HM.6.6 Staff are trained to identify malfunctioning equipment or machines and to report to appropriate staff for repair.

HM.6.7 Each dialysis machine is equipped with monitors and an alarm system.

HM.6.8 The preventive maintenance program includes the water treatment and distribution system.

Standard Intent:

Hemodialysis unit has specialized medical equipment and machine, to ensure that medical equipment is available for use and functioning properly, the hospital performs and documents

* Regular inspections of medical equipment including the water treatment and alarm system;
* Testing of medical equipment according to its use and manufacturers' requirements; and
* Performance of preventive maintenance.

Qualified individuals provide these services. Inspections, testing results, and any maintenance are documented and kept for future reference. Staff responsible for operating or maintaining medical equipment receive special training. The training can be from the hospital, the manufacturer of the equipment, or some other knowledgeable source. The hospital plans a program designed to periodically test staff knowledge on emergency procedures, including the use and failure of medical equipment that poses a risk to patients and staff.

HM.7 Infection control guidelines specific to the dialysis services are developed and implemented.

HM.7.1 Infection control guidelines are developed or adopted from authoritative sources or relevant professional organizations.

HM.7.2 Infection control guidelines include, but are not limited to, the following:

HM.7.2.1 Adequate space (1.2 -1.5 meters) between patients to prevent transmission of infection.

HM.7.2.2 Separation between patient care (contaminated) and office/supply areas (clean).

HM.7.2.3 Standard precautions are strictly implemented in the unit with special emphasis on hand hygiene and the appropriate use of gloves, gowns, masks, and other barriers.

HM.7.2.4 Adequate supply of personal protective equipment is available and readily accessible.