

- HM.7.2.7 Staff members have the required knowledge for safe practices to avoid cross contamination.
- HM.7.2.8 Sharp disposal containers are available at each chair/bed and elsewhere as needed within the unit. Needles and sharps are disposed appropriately.
- HM.7.2.9 Infectious wastes are disposed in accordance with hospital's waste disposal policies.
- HM.7.2.10 Surfaces of machines including the control panels, blood pressure cuffs and chairs/ beds are disinfected after use with an approved disinfectant.
- HM.7.2.11 Blood spills are cleaned properly.
- HM.7.2.12 Equipment such as blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, clamps, scissors and thermometers are allocated to a single patient and are disinfected at the conclusion of each patient treatment session.
- HM.7.2.13 Supplies and equipment are properly handled in a way that prevents contamination.
- HM.7.2.14 A process is in place to ensure multi-dose vials are adequately labeled and used for single patient only.
- HM.7.2.15 A process is in place for infection control procedures for dialysis machines between patients.
- HM.7.2.16 A process is in place for appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the water treatment and distribution system.

HM.8 Patients and staff are protected from blood borne pathogens during hemodialysis.

- HM.8.1 All patients are screened for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV at the beginning of dialysis.
- HM.8.2 Patient whose laboratory tests for HBsAg, anti HBs, HCV, or HIV are negative should be re-screened every 3-6 months.
- HM.8.3 Patients susceptible to hepatitis B are immunized with Hepatitis B vaccine.
- HM.8.4 Machines used for blood-borne infectious diseases (such as hepatitis and HIV/AIDS patients) are separated. Patients infected with Hepatitis B are strictly segregated in a separate room and treated on a separate machine used exclusively for Hepatitis B.
- HM.8.5 Staff and employees have checkups for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV upon hiring and annually.
- HM.8.6 Staff and employees susceptible to Hepatitis B are immunized with Hepatitis B vaccine and tested for antibodies to evaluate response, and all non-responders are given a second series of the HBV vaccine.
- HM.8.7 Records for staff screening and hepatitis immunization are available and maintained for future reference.

HM.9 Water quality is checked on a periodic basis.

- HM.9.1 There is a written policy defining the periodic checking of water quality.
- HM.9.2 The policy is based upon manufacturer's recommendations, regulations, and local experience.
- HM.9.3 Hardness and chlorine content of feeding water are monitored on a regular basis by designated staff or authorities.
- HM.9.4 Microbiologic monitoring of treated water and dialysate should be performed at least monthly and more frequently if a problem is identified.