/KDIGO%20Hepatitis%20C%20Guideline.pdf) (guideline 3)

**European Renal Best Practice Guidelines, 2009.** HCV+ patients (response to KDIGO guidelines). <http://ndt.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2009/02/08/ndt.gfn608.short>

**KDOQI, 2015.** HCV+ patients (response to KDIGO guidelines). <https://www.kidney.org/professionals/KDOQI/12-10-1601>

**UK Renal Association, 2007;** BBV+<http://www.renal.org/guidelines/modules/blood-borne-virus-infection#sthash.6azLVUZH.dpbs> (Guideline 2.1 - 2.5)

**Community & Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) - Canada, Dialysis Interest Group, 2007.** BBV+ patients. <http://www.ipac-canada.org/cjic/vol22no4.pdf> (page- 220)

**Canadian Society of Nephrology (CSN), 2005.** BBV+ patients. [https://www.csnsn.ca/images/Docs\\_Misc/VAWG/The\\_Prevention\\_of\\_Transmission\\_of\\_Blood-Borne\\_Pathogens\\_in\\_Hemodialysis\\_Patients.pdf](https://www.csnsn.ca/images/Docs_Misc/VAWG/The_Prevention_of_Transmission_of_Blood-Borne_Pathogens_in_Hemodialysis_Patients.pdf)

### **Other**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. Checklist: Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection. [http://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/PDFs/collaborative/Env\\_checklist-508.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/PDFs/collaborative/Env_checklist-508.pdf).
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Interpretation of Hepatitis B Serologic Test Results. <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/pdfs/serologicchartv8.pdf>.
- Fresenius "Cleaning the 5008 CorDiax: General External Cleaning Instructions."

Refer to Appendix 2 for a summary of the standards from various professional associations.

## 5.0 Sponsors

This provincial guideline was developed to support improvements in the quality of hemodialysis care delivered to patients with chronic kidney disease in BC. Based on the best information available at the time it was published, the guideline relies on evidence and avoids opinion-based statements where possible. When used in conjunction with pertinent clinical data, it is a tool health authorities and health professionals can use to develop local guidelines.

Developed by two working groups of renal care providers from across BC (biomedical and renal educators groups), the guideline was approved by the BCPRA Hemodialysis Committee and the BCPRA Medical Advisory Committee. It has been adopted by BCPRA as a provincial guideline.

This guideline is based on scientific evidence available at the time of the effective date; refer to [www.bcrenalagency.ca](http://www.bcrenalagency.ca) for most recent version.

## 6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1: Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection

Appendix 2: Recommendations from National/International Standards

# Appendix 1: Checklist for Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection

## Preparation for Disinfection of the Dialysis Station

- Gather necessary supplies including:
  - Personal protective equipment (PPE): eye goggles, gown and clean gloves.
  - Properly diluted hospital disinfectant (with a DIN number from Health Canada) and wipes/clothes (separate wipe(s)/cloth(s) per machine).
  - Biohazard disposal container(s)
- Perform hand hygiene.<sup>5</sup>
- Don gown, eye goggles and clean gloves.
- Disconnect and takedown used blood tubing and dialyzer from the dialysis machine.
- Discard tubing and dialyzers in a leak-proof container (container is brought to the dialyzer station or is placed as near to the station as is practical as part of the supply set-up in step 1).
- Check that there is no visible soil or blood on surfaces.
- If drain bag is still hanging, remove bag and empty in the soiled utility area.
- Ensure that the patient has left the dialysis station.
  - Patients should not be removed from the station until they have completed treatment and are clinically stable.
  - If a patient cannot be moved safely, delay routine disinfection of the dialysis station.
  - If patients are moved to a separate seating area prior to removing cannulation needles or while trying to achieve hemostasis, disinfect the chairs and armrests in those areas in between patients.
- Discard all single-use supplies. Move any reusable supplies (e.g., clamps) to an area where they will be cleaned and disinfected before being stored or returned to a dialysis station. This may occur before or after the patient has left the station.
- Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

## Routine Disinfection of the Dialysis Station

- Perform hand hygiene<sup>6</sup> and don clean gloves.
- Using a wiping motion (with friction), disinfect all surfaces in the dialysis station in contact with the patient and/or staff. e.g., dialysis chair or bed; tray tables; blood pressure cuffs; countertops; keyboard, etc.

<sup>5,6</sup> Perform hand hygiene at the beginning of this process, at the end and at any point there is a contamination.

## Appendix 1: Checklist for Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection

- Using a wiping motion (with friction), disinfect all surfaces in the dialysis station in contact with the patient and/or staff. e.g., dialysis chair or bed; tray tables; blood pressure cuffs; counter-tops; keyboard, etc.
- Clean dialysis machine from top to bottom.
  - If visible contaminant on the machine, wipe off using an absorbent material.
  - Clean the machine using wipes/cloths with a disinfectant that is acceptable to the HD machine manufacturer and the HA renal program/infection control.
  - Remove excess fluid from the wipes/cloth(s) prior to using to clean machine.
  - Clean the monitor.
    - If available on machine, activate the wipe screen option (pauses the screen).
    - If any residue remains after cleaning, wipe down screen with a clean, dry cloth.
  - Clean the top of the machine.
  - If the machine has a door(s), clean the front first, then the insides of the doors.
  - Clean all components of the main interface (screen) and the back of the machine\* unless recommended otherwise by the manufacturer. e.g., sensors and optical detectors.
  - Clean exposed surfaces of dialysate, concentrate, and bicarb connectors.
  - Clean each side of machine.
  - Clean the area between the main interface (screen) and brakes, including the shelf.
  - Clean the brakes.
    - \* Frequency of cleaning back of machine is as per HA protocol.
- Ensure surfaces are visibly wet with disinfectant but not dripping. Allow surfaces to air-dry. Air-drying is recommended to allow for sufficient contact time with the disinfectant.
- Remove gloves, eye goggles and gown.
- Perform hand hygiene.

**Do not bring patient or clean supplies to station until these steps have been completed.**

### References:

1. Checklist: Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. [http://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/PDFs/collaborative/Env\\_checklist-508.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/PDFs/collaborative/Env_checklist-508.pdf)
2. Fresenius "Cleaning the 5008 CorDiax: General External Cleaning Instructions."

## Appendix 2: National/International Standards (for background)

STANDARDS	INTERNAL PATHWAYS	BLOOD TUBING TRANSDUCER PROTECTORS (FILTERS)	EXTERNAL SURFACE OF HD MACHINE	PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES
<p><b>Canadian Standards Association (CSA, 2013)</b></p> <p>All patients (regardless if patient has BBV)</p>	<p>Disinfect between each patient.</p>	<p>If in contact with patient's blood, remove machine from service &amp; change filter/disinfect machine PRN.</p>	<p>Disinfect between patients &amp; before being moved from a patient area to another location.</p>	<p>Disinfect between each patient.</p>
<p><b>KDIGO, 2008</b></p> <p><i>Variances for HCV+ patients.</i></p> <p>Systematic review concluded that most Hep B spread is caused by cross-contamination from supplies and surfaces, not transmission via internal pathways of the HD machine.</p> <p><a href="http://www.kdigo.org/clinical_practice_guidelines/pdf/KDIGO%20Hepatitis%20C%20Guideline.pdf">http://www.kdigo.org/clinical_practice_guidelines/pdf/KDIGO%20Hepatitis%20C%20Guideline.pdf</a> (guideline 3)</p>	<p>No need to disinfect between patients unless a blood leak has occurred.</p> <p>If blood leak has occurred, disinfect internal pathways and dialysate-to-dialyzer (Hansen) connectors.</p> <p>Dedicated machine not required.</p>	<p>Same as CSA.</p>	<p>Same as CSA. If blood/fluid has seeped into machine, remove from service.</p>	<p>Same as CSA. If can't disinfect easily, dedicate to single patient (e.g., tourniquet). If blood or fluid visible, use bleach to disinfect.</p>
<p><b>European Renal Best Practice Guidelines, 2009</b></p> <p>HCV+ patients (response to KDIGO guidelines)</p> <p><a href="http://ndt.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2009/02/08/ndt.gfn608.short">http://ndt.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2009/02/08/ndt.gfn608.short</a></p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>
<p><b>KDOQI, 2015</b></p> <p>HCV+ patients (response to KDIGO guidelines)</p> <p><a href="https://www.kidney.org/professionals/KDOQI/12-10-1601">https://www.kidney.org/professionals/KDOQI/12-10-1601</a></p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>	<p>Support KDIGO guideline.</p>

## Appendix 2: National/International Standards (for background)

STANDARDS	INTERNAL PATHWAYS	BLOOD TUBING TRANSDUCER PROTECTORS (FILTERS)	EXTERNAL SURFACE OF HD MACHINE	PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES
<p><b>UK Renal Association, 2007</b></p> <p>BBV+ <a href="http://www.renal.org/guidelines/modules/blood-borne-virus-infection#st-hash.6azLVUZH.dpbs">http://www.renal.org/guidelines/modules/blood-borne-virus-infection#st-hash.6azLVUZH.dpbs</a> (Guideline 2.1 - 2.5)</p>	<p>HBV+ &amp; HIV: Dedicated machine not required. Standard disinfection protocol between patients. (standard disinfection protocol not identified).</p> <p>Hep B+: Use separate machine for Hep B+ infected patients. Can use for non-Hep B+ patients if machine decontaminated (including Hansen connectors &amp; pressure transducer ports unless double transducer protectors routinely used).</p>	<p>Same as CSA.</p>	<p>Same as CSA.</p>	<p>Hep B+: Use separate equipment &amp; accessories.</p>
<p><b>Community &amp; Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) - Canada, Dialysis Interest Group, 2007</b></p> <p>BBV+ patients <a href="http://www.ipac-canada.org/cjic/vol-22no4.pdf">http://www.ipac-canada.org/cjic/vol-22no4.pdf</a> (page- 220)</p>	<p>HCV+ and HIV+: Routine practices (doesn't identify what routine practices mean).</p> <p>Hep B+: Clean &amp; disinfect between patients.</p>		<p>Hep B+: Clean &amp; disinfect between patients.</p>	<p>Hep B+: Clean &amp; disinfect between patients.</p>
<p><b>Canadian Society of Nephrology (CSN), 2005</b></p> <p>BBV+ patients <a href="https://www.csnsn.ca/images/Docs_Misc/VAWG/The_Prevention_of_Transmission_of_Blood-Borne_Pathogens_in_Hemodialysis_Patients.pdf">https://www.csnsn.ca/images/Docs_Misc/VAWG/The_Prevention_of_Transmission_of_Blood-Borne_Pathogens_in_Hemodialysis_Patients.pdf</a></p>	<p>Follow manufacturers recommendations for frequency and types of cleaning and disinfection required.</p>	<p>Follow manufacturers recommendations for frequency and types of cleaning and disinfection required.</p>	<p>Follow manufacturers recommendations for frequency and types of cleaning and disinfection required.</p>	<p>Follow manufacturers recommendations for frequency and types of cleaning and disinfection required.</p>
<p><b>Manufacturer's Guidelines</b> (same for all types of HD machines)</p>	<p>As per CSA Standards.</p>	<p>As per CSA Standards.</p>		

# CHECKLIST FOR DIALYSIS STATION ROUTINE DISINFECTION

## Preparation for Disinfection of the Dialysis Station

- Gather necessary supplies including:
  - Personal protective equipment (PPE): eye goggles, gown and clean gloves.
  - Properly diluted hospital disinfectant (with a DIN number from Health Canada) and wipes/clothes (separate wipe(s)/cloth(s) per machine).
  - Biohazard disposal container(s)
- Perform hand hygiene.<sup>5</sup>
- Don gown, eye goggles and clean gloves.
- Disconnect and takedown used blood tubing and dialyzer from the dialysis machine.
- Discard tubing and dialyzers in a leak-proof container (container is brought to the dialyzer station or is placed as near to the station as is practical as part of the supply set-up in step 1).
- Check that there is no visible soil or blood on surfaces.
- If drain bag is still hanging, remove bag and empty in the soiled utility area.
- Ensure that the patient has left the dialysis station.
  - Patients should not be removed from the station until they have completed treatment and are clinically stable.
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  - If patients are moved to a separate seating area prior to removing cannulation needles or while trying to achieve hemostasis, disinfect the chairs and armrests in those areas in between patients.
- Discard all single-use supplies. Move any reusable supplies (e.g., clamps) to an area where they will be cleaned and disinfected before being stored or returned to a dialysis station. This may occur before or after the patient has left the station.
- Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

## Routine Disinfection of the Dialysis Station

- Perform hand hygiene<sup>6</sup> and don clean gloves.
- Using a wiping motion (with friction), disinfect all surfaces in the dialysis station in contact with the patient and/or staff. e.g., dialysis chair or bed; tray tables; blood pressure cuffs; countertops; keyboard, etc.

<sup>5,6</sup> Perform hand hygiene at the beginning of this process, at the end and at any point there is a contamination.

# CHECKLIST FOR DIALYSIS STATION ROUTINE DISINFECTION

- Using a wiping motion (with friction), disinfect all surfaces in the dialysis station in contact with the patient and/or staff. e.g., dialysis chair or bed; tray tables; blood pressure cuffs; counter-tops; keyboard, etc.
  - Clean dialysis machine from top to bottom.
    - If visible contaminant on the machine, wipe off using an absorbent material.
    - Clean the machine using wipes/cloths with a disinfectant that is acceptable to the HD machine manufacturer and the HA renal program/infection control.
    - Remove excess fluid from the wipes/cloth(s) prior to using to clean machine.
    - Clean the monitor.
      - If available on machine, activate the wipe screen option (pauses the screen).
      - If any residue remains after cleaning, wipe down screen with a clean, dry cloth.
    - Clean the top of the machine.
    - If the machine has a door(s), clean the front first, then the insides of the doors.
    - Clean all components of the main interface (screen) and the back of the machine\* unless recommended otherwise by the manufacturer. e.g., sensors and optical detectors.
    - Clean exposed surfaces of dialysate, concentrate, and bicarb connectors.
    - Clean each side of machine.
    - Clean the area between the main interface (screen) and brakes, including the shelf.
    - Clean the brakes.
- \* Frequency of cleaning back of machine is as per HA protocol.
- Ensure surfaces are visibly wet with disinfectant but not dripping. Allow surfaces to air-dry. Air-drying is recommended to allow for sufficient contact time with the disinfectant.
  - Remove gloves, eye goggles and gown.
  - Perform hand hygiene.

**Do not bring patient or clean supplies to station until these steps have been completed.**

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