

**Does Your Patient Have Bed Bugs? Follow these steps:**

1. Did you see bugs on patient? (tiny, black, flat like an apple seed) Notify Charge Nurse
2. How many bugs? (one or two, even three is **not** an infestation; **if more place work order for assistance with Plant Operations**)
3. Where did you see the bugs? Does patient have visible bites?



4. Bring patient **immediately to chair** if possible to prevent time spent in waiting room.
5. Place patient belongings in heater bag/zapper for duration of treatment. Encourage patient to leave belongings at home (especially blankets and bags that can carry bed bugs).
6. Place disposable sheet around dialysis chair.
7. **Employee should wear disposable lab coat while caring for this specific patient**
8. When patient leaves:
  - a. Return patient clothing, belongings from heater bag/zapper
  - b. Dispose of lab coat/disposable sheet from chair
  - c. Use steam cleaner to clean seams/crevices of chair (bed bugs will die instantly with steam heat of >122 degrees)
  - d. Use mini-vac to vacuum seams/crevices of chair
  - e. Clean station per normal procedure (**no special cleaning product required**)

Remember; be aware of bugs on your patient. The next patient sitting in the chair is at biggest risk of getting Bed Bugs. **Bed Bugs do NOT fly or jump from person to person, and cannot climb metal or polished surfaces.** Bed Bugs travel in the folds of clothes, bedding and travel bags.

Prolonged *personal (skin to skin)* contact is required to get Bed Bugs in dialysis environment