

CDC Patient Hand Hygiene Audit Instructions

We would like to **thank you** in advance for helping to improve the quality of care in the dialysis facility. We know prevention of infection is very important to you and we appreciate your help in monitoring our practices.

Here are example opportunities for hand hygiene in a dialysis facility:

- When coming onto or leaving the treatment floor
- After removing gloves
- Before and after direct patient contact
- After completing tasks at one patient station before moving to another station
- Before procedures, such as administering intravenous medications
- Before and after contact with vascular access
- Before and after dressing changes
- After contact with items/surfaces at patient stations

Instructions for audit completion (See SAMPLE):

- At the top of the page enter your facility name and date. You do not need to fill out any of the other information at the top of the page.
- Each row on the table is one observation.
- As you are watching staff members, enter the letter that corresponds to the staff member's positions. (*Example N=Nurse or T=Technician*)
- Enter a check mark for each opportunity observed in the "Hand hygiene opportunity" column:
 - If the observation was a **success**, enter a check mark for that opportunity.
 - If the observation was **not successful**, leave the opportunity column blank and make a note in the "describe any missed attempts" column.
- Prior to the end of your dialysis treatment, turn the sheet in to the charge nurse or facility manager.

Please do not speak to staff about missed opportunities directly unless it is for your own care.

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