



Practice Briefs

Should audits of practice be done in the Dialysis setting?

YES

ICAP encourages facilities to perform audits of staff practice in the dialysis setting, especially while cleaning and disinfecting the dialysis station and during cannulation and decannulation. Staff should be astutely aware of both patient access and dialysis lines to prevent contamination during the connection process. Other processes to audit would include; central line catheter connection and disconnection, catheter exit site care, scrub the hub, injectable medication preparation and administration, and hand hygiene.

Use the CDC tool for auditing connection/disconnection and perform some audits to ensure your staff are following aseptic technique. The tool can be found here

<https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/PDFs/collaborative/AV-Fistula-Graft-Can-Decannulation-Observations-AT.pdf>.

Other tools for recording audits can found here <https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/prevention-tools/audit-tools.html>.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, Dialysis Safety:

<https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/prevention-tools/index.html>. Accessed 11/20/17

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