

Safety Teaching Guide



Title	Key messages	Patient behavior outcomes	Suggested teach back questions	Audience
Hand Washing: Prevent Infection (handout)	Correctly washing hands (and arm before dialysis) is one of the best ways to prevent infection	Washes hands as appropriate and access arm before dialysis	What are the correct steps for washing your hands? Why is hand washing important? When should you wash?	All
Infections and Hemodialysis (handout)	Infection is dangerous for dialysis patients To prevent spread, patients with certain infections dialyze in special areas Hand washing to prevent infection Preventing and recognizing access infections Vaccines are given at dialysis to prevent infection	Washes hands, access arm Recognizes signs of access infection and takes action Takes infection precautions related to dialysis treatment (washes blood stains with bleach, hand washing in the center, etc.)	How can you help prevent infection in the dialysis center? How would you know if your access was infected and what would you do?	All
Preventing Falls in the Clinic Preventing Falls at Home (two handouts)	Dialysis patients are at risk for falls in the center and at home; steps to take to prevent falls	Patient follows tips as appropriate; no falls	What can you do to prevent falls at the center? At home?	All
Your HIV Test (handout)	What is HIV, how is it acquired, how do we test Explain purpose of testing	Understands risk for HIV	When does NKC test for HIV?	After exposure; or if MD orders