



# HOSPITAL

## Hospitalization Roadmap Self-Assessment: Sepsis



### Purpose

Please complete the following self-assessment of processes within your clinic. The results will help identify opportunities for improvement related to decreasing sepsis-related hospitalizations for ESRD patients.

#### Instructions:

**Step 1:** Read through each best practice and rate your clinic based on how well you feel you are currently doing in each of these areas.

**Step 2:** Once all best practices are ranked, choose the area(s) (rated with a 1 or 2) where you feel you can make the most improvement in a short amount of time.

**Step 3:** Send the Network staff the area that you have chosen to focus on for this project.

**NOTE:** If you are already working through a Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) cycle with a different action item than listed on this self-assessment related to **sepsis**, please let the Network know what your action steps are.

Visit the Qsource ESRD Networks' [Hospitalization Hub](#) to find more resources for assisting your facility in keeping your patients out of the hospital.



# Staff-Focused Best Practices

Circle your rating for each statement.

1= Don't currently do this

2= Needs work, could be doing more in this area

3= Confident, already doing this

- 1 2 3 We utilize the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Audit Tools and Checklists to promote CDC recommended practices for infection prevention in the dialysis facility.
- [Catheter Connection and Disconnection Audit Tool](#)
  - [Catheter Exit Site Care Audit Tool](#)
  - [AV Fistula and Graft Cannulation and Decannulation Audit Tool](#)
  - [Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection Audit Tool](#)
  - [Injection Safety: Medication Preparation & Administration Audit Tool](#)
  - [Hand Hygiene Audit Tool](#)
- 1 2 3 Our staff has completed Project Firstline Education Modules for Frontline dialysis staff. Module topics include: Hand Hygiene, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection, and Injection Safety for Infection Prevention in a Dialysis Setting.
- [Project Firstline](#)
- 1 2 3 We screen at-risk patients at each treatment (signs and symptoms of infection, open wounds, recent illness, etc) using the following tool or another tool that is similar.
- [Sepsis Assessment Tool](#)
  - [SBAR for Sepsis](#)
- 1 2 3 We provide education to dialysis clinic staff regarding warning signs and symptoms of common infections and chronic conditions that ESRD patients present to the hospital with and how to report concerns.
- [4 Ways to Get Ahead of Sepsis](#)
  - [Making Dialysis Safer Coalition Conversation Starter \(cdc.gov\)](#)
  - [Tips for Staff: Engaging Patients Comic](#)
  - [Making Dialysis Safer Coalition Hand Hygiene-Staff Conversation Guide](#)

# Staff-Focused Best Practices (cont.)

Circle your rating for each statement.

1= Don't currently do this

2= Needs work, could be doing more in this area

3= Confident, already doing this

- 1 2 3 We perform staff competency evaluation for skills such as catheter care and assess every 6-12 months and upon hire.
- [Hemodialysis Central Venous Catheter Scrub the Hub Protocol](#)
  - [Hemodialysis Catheter Disconnection Checklist](#)
  - [Hemodialysis Catheter Connection Checklist](#)
  - [Hemodialysis Catheter Exit Site Care Checklist](#)
  - [Arteriovenous Fistula and Graft Cannulation Checklist](#)
  - [Arteriovenous Fistula and Graft Decannulation Checklist](#)
  - [Dialysis Station Routine Disinfection Checklist](#)
  - [Hemodialysis Injection Safety: Medication Administration Checklist](#)
  - [Hemodialysis Injection Safety: Medication Preparation Checklist](#)
- 1 2 3 We have completed an Infection Control Assessment and Response Visit (ICAR) from our State Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI/AR) team within the past 12 months.

# Patient-Focused Best Practices

Circle your rating for each statement.

1= Don't currently do this

2= Needs work, could be doing more in this area

3= Confident, already doing this

- 1 2 3 We adapt education to the patient's culture and preferences (language, ethnicity, etc).
- [Working Effectively with an Interpreter](#)
  - [Effective Cross-Cultural Communications Skills](#)
- 1 2 3 We have distributed the Stoplight Tool and educated our patients and caregivers on how to recognize signs and symptoms of sepsis.
- Signs of Infection and Sepsis at home - Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
  - What is Sepsis? Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- 1 2 3 We have developed and posted a sepsis or infection-related bulletin board where patients can see (i.e. Lobby).
- [Build a Strong Defense Bulletin Board Kit](#)
  - [Stay Healthy Bulletin Board Kit](#)
  - [Blood Stream Infection Bulletin Board Kit](#)
  - [Ultimate Protection Bulletin Board Kit](#)
- 1 2 3 We have played the [Sepsis Awareness Dialysis Jeopardy Game](#) with our patients.
- 1 2 3 We ensure transparency regarding infection and vaccination status at the facility for patients and staff by posting rates in patient view.
- [Days Since Last Bloodstream Infection Fillable Poster](#)
- 1 2 3 We ensure patients understand the importance of vaccinations.
- [Institute for Vaccine Safety](#)
  - [My Vaccine Plan](#)
  - [Build Your Vaccine Knowledge](#)
- 1 2 3 We have educated our patients within the past 6 months over proper hand washing and vascular access cleaning to prevent an infection.