



Practice Briefs

Can we begin cleaning the dialysis station while the patient is still in the chair, but is finished with his session?

No

The recommendation from CDC is that no cleaning begins until the station is empty, and the patient has left.

CDC has great tools to assist you in improving practice. See the CDC checklist for cleaning and disinfection of the dialysis machine here

https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/PDFs/collaborative/Env_checklist-508.pdf. You will see the direction that there should be no patient present when cleaning begins, and that all blood tubing should be removed and discarded prior to cleaning.

Another tool for managers is the following flyer found here

https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/PDFs/collaborative/Env_notes_508.pdf. This again reinforces that the patient should not be present when cleaning is initiated.

Refrain from cleaning the station or setting up for the next patient until the patient has left and the station is empty.

You can find a complete set of resources on dialysis safety at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website: <https://www.cdc.gov/dialysis/prevention-tools/index.html>.

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